

Vermont Tax Structure Commission

March 18, 2019

1:00PM – 4:00PM

Ethan Allen Room, Statehouse

**Approved Minutes**

Present: Commissioners: Stephen Trenholm, Bram Kleppner, Deb Brighton, Staff Director: Sean Sheehan, Consultant: Susan Mesner, JFO Staff: Joyce Manchester, Mark Perrault, Chloe Wexler, Tax Department: Doug Farnham, Erin Hicks-Tibbles, Jake Feldman

Commissioner Kleppner called the meeting to order at 1:07PM.

Commissioner Trenholm moved to approve the minutes from February 11, 2019. Ms. Mesner seconds. All in favor.

Commissioner Trenholm moved to approve the Tax Commission Draft Budget. Commissioner Brighton seconds. All in favor. Ms. Anderson will send the finalized version to the Joint Fiscal Committee, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Public Comment – none

**1:20PM** - Mark Perrault – Mr. Perrault gives the presentation: *Introduction to Vermont's Education Finance System*.

**2:50PM** – Ms. Mesner presented additional documents related to the education finance system.

**3:15 PM**: Mr. Sheehan presented drafts of the Blue Ribbon Tax Structure Commission priorities and the current commissions goals/priorities. Commissioners discussed a few potential changes. Mr. Sheehan will make revisions and generate a new draft.

**3:50 PM** - Future meeting dates were discussed. Ms. Mesner will reach out to Tom Kavet for scheduling. Next meeting TBA. Next meeting items will include business-related tax issues.

**Future agenda items**: pass through income and sales tax. Potentially invite Representative Ancel to a future meeting.

**4:16PM** - Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

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