

Joint Committee on Sales Tax Streamlining and Modernization Commission

Minutes of Meeting
2015 - 2016 Interim
December 8, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stokes, chairman of the Sales Tax Streamlining and Modernization Commission, called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m. in 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
Ron Gitz for Bob Angelico
Roger Bergeron
Steven Procopio for Jay Campbell
Representative Michael E. Danahay
Jason DeCuir
Jessica Elliott
Dannie Garrett
Paula Jeansonne
Emily Toler for Vanessa LaFleur
Michael Norton
Dawn Starns
Jeanine Theriot

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rona Daigle
Scott Drenkard
Bob Israel
Senator Ronnie S. Johns
Natalie Robottom

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Vanichchagorn, attorney
Elise Read, analyst
Sandy Painting, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Danny Leming and Julie Thomas, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION

Representative Stokes made welcoming remarks. She said the commission would discuss the possibilities, risks, and rewards of the sales and use tax collection system in Louisiana.

Next, Arthur R. Rosen, Institute for Professionals in Taxation (IPT), c/o McDermott, Will, and Emery, 333 Avenue of the Americas, Miami, FL, (305) 347-6512, provided information entitled, "Louisiana Sales Tax Streamlining and Modernization Commission" (Exhibit A), which is included in the committee records, and answered commission members' questions on his presentation.

Representative Stokes recognized Kristie Toller, J.C. Penny Corporation, Inc., 6501 Legacy Drive, Plano, TX, (972) 431-2175, who provided information entitled, "Sales Tax Compliance for Retailers – What's a Retailer to Do?" (Exhibit B), which is included in the committee records, and answered commission members' questions on her presentation.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Danahay offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representative Stokes, Mr. Allison, Mr. Gitz for Mr. Angelico, Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Porcopio for Mr. Campbell, Representative Danahay, Mr. DeCuir, Ms. Elliott, Mr. Garrett, Ms. Jeansonne, Ms. Toler for Ms. LaFleur, Mr. Norton, Ms. Starns, and Ms. Theriot voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Julie Stokes
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