

MTC Uniformity Committee MINUTES for the Meeting of Tuesday, August 2, 2022 (DRAFT)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Maria Sanders (Missouri), Chair asked states and others to introduce themselves.

Attendees – in-person, by video conference, or phone

Aaron Yost	Idaho	Julie Magee	Square Corporation
Adam Bender		Julio Mendoza-Quiroz	Texas
Alan Kline	New Jersey	Kara Johnson	Alaska RSSTC
Alana Stamas	Iowa	Karen Boucher	
Alicia Austin Smith	Arkansas	Karl Frieden	COST
Alison Andrews	Texas	Karolyn Bishop	Washington
Alison Jares	South Dakota	Kasey Skidmore	Kansas
Amber Ortiz	Idaho	Katie Frank	California FTB
Amy Hamilton	Tax Notes Today State	Katie Lolley	Oregon
Amy Jackson	Brown Smith Wallace	Kay Mick	Multistate Tax Commission
Andrew Soubel	Wolterskluwer	Keith Davis	Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Angela Matelski	Michigan	Keith Linder	Arkansas
Angie Hillas	Utah	Kevin Branscum	Kentucky
Anthony Lekas		Kevin Richard	Louisiana
April Begordis	Minnesota	Kevin Wakayama	Hawaii
April Begordis	Minnesota	Kim Cygan	Arizona
April Nevarez	The Michaels Companies, Inc.	Kirsten Jasper	South Dakota
Ashley McGhee	North Carolina	Kristyna Branum	
Ben Clough	Iowa	Krystal Bolton	Louisiana
Brad Asher	Kentucky	Larry Shinder	Multistate Tax Commission
Brad Blanchard	Louisiana	Laura Miguez	Louisiana
Brandon Newton		Laurie McElhatton	California FTB
Brandy Offord	Alabama	Lila Disque	Multistate Tax Commission
Breen Schiller	Ernst and Young LLP	Lisa Ables	Arkansas
Brendon Reese	Colorado	Lisa Newville	Arizona
Brian Fliflet	Illinois	Luke Morris	Louisiana
Brian Hamer	Multistate Tax Commission	Manisha Patel	Arizona
Brian Smith	Avalara	Marcel Briones	
Britte Kirby	Ryan, LLC	Maria Sanders	Missouri
Bruce Fort	Multistate Tax Commission	Mark Chaiken	New Mexico
Bryan Kelly	Washington	Mary Kate Juliff	Stripe Tax
Cameran Clark	Alabama	Matt Tidwell	Alabama
Carlos Anguiano	AT&T	Matt Yandell	Alaska

Matthew Peyerl North Dakota Carrie Almany Stripe Tax Cassondra Diemert Minnesota Meagan Barrett Catalina Baron **Eversheds Sutherland** Idaho Meg Inouye Cathy Felix **Multistate Tax Commission** Melissa Gillis Alabama Charla Wagner Kansas Michael Bologna **Bloomberg Law** Chris Barber Michael Fatale Massachusetts Multistate Tax Commission Chris Schutz Michael Hale Kansas Christie Comanita **SSTGB** Michael Hale Kansas Christina Hall Alabama Michael Lucas Iowa **Clinton Singletary** Alaska Michael Mertens Iowa Colleen Chipman Michael Williams **New Jersey** Alaska Colleen Glover Alaska Michele Borens **Eversheds Sutherland Craig Banks** Alabama Miranda Scroggins Louisiana **SSTGB** Multistate Tax Commission Craig Johnson **Nancy Prosser Curtis Stewart** Alabama Nicole Power Stripe Tax **Daniel Coleman New Mexico** Nicole Reynolds Alaska Darren Weirnic **Eversheds Sutherland** Oregon Nikki Dobay Dave Burleigh Montana Norman Hannawa Chainalysis **Dave Smith** Olga Kourdova **Charter Communications David Avery** Alabama **Paul Ghering Arkansas Ernst and Young LLP** Paul Williams Law360 David Sawyer Deanna Munds-Smith Phil Horwitz Moss Adams **Arkansas** Deborah Bierbaum MultiState Associates Phil Skinner Idaho **Debra Gillory** Louisiana Phillip Ashley Texas Debra Houck Pennsylvania COST Priya Nair Derek Bell Montana Rachel Trickett Amazon Diane Yetter Yetter Tax Rafal Ferdynus Alaska Donnita Wald North Dakota Ray Langenberg Texas **Edward Collins** Hawaii Renee Nacrelli Maryland **Emily Staehr Richard Cram** Multistate Tax Commission Eric Mahler Idaho Richard Dobson Kentucky **AICPA** Erin Heysell Alaska **Robert Amarante District of Columbia** Utah **Robert Kindred** Frank Hales **Geoff Fournier** Minnesota **Robert Plattner** Gil Brewer Washington **Rusty Johnson Texas** Giselle Flores Missouri **Boos & Associates** Sal Tomaselli **Greg Matson Multistate Tax Commission** Samuel Mohan Alaska Hal Jones Tennessee Samuel Zeigler Oregon Helen Hecht Multistate Tax Commission Sarah Pai Texas Holly Coon **Multistate Tax Commission** Scott Fryer **Arkansas** Jake Hoffman GenTax Jake Lavelle **Scott Pattison** Multistate Tax Commission



North Dakota Jayme Carson Scott Peterson Alavera Scott Reed Jéanne Rauch-Zender Tax Analysts Kansas Jeff Friedman **Eversheds-Sutherland** Shannon Brandt Texas Jeff Silver **Multistate Tax Commission** Sharonne Bonardi Federation of Tax Administrators

Jenelle Gonzales New Mexico Shirley Sicilian KPMG LLP

Jenn Stosberg Multistate Tax Commission Stacey Greaud Louisiana
Jess Morgan Ernst and Young LLP Stephanie Gilfeather Expedia
Jessie Eisenmenger Amazon Steve Kingsolver Kentucky

Jodi Andres Alaska Steve Yang Multistate Tax Commission

Joe Garrett Deloitte Suella Davis Alaska

Joe Huddleston Ernst and Young LLP Susan Carlson Multistate Tax Commission

Joe Royston Susanna Coburn Rhode Island Oregon Joe Thronson South Dakota **Taylor Christopher** Spotify Teresa Miller Joe Wasicak Wisconsin Iowa Tim Bennett John Allan Jones Day Kentucky Todd Lard John Ficara **New Jersey** TEI Tom Shaner John Mollenkamp Intuit Idaho Maine **Tony Zammit** Montana John Sagaser John Stringer Trisha Fortune Ryan, LLC Mississippi Jonathan Hague McDermott Will and Emery Vernon Barnett Alabama Vicki Gardino Jonathan May Pennsylvania Alabama Jonathan White **Multistate Tax Commission** Victoria Nichols Kentucky

Jordan Raye Kansas Virgil Helton Fast Enterprises
Josh Pens Colorado Will Rice Fast Enterprises
Joshua Sivin New York Zachary Atkins Pillsbury Law

Fast Enterprises

Julian "Jake"

II. Approval of the Minutes

Frank Hales (Utah) moved approval of the minutes. Minutes were approved as adopted (with the addition of one omitted attendee, himself) without objection.

III. Initial Public Comment

Jeff Friedman of the Eversheds Sutherland law firm made a public comment expressing concern over the Committee's digital products project. He asked that the committee be aware of potential overlap with the Streamlined project and especially the role of Streamlined in drafting definitions. He also expressed concern that the project might focus on other types of intangible property that might be drawn into the tax base.

Craig Johnson, Executive Director of the Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board, responded that Streamlined had been working with the MTC staff and believes that Streamlined will continue to have a roll with respect to the issues. He commented that uniformity is more



important now and that Congress will also be watching to see what the states do. He also noted that it is a difficult topic and welcomed the MTC's work.

Gil Brewer (Washington) also commented that the MTC staff and others have been scoping out the project for a year. He noted that the MTC will continue to coordinate with Streamlined. He also noted that the groups are different and neither group has an exclusive claim to issues such as this. He urged the states and public to work together and do what it takes to make the relationships work.

Mr. Friedman noted that this project is especially sensitive. He noted that Streamlined has built a collaborative working relationship with the business community that he asserted may have been lacking in other MTC projects.

Mr. Brewer responded that he understands the concern.

IV. Review of Committee Charter

Helen Hecht, Uniformity Counsel, noted that the Uniformity Charter which had been amended and conformed to other committee charters in 2021, is now somewhat unclear as to the long-standing rule that, on uniformity matters, each participating or eligible state is entitled to a single vote. Therefore, she recommended that that be clarified. Dee Wald, North Dakota, moved to make that change to the charter. The motion was approved by voice vote.

V. Strategic Planning Survey

Scott Pattison, Deputy Director of the MTC, reported that the Strategic Planning Committee would soon be surveying states participating in the Uniformity Committee about the work of that committee for purposes of possibly updating the mission, vision, and values of the Commission.

VI. Uniformity Developments

Ms. Hecht reported on developments of interest to the committee. See a copy of that report with the agenda for the meeting, here: https://www.mtc.gov/Uniformity/Uniformity-Committee/2022/Agenda-8-2022.

VII. Partnership Project – Status Report, Presentation & Discussion

Laurie McElhatton, (California FTB), Vice Chair of the Committee and Chair of the Partnership Work Group, and Chris Barber, MTC Counsel, gave the status report of the work group. They noted that the work group had drafted a model for sourcing income of certain investment partnerships. They also discussed next steps for the work group and the availability of basic Subchapter K training for state tax administrators. They noted that the work group had decided to work on sourcing issues next and that MTC staff would be looking into detailed examples that might be used to help the work group understand and consider sourcing issues.

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VIII. Sales Tax on Digital Products Project

Mr. Brewer, Chair of the new work group studying Sales Tax on Digital Products, Nancy Prosser, General Counsel, and Jonathan White, MTC Counsel, gave a report on the status of the MTC staff's work on a draft detailed outline of a white paper and presented a copy of that outline for discussion. Mr. Brewer also asked for volunteers for a work group and noted that the meetings of that group would probably be monthly.

See that a copy of that report and the outline with the agenda for the meeting, here: https://www.mtc.gov/Uniformity/Uniformity-Committee/2022/Agenda-8-2022.

IX. State Roundtable

The states present gave a report of developments that would be of interest to other committee members.

Χ. Report from the Standing Subcommittee

Ms. McElhatton, Chair of the Standing Subcommittee, gave a report of the work of the subcommittee reviewing the MTC model market-sourcing and special industry regulations. She noted that there had been questions about how to proceed with the review. Ray Langenberg (Texas) made a motion to set up a work group to continue with the review. The committee approved that motion by vote. Ms. Hecht noted that she would be soliciting members for the group and that a potential chair might also be available.

XI. **New Business**

Nikki Dobay, Eversheds Sutherland, gave a report on draft uniform state tax power of attorney and asked for consideration of whether the committee should establish a process for recommending that proposal to the states. The committee discussed the proposal and Ms. Hecht and Bruce Fort, MTC Senior Counsel, recommended that the staff conduct state interviews to obtain feedback and input on the proposal, including the draft form, and then make a report at the committee's next meeting.

See a copy of the proposal, the draft form, and the research on which it is based with the agenda for the meeting, here: https://www.mtc.gov/Uniformity/Uniformity-Committee/2022/Agenda-8-2022.

Jeff Friedman and Michele Borens of Eversheds Sutherland gave a report marketplace implementation issues which they hoped states would consider and address.

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XII. The meeting was adjourned without objection.

