

TAX REVIEW COMMISSION

**MINUTES FOR THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE
TAX REVIEW COMMISSION
HELD AT 830 PUNCHBOWL STREET
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ROOM 310-313
IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
STATE OF HAWAII, ON THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017 AT 1:30 PM**

The Commissioners of the Tax Review Commission (TRC) met at the Department of Labor & Industrial Relations Conference Rooms in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, on Thursday, July 27, 2017.

Members Present:

Colleen Takamura, Chair
Vaughn Cook, Vice-Chair
Dawn Lippert
John Knox

Members Absent:

Raymond Blouin, Billy Pieper and Nalani Kaina

Staff:

Seth Colby, Titin Sakata and Noe Kaawa

Others:

Randall Nishiyama, Department of the Attorney General
Randy Bauer, PFM Group Consulting LLC
Donald Rousslang, Department of Taxation
Sean Hao, Office of the Auditor
Ron Shiigi, Office of the Auditor
Megan Johnson, Office of the Auditor
Kevin Dayton, Star Advertiser
Jana Moore, CAN
Sam Lee, CAN
Peter Fritz

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Takamura called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Takamura said approval of the minutes from the Thursday, July 6, 2017 meeting was deferred until the next meeting.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR THE PFM GROUP LLC ON THEIR HAWAII HIGH LEVEL FINDINGS MEMO REGARDING THEIR STUDY OF HAWAII'S TAX SYSTEM:

Responses from the PFM Group LLC to questions previously received from the TRC on the high level finds memo.

https://tax.hawaii.gov/stats/a9_2trc

(Further discussion to be added)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO OUTLINE FOR DRAFT REPORT OF THE TAX REVIEW COMMISSION:

Chair Takamura said discussion and action on the outline for the draft report would be deferred to the next meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES OF TAX REVIEW COMMISSION MEMBERS ON RELATED TAX REVIEW COMMISSION BUSINESS:

Chair Takamura said since the TRC had no quorum, the discussion for approval for travel expenses of TRC members related to TRC business would be deferred to the next meeting.

WRITTEN COMMENTS ON HAWAII'S TAX STRUCTURE OR ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

There were no written comments to the TRC.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON HAWAII'S TAX STRUCTURE OR ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

There were no public comments to the TRC.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meetings were scheduled for Friday, August 11, 2017 at 1:00 PM and Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 1:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.