

Florida Taxation and Budget Reform Commission  
Governmental Procedures and Structure Committee  
Friday, May 18, 2007  
8:30 – 9:00 AM  
Room 229 Senate Office Building  
Tallahassee, FL

## MEETING MINUTES

*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:

Mike Hogan  
Julia Johnson  
Patricia Levesque  
Jacinta Mathis  
Greg Turbeville  
Ken Wilkinson  
Alan Levine, Chair  
Allan Bense, TBRC Chair

### Excused Absence:

Carlos LaCasa  
Nancy Riley  
Darryl Rouson  
Brian Yablonski

The Governmental Procedures and Structure Committee was called to order by Chairman Levine at 8:30 AM.

Staff called the roll and announced the presence of a quorum.

### Discussion by Committee Members:

- TBRC Chairman Bense addressed the committee and asked the committee to take whatever steps it needed to ensure it had all the information necessary to make informed and thoughtful recommendations to the TBRC. He encouraged the committee to take a structured approach to the broad issues within the purview of the committee.
- The committee engaged in a discussion of Rule 1.005 as it relates to the committee.

- Chairman Levine asked the Commissioners to review the scope of work assigned to the committee and how they thought they could best achieve it. Chairman Levine also asked members to think about the core principals of the committee and how to break up the charge. The following questions are among those the committee will examine during the course of their work.
  - Is the structure of local and state government appropriate for the next twenty years? Are the number of taxing authorities appropriate, and is there redundancy of taxation and expenditures?
  - What are the metrics for appropriate expenditure of funds?
  - What are the existing sources of tax revenue, and are these methodologies for collection effective?
  - What limitations, on the local and state level, are set for taxation and expenditures?
- Commissioner Levesque brought up several issues relating to the scope of work.
  - Agencies. Why are some agencies created statutorily and others constitutionally?
  - Privatizing. Are there processes in place at the state and local level to help determine when it is appropriate to use outsourcing? How are cost/benefit analyses done?
- Commissioner Turbeville suggested the committee should evaluate the process for Bonding. How are bonds used in the State and at the local level, and is the current system appropriate?
- Chairman Levine directed staff to examine the Constitution and provide Committee Members with all Constitutional provisions related to the committee's scope. Commissioner Hogan suggested the committee review all sections of the Constitution, since it appears the committee's scope is very broad.
- Chairman Levine requested members send all their requests for expert speakers to staff. He also asked that committee members send staff their ideas for core principals of the committee.
- There was discussion about next meeting times. Chairman Levine suggested the committee may meet prior to the next TBRC meeting, possibly by conference call.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 AM.