

Louisiana Tax Institute
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2018

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Louisiana Tax Institute was called to order at approximately 1:10 p.m. on December 3, 2018 in the Mardi Gras Room located on the ground floor of the LaSalle Building, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

II. Roll Call

a) The following Members were confirmed as present:

- Kimberly Robinson
- Cade Cole
- Steven M. Sheffrin
- James Alm
- Jason Decuir
- Brandon Decuir
- Robert Angelico
- Jaye Calhoun

b) Approval of Meeting Minutes from the December 11, 2017, January 23, 2018, and November 5, 2018 meetings: The minutes were approved as distributed.

III. Discussion of Combined Reporting Report Proposal

During the discussion of the current draft of the report members identified corrections that were needed to the draft. Ms. Pierre clarified details of the drafting process for the report. Members inquired about incorporating all of the comments that were previously submitted into an updated draft of the report for the next meeting. Suggestions were made to have the report broken into parts and various drafters be assigned. Following this process, an editor will pull the final report together to prevent duplications within the report and ensure that the style and tone of the report stays consistent throughout.

The report due date and the possibility of requesting a submission extension were also discussed. The due date of the SCR 4 report was also discussed and as well as the suggestion to have both reports submitted to the legislature at the same time.

A motion was made by Mr. J. Decuir to allow an industry representative to assist Ms. Pierre in drafting the report in order to have a more balanced perspective. Arthur Parham, General Tax Advisor with Entergy Services, Inc., was identified as a qualified industry

representative to assist Ms. Pierre with the drafting. Mr. Parham accepted. Dr Sheffrin seconded the motion.

Mr. B. Decuir expressed concerns about having outside assistance with the draft. Members discussed the possibility of having the Multistate Tax Commission review and provide feedback on the final version of the report before it is submitted to the legislature. Members agreed to revisit the topic at a later date. The motion was passed without opposition.

IV. SCR 4 Presentation: Mineral Revenues in Louisiana

SCR 4 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2018 requests that the Louisiana Tax Institute, the Louisiana State University Center for Energy Studies, the Louisiana State University Public Administration Institute analyze mineral revenues, taxes, and exemptions in Louisiana and to submit a written report of its findings to the legislature. The preliminary status report is due by February 1, 2019. Dr. Richardson and Mr. Upton presented information centered on the following:

- Competitiveness of the oil and gas extraction sector in Louisiana.
- Examine differences in tax rates for oil and gas in oil/gas producing states.
- Examine severance tax exemptions, including horizontal wells.
- Maintain mineral revenues presently received by the state.
- Examine Use of Mineral revenues by the state

V. Proposed Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2019.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.