

Meeting Minutes
Governmental Procedures and Structure Committee
Taxation and Budget Reform Commission
37 Senate Office Building
Tallahassee, Florida
Friday, January 25, 2008
8:30 a.m. – Noon

Committee Members: *Alan Levine, Chair; Mike Hogan; Julia Johnson; Carlos Lacasa; Patricia Levesque; Jacinta Mathis; Nancy Riley; Darryl Rouson; Greg Turbeville; Ken Wilkinson; Brian Yablonski*

Commissioners Present:

Alan Levine, Chair (by phone)
Julia Johnson (by phone)
Carlos Lacasa
Patricia Levesque
Jacinta Mathis (by phone)
Greg Turbeville
Ken Wilkinson (by phone)

Commissioners Absent:

Mike Hogan
Nancy Riley
Darryl Rouson
Brian Yablonski

Acting Chair Greg Turbeville called the meeting to order. Staff called the roll at 8:43 a.m. and announced the presence of a quorum.

Chair Turbeville stated that the first item on the agenda was Statutory Recommendation 0017 and recognized Commissioner Randy Miller to explain the proposal. Commissioner Miller gave a brief explanation of the proposal, and entertained questions and comments by members of the committee.

On a motion by Commissioner Levine, Statutory Recommendation 0017 was reported favorably by a vote of 4-3, with Commissioner Turbeville, Commissioner Wilkinson, and Commissioner Levine dissenting.

Commissioner Randy Miller presented Constitutional Proposal 0018. The following speaker appeared before the committee: Robert Weissert.

On a motion by Commissioner Levine, Constitutional Proposal 0018 was reported favorably by a vote of 6-1, with Commissioner Turbeville dissenting.

Chair Turbeville announced that Constitutional Proposals 0025 and 0027 would be temporarily postponed for a future meeting.

Chair Turbeville next opened a workshop on the proposed committee measure relating to the Blaine Amendment and the Uniformity requirement. After explaining the measure, Chair Turbeville opened the floor for questions and comments by members of the committee and for public comment. The following speaker appeared before the committee: Ron Meyer.

On a motion by Commissioner Levine, a vote to make the Blaine Amendment measure a committee proposal was reported favorably by a unanimous vote (7-0).

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.