

**Louisiana Tax Institute
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2017**

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Louisiana Tax Institute was called to order at approximately 1:08 p.m. on December 11, 2017 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:

- Cade Cole
- Dr. Steven M. Sheffrin
- Philip Hackney
- Dr. James Alm
- Brandon DeCuir
- William Potter

Alternate:

- Kevin Richard for Kimberly Robinson

B) Approval of Meeting Minutes from the November 13, 2017 meeting: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as distributed. The minutes were approved as distributed without opposition.

III. Discussion of Outline for the Report on Combined Reporting

During the discussion of the final report to the legislature, members discussed the length and composition of the report. Members agreed that the report would consist of a short summary accompanied by a legislative instrument containing the Tax Institute's recommendations.

After a review of the outline, the following changes were made:

- Section II, f: Also include Joyce v Finnegan information
- Section V, e, ii: Remove language stating "Louisiana should implement a (2) year pro forma return requirement and at least a one (1) year study period of these returns?"
- Section VI, d: Remove bullet point stating "Map/Table of State that have Combined/Consolidated Return Requirements (also include Joyce v Finnegan Information"
- Adjustment to Section topics titles IV-VII to reflect the following:
 - IV. Transition could be difficult for agency and taxpayers

- V. Decisions Louisiana Must Make
- VI. Estimated revenue effects from pro-forma returns in Maryland and Rhode Island & Other Combined Reporting Studies
- VII. Closing & Recommendations

Members agreed on the following:

- Dr. Sheffrin and Mr. Hackney will act as a writing partners with Ms. Pierre in building the final report
- Ms. Patterson will email the updated version of the outline to members
- The updated outline will be reviewed during the January meeting

IV. Corporate Franchise Tax Credits and Corresponding Values of 2011-2015 and Continued Discussion of Corporate Franchise Taxes, Kevin Richard, Deputy Secretary, Louisiana Department of Revenue

Mr. Richard with the Department of Revenue gave a presentation on corporate franchise taxes in Louisiana with a focus on law and collections statistics.

After members discussed the information presented, Kevin Richard and Luke Morris were requested by Dr. Sheffrin to provide a follow up presentation during the January meeting on an alternative plan (or plans) to the current corporate franchise tax system by showing different rates, how rates could be changed or by showing ways the state could implement a different tax or use an existing tax to compensate for the money that would be lost by doing away with the corporate franchise tax.

VI. Proposed Meeting Dates

- Members reviewed a proposed meeting schedule for 2018
- Ms. Patterson will poll members to determine the best meeting dates
- Tuesdays were identified as the preferred day of the week to meet
- The next meeting will be held on January 23, 2018

VII. Other Business

Members will submit potential discussion topics for future meetings to Marisha.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:57 p.m.