

Tax Expenditure Review Commission Public Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2021
Via Teleconference
10:00AM

Commission Members in Attendance:

Chairman Kevin Brown, MA Department of Revenue
Auditor Suzanne Bump, MA Auditor
Chairman Adam Hinds, Joint Revenue Committee, Senate Co-Chair
Chairman Mark Cusack, Joint Revenue Committee, House Co-Chair
Professor Matthew Weinzierl, Governor's Appointee
Professor Michelle Hanlon, Governor's Appointee
David Sullivan, Designee, Senate Ways and Means Committee
Sue Perez, Designee, MA Treasurer
William Burke, Designee, House Minority Leader

Commission Members Absent:

Chairman Aaron Michlewitz, House Ways and Means Committee
Greg Sullivan, Designee, Senate Minority Leader

List of Documents:

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Draft Minutes – February 25, 2021 Meeting
3. Draft – Tax Expenditure Review Commission Report to Legislature

Members were asked to announce themselves and a quorum was recognized by Chairman Brown. The meeting via teleconference was called to order at 10:05AM.

Chairman Brown advised that the meeting is public, but due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, public participation is limited to listening without posing questions during the meeting. Chairman Brown put the Commission and public on notice that the meeting is recorded for purposes of minutes. Once the minutes are approved, the recording will be deleted.

Chairman Brown requested that Commission members provide any changes to the February 25, 2021 draft meeting minutes. Hearing none, members voted unanimously to approve the February 25, 2021 meeting minutes.

Chairman Brown provided an overview of the final draft of the Commission report due to the legislature and the incorporation of edits discussed at the last meeting. Members offered their appreciation for the report, which provides tangible, actionable items for policymakers. The report focuses on 26 tax expenditures related to Commerce, Energy and Research & Development.

Dr. Kazim Ozyurt, DOR's Chief Economist, provided an overview of content for the 2023 report to the legislature, which will include reviews of 36 more tax expenditures in the same three categories.

Members agreed to schedule the next meeting for fall 2021. Chairman Brown concluded the meeting at 10:29AM.