

## **Sales Tax Streamlining and Modernization Commission**

Minutes of Meeting  
2015 - 2016 Interim  
October 7, 2015

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Julie Stokes, chairman of the Sales Tax Streamlining and Modernization Commission, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. in House Committee Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Julie Stokes, chairman  
Don Allison  
Bob Angelico  
Roger Bergeron  
Steven Procopio for Mr. Jay Campbell  
Rona Daigle  
Representative Michael Danahay  
Jason DeCuir  
Scott Drenkard  
Jessica Elliott  
Dannie Garrett  
David Greer  
Bob Israel  
Paula Jeansonne  
Senator Ronnie Johns  
Vanessa LaFleur  
Mark West for Mr. Michael Norton  
Natalie Robottom  
Dawn Starns  
Jeanine Theriot

### **III. BUSINESS**

Representative Stokes began a general discussion regarding local sales and use taxes, which included tax base variances related to optional exemptions and auditing customs used by the parishes for purposes of sales and use tax collection.

Jeanine Theriot presented two handouts. She explained the contents of the handouts and answered some questions from committee members. (See Exhibits A and B)

Present to speak for information only were Tim Barfield, Louisiana Department of Revenue, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 229-2133; Mark West, Ascension Parish Tax Collector's Office, 1124 S Burnside, Suite 300-A, Gonzales, LA 70737, (225) 621-2635. Mr. West was assisted by Mr. Rick Mekdessie, E-Gov Systems, 8282 Goodwood Boulevard, Suite W-1, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 215-0100. (See Exhibit C)

Concerning the status and potential related to tax collection utilizing the Parish E-File system, and the categorization of sales and use tax expenditures structured as exclusions, Mr. Tim Barfield presented a handout. (See Exhibit D)

Present to provide information only was Emily Toller, attorney, Louisiana Department of Revenue, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-2780.

Mr. Tim Barfield presented a handout concerning the status update on the requested collection of detailed financial estimates related to taxation of certain services and digital products as presented in the administration's tax reform proposal of 2013. (See Exhibit E)

David Greer (See Exhibit F) and Dannie Garrett (See Exhibit G) presented a handouts.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business to discuss.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Julie Stokes  
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