

VT Tax Structure Commission
Thursday, July 9, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Draft Minutes

Present: Commissioners: Stephen Trenholm, Deb Brighton, Bram Kleppner; Staff Director: Sean Sheehan; Consultant to the Tax Structure Commission: Susan Mesner; Todd Heyman, owner Fat Sheep Farm; Representative Scott Beck

[Link to YouTube recording](#)

1:00 P.M. Welcome – Stephen Trenholm, Commissioner

Approval of minutes from May 28, 2020 and June 11, 2020. All in favor.

1:05 P.M. Testimony – Todd Heyman, Fat Sheep Farm. [Link to written testimony.](#)

1:20 P.M. Education Finance

- Discussion with Rep. Scott Beck on creating an equitable, high quality system. [Link to written testimony.](#)
- Discussion of [recent testimony](#) and how to incorporate into recommendations
- Discussion of [Commissioner Brighton's document.](#)

2:20 P.M. Schedule of Work for Rest of Year

- Revising the remaining [work plan](#)
- Issue prioritization
- How the [draft outline](#) will become report / expectation for supporting materials

3:04 P.M. Next Steps – Mr. Sheehan will create an inventory of past testimony and researched tax policy ideas. He will reach out to the Commissioners in the coming weeks with a template. Discussion about next steps on each area of tax policy will take place at the next meeting: Thursday, July 23, 2020 from 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. The meeting will be virtual.

3:25 P.M. Adjourn