

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DATE: August 25, 2016
Room 417, Dennis Building
10:30am

SUBJECT: Minutes of Board of Economic Advisors Meeting

ATTENDEES: *Board Members* – Chad Walldorf-Chairman, Howell Clyborne, Emerson Gower, Rick Reames, *Executive Director*, Frank Rainwater; *Staff* – Robert Martin, Les Boles, Karen Rhinehart, Lisa Jolliff, April Walling, Jake Scoggins, Matt Wellslager, Diane Porter. *Guests* – Anjali Griffin, Michael Moore (Comptroller General’s Office), Beverly Smith, Katie Owen (WMC), David Seigler (Executive Budget Office), Don Hottel, Tom Cone (House Research) Joe Boyle, (Lottery), Erlinda Doherty (SFC), David Glaccum, Jay Wolfe (Governor’s Office), Tim Derrick (DOR), Jenny Stirling (DHHS), Susan Turkopuls (SC Assoc. of Counties), Billy Routh (Copper Dome Strategies)

Press: Cassie Cope (The State)

1. Chairman Walldorf welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. On behalf of the agency, Mr. Rainwater expressed sorrow at Jade Dunbar’s passing and shared with the Members the notebook compiled by RFA staff of Jade’s accomplishments which will be given to her family. A letter, signed by the Members, is included. Robert expressed that Jade was a blessing to work with and that she made quality improvements to the presentation materials – especially to the Revenue Digest format. He also mentioned her excellent work on the *Dunbar-Martin Demand Model*, a report on motor fuel demand in South Carolina presented to the Department of Transportation.
3. The meeting minutes for May 19, 2016 were approved by the Members.
4. Mr. Rainwater and Mr. Martin presented final FY 2015-16 general fund revenue information. (See attached)
~Per Mr. Rainwater, the State had a very successful year and Chairman Walldorf agreed that it was a “remarkable accomplishment”.
~Final Revenues were within \$16.8 million or 99.8 percent of forecast.
5. Mr. Rainwater and Mr. Martin presented a FY 2016-17 Revenue Update. (See attached)
~There is no surplus from FY 2016 to appropriate for FY 2018 and 0.5 percent faster growth is needed to meet the estimate in FY 2017 due to the FY 2016 shortfall and tax adjustments adopted by the General Assembly, after the budget was adopted.
~Chairman Walldorf mentioned that from a budgetary standpoint, it will be more difficult going forward.
~Mr. Rainwater mentioned that the election in November will have an impact as business will know which candidate’s policies will be pushed forward.
6. Other Items that were discussed:
~Mr. Rainwater mentioned that at the September BEA meeting, depending on results, the Members may have a revenue monitor to approve.
~Mr. Rainwater shared that the General Assembly passed S.267 which shortens the Legislative session. This change amends the official forecast dates of February 15 and again by April 10. February 15 would be the final forecast while April 10 is five days before income tax information is due.
~Mr. Rainwater thanked the Working Group members for their assistance in providing year-end financial information.

There were no other questions or comments from the Members or Working Group.

With no further business pending, the meeting adjourned at 11:35am. (Mr. Gower motioned, Mr. Clyborne seconded).

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, September 19, 2016.

Attachments: Agenda, Meeting Materials

Public Notice of this meeting was posted at <http://www.rfa.sc.gov/calendar>

These minutes were approved on 9-19-16.



Karen Rhinehart