

VT Tax Structure Commission
Monday, October 22, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Draft Minutes

Present: Commissioners: Stephen Trenholm, Deb Brighton, Bram Kleppner; Staff Director: Sean Sheehan

[Link to YouTube recording](#)

1:00 P.M. Welcome – Deb Brighton Commissioner

- Approval of [minutes from October 12, 2020](#). Commissioner Brighton noted that the Consensus Forecast was referenced in the meeting but only in regard to how the table did not include education property tax revenue projections. The forecast itself was not discussed. All in favor.
- Invitation to email public comment to taxcommission@leg.state.vt.us

1:03 P.M. Status check on report work plan and discussion of deliberation/editing process. The Commissioners discussed the [Draft Report Outline](#).

1:16 P.M. Commissioner discussion. Commissioners discussed fairness issues concerning employer sponsored healthcare programs and home ownership/renters.

1:39 P.M. Discussion of [Commissioner Kleppner's First Draft on Sales Tax](#) and [questions by the Commissioners Trenholm and Brighton](#).

2:45 P.M. Next meeting date, agenda, and goals – Next meeting will be Monday, November 9, 2020 from 1-3PM via Zoom. Topics to include: healthcare provider tax and Medicaid eligibility as well as Commissioner Brighton's chapter and Commissioner Trenholm's revisions to his chapter. Mr. Sheehan will look into the sales tax revenue and breadth report from the Tax Foundation and whether the Census's Survey of State and Local Government Finances is comparing state sales tax revenue in an apples-to-apples manner. Mr. Sheehan will also reach out to staff at Joint Fiscal Office and Department of Vermont Health Access to discuss provider tax.

3:00 P.M. Adjourn by consensus

Respectfully submitted,

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