

Tax Review Commission-Draft

Meeting Minutes, December 16, 2020

Virtual Zoom Meeting
Due to Covid-19 Stay at Home Ordinance
Meeting was held virtually
Video [Recording](#)

Wednesday, December 16, 2020
12:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Members:

Elizabeth Giesting (Chair), Alton Miyashiro (Vice Chair), Murray Clay,
Sayle Hirashima, Katharine Lloyd, Scott Teruya

Staff Members:

Department of Taxation (DOTAX): Isaac Choy, Ted Shiraishi, Seth Colby,
Baybars Karacaovali, Yvonne Chow, Roderick Tuliao

Audience Members: Don Rousslang, Aldric Ulep, Chiemi Bryant, Riley Fujisaki, Julia Brotman.
There were seven other audience participants, but their full name was not provided

CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Giesting asked if there was any communication to the Tax Review Commission (TRC).
There was none.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2020

Chair Giesting called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Teruya seconded.

It was moved by Chair Giesting and seconded by Mr. Teruya that the minutes as amended of the November 16th meeting be accepted. The Chair called for the vote, and the motion passed with the following votes:

Elizabeth Giesting	Yes
Alton Miyashiro	Yes
Murray Clay	Yes
Sayle Hirashima	Yes
Katharine Lloyd	Yes
Scott Teruya	Yes

REPORT COUNCILMEMBERS COMMUNICATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Chair Giesting reported the groups with whom the Commissioners have discussed TRC business. Chair Giesting spoke with Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair of the House Finance Committee. Chair Giesting and Mr. Clay received an email from Conservation International about Green Fees.

REFERENCE RESOURCES FOR THE COMMISSION BY DR. SETH COLBY, TAX RESEARCH & PLANNING OFFICER

Dr. Colby presented a document with background resources for the Commissioners that may help them with their responsibilities on the Commission. The background document will be posted on the TRC website.

HAWAII TAX SYSTEM GET PRESENTATION BY DR. SETH COLBY, TAX RESEARCH & PLANNING OFFICER

Dr. Colby made a presentation on the Hawaii Tax System and the General Excise and Use tax. The presentation will be posted on the TRC website.

NEXT MEETING:

The Tax Review Commission tentatively agreed to meet on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 12 p.m. It will be a virtual meeting. The Chair adjourned the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.