

Florida Taxation and Budget Reform Commission's  
Governmental Procedures and Structure Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 26, 2007  
8:00 – 9:15 a.m.  
Room 24, House Office Building  
Tallahassee, Florida

**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  
Nancy Riley  
Darryl Rouson  
Greg Turbeville  
Ken Wilkinson  
Brian Yablonski  
Alan Levine, Chair  
Allan Bense, TBRC Chair

Excused Absence:

Carlos Lacasa

Chairman Levine called the Governmental Procedures and Structure Committee meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

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

Chairman Levine reviewed the minutes of the Chairs' Conference Call meeting on June 15, 2007. He also introduced Tom Cibula, the TBRC's new General Counsel, who briefly explained a handout he prepared for the committee members with highlighted provisions from the Constitution which relate to the committee's scope.

The committee entertained a presentation by Michael Sittig, Executive Director of the Florida League of Cities, related to local government taxing and bonding authorities. Mr. Sittig explained there are 412 cities throughout Florida that are members of the Florida League of Cities, all of whom support the concept of "Home Rule" or local self-government. The biggest concerns their member cities face, which he hopes the Commission will consider addressing in their work, include unfunded mandates,

especially as they relate to environmental mandates and employee benefits; a municipal revenue source separate from the property tax; and the double taxation of property issue.

The committee discussed the guiding principles document that had been circulated for their review and adopted them as presented.

Chairman Levine requested members send all their requests for expert speakers to staff, as well as review the Constitution and send staff their specific areas of interest. He also asked that committee members prepare proposal language on those areas of interest for debate at future meetings.

Any presentation documents and audio recordings of the meeting are posted on the commission website at [www.floridatbrc.org](http://www.floridatbrc.org) for further review.

There was discussion about next meeting times. Chairman Levine suggested the committee may meet prior to the July 20 TBRC meeting, possibly by conference call.

There being no time for further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.