

Governmental Procedures and Structure Committee
Taxation and Budget Reform Commission
Tampa International Airport
Hillsborough County Aviation Authority Board Room
Tampa, Florida
Friday, August 10, 2007
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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:

Alan Levine, Chair
Mike Hogan
Julia Johnson
Carlos Lacasa
Patricia Levesque
Nancy Riley
Darryl Rouson
Greg Turbeville
Ken Wilkinson

Excused Absences:

Jacinta Mathis
Brian Yablonski

Chairman Levine called the Governmental Procedures and Structure Committee meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

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

In his opening remarks, Chairman Levine expressed his thanks to the staff of the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority for hosting the meeting. He also announced that he would not be able to attend the committee meeting on August 17 in Tallahassee.

The committee first entertained a presentation by Diane Reichard, Finance Director for the City of Temple Terrace, related to the municipal budget process. Ms. Reichard addressed the group on the city council's budget calendar, the budget review and adoption process, and the various long-range budget and management objectives.

Chairman Levine suggested that the committee take up in further discussion at a later time the topic of Community Redevelopment Agencies and their impact on the tax

structure. He requested that Mark Fostier, Assistant Comptroller for Orange County, submit his recommendations to the committee on the subject as a basis for that discussion.

The committee then entertained a presentation by Rick Helms, Assistant County Administrator for Highlands County, related to the county budget process. Mr. Helms detailed the Highlands County budget calendar and explained the breakdown of their county's general fund. In addition, he provided the group with various local demographics and the impact of millage rate reductions.

Finally, the committee entertained a presentation by Tom Cibula, TBRC General Counsel, related to specific constitutional issues affecting the TBRC. Mr. Cibula discussed the results of his research on a list of constitutional issues that the committee members had requested.

Any presentation documents and audio recordings of the meeting are posted on the commission website at www.floridatbrc.org for further review.

Chairman Levine closed the meeting with a request for one of the committee members to chair the August 17 meeting in his absence. Commissioner Levesque agreed to serve as chair and report on the committee meeting outcomes at the Commission meeting later that same day.

There being no time for further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.