



MULTISTATE TAX COMMISSION

**Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting  
of the Multistate Tax Commission**

July 25, 2023 at 4pm Central Time

Omni Hotel

700 San Jacinto, E 8th Street, Austin, Texas 78701

**I. Call to Order and Attendance**

Committee Chair John Ficara (New Jersey) called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Central Time, confirmed the presence of a quorum, and called the roll. Listed below are the attendees (\*virtual or telephone):

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| Alabama                               | Derrick Coleman, Christina Hall   |
| Alaska                                | Michael Williams  |
| Arkansas                              | Kevin Christian, Brad Young   |
| Bloomberg Tax                         | Michael Bologna   |
| California                            | Laurie McElhatton*, Katie Frank*  |
| Colorado                              | Kathy Mui*, Sarah Roberts*  |
| District of Columbia                  | Robert Kindred  |
| EY                                    | Jess Morgan   |
| FTA                                   | Sharonne Bonardi  |
| Georgia                               | Rondenet Mwangi   |
| Idaho                                 | Aaron Yost  |
| Idaho                                 | Tom Shaner*   |
| Kansas                                | Michael Hale  |
| Law360                                | Paul Williams   |
| Louisiana                             | Miranda Scroggins, Krystal Bolton   |
| Minnesota                             | Jeremy Eiden, Cassie Diemert*   |
| Missouri                              | Sal Tomaselli, Donald Lazo  |
| MTC                                   | Richard Cram, Lila Disque*, Holly Coon, Bruce Fort, Brian Hamer, Helen Hecht, Nancy Prosser, Jenn Stosberg, Jonathan White, Steve Yang, Larry Shinder, Steve Yang, William Barber, Gregory Matson, Scott Pattison |
| MultiState Associates                 | Deborah Bierbaum  |
| Nebraska                              | Karla Koehler*  |
| New Jersey                            | John Ficara*  |
| New Mexico                            | Mark Chaiken, Breann Morris*, Claudette Chavez*, Sherre Franklin*, Stephanie Schardin Clarke*, Veronica Galewaler*  |
| Oregon                                | Brian Collins, Marilyn Harbur, Katie Lolley   |
| Pfizer, Inc.                          | Susan Courson Smith   |
| South Dakota                          | Kathy Smith*  |
| Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board | Christie Comanita, Craig Johnson  |
| Texas                                 | Phillip Ashley, Shannon Brandt, Jenny Burleson  |
| Utah                                  | Frank Hales   |
| Washington                            | Gil Brewer, Bryan Kelly   |
| Wolters Kluwer                        | Andrew Soubel*  |

## **II. Initial Public Comment Period**

There were no public comments.

## **III. Approval of Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Held on April 27, 2023**

Mike Williams (Alaska) noted that he was physically present at the meeting, rather than remotely as reflected in the minutes. Phillip Ashley (Texas) moved to approve the minutes as corrected. The minutes were approved unanimously.

## **IV. FY 2023 Engagement Data Report**

Scott Pattison, MTC Deputy Executive Director, said there has been an upward trajectory in participation, particularly post-pandemic. Data is being gathered to fully complete the report.

## **V. Public Participation Policy Revision Project**

MTC Executive Director Greg Matson noted the Public Participation Policy was modeled after certain state provisions in the 1990s and has been modified occasionally to reflect developments in technology. Nancy Prosser, MTC General Counsel, pointed out that all the related provisions tend not to be located together, resulting in a document that must be read as a whole and leaves some gaps for interpretation. Mr. Matson stated that the committee should review definitions and some of the requirements set out in the document and edit it for cohesiveness and administrability. Ms. Prosser will lead the effort. Mr. Matson moved to go forward with the project. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VI. Consideration of Changes to Committee Charter**

The MTC legal division recommended an update to the Committee Charter to better clarify succession of committee leadership. Aaron Yost (Idaho) moved to approve the update to the charter. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. Update on Training Activities**

The Committee also received an update on training efforts by MTC staff. Mr. Pattison reported that they are moving forward with a number of additions to the training program. The MTC continues to have high participation in the Partnerships and Market-Based Sourcing (MBS) courses. Mr. Pattison also noted the success of a recent Nexus class that was held. He mentioned that, as always, anyone with ideas for training courses should contact him.

**VIII. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**IX. Adjourn**

Brian Kelly (Washington) moved to adjourn. There were no objections. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m. Central Time.