

Florida Taxation and Budget Reform Commission
Ad hoc Committee on Lobbyist Registration Rules
Teleconference Meeting
Friday, May 11, 2007
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
221 Senate Office Building
Tallahassee, FL

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members:

Jacinta Mathis
Jade Thomas Moore
Darryl Rouson, Chair

Commissioners Present by Phone:

Bob McKee
Jacinta Mathis
Jade Thomas Moore
Darryl Rouson, Chair
Allan Bense, Chair of TBRC

Call to order by Chairman Rouson.

Discussion by Committee Members:

- Lobbyist Registration Rules relating to the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission (TBRC)
 - Registration – Should persons receiving compensation to appear before the Commission be required to register as lobbyists?
 - All committee members agreed that persons appearing for compensation should be required to register, while those appearing on their own behalf should not be required. All persons appearing before the Commission will be required to complete an “appearance card” for the record.
 - Committee members determined that persons already registered under Legislative or Executive Branch lobbying requirements should not be required to “re-register” for the TBRC. For persons not registered in either system, the committee determined that registration should be under the Legislative Lobbyist Registration system, pursuant to Legislative Joint Rule 1.
 - Reporting of Compensation, Fines and Fees
 - There was discussion about whether to require quarterly reporting for persons registered solely for the TBRC. Members expressed concern about such reporting being overly burdensome for the limited scope of the Commission. There was additional discussion

about what fines and fees, if any, should be required for sole issue registrants. Committee members directed staff to draft proposed “hybrid” language to recognize a less stringent reporting and fine structure for sole issue registrants. MOTION MADE and ADOPTED.

- Gifts
 - Committee members discussed the need to clarify that the Commission is subject to the State’s gift laws. Members directed staff to draft appropriate language to clarify this point in the Commission Rules.
- Members agreed that a follow-up meeting of the Ad hoc Committee on Lobbyist Registration Rules should be noticed for Thursday, May 17 at 4:00 PM for the purpose of reviewing draft documents prepared by staff.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 AM.