

**UTAH STATE TAX COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

9:00 a.m., Thursday, October 25, 2018

Commission Hearing Room 1025, 210 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City, Utah

Participating:

John L. Valentine – Commission Chair
Michael J. Cragun – Commissioner
Robert P. Pero – Commissioner
Rebecca L. Rockwell – Commissioner
Scott Smith – Interim Executive Director

Commission Office:

Jennifer Franklin, Commission Executive Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found on the Tax Commission website: <http://tax.utah.gov/commission-office/meetings>.

I. Call to Order

Commission Chair Valentine called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Public Comment (individuals or groups wishing to address the Commissioners for up to three minutes on matters not related to a pending or reasonably imminent appeal to the Tax Commission)

Commission Chair Valentine asked if anyone wished to address the Tax Commissioners. There were no comments.

III. Consider Approving Special Commission Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2018

MOTION: Commissioner Pero moved to approve the Special Commission Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Consider appointing Scott W. Smith as the Executive Director of the Utah State Tax Commission

Commission Chair Valentine remarked that Scott W. Smith has made great progress during his time served as Interim Executive Director and fully recommends that the Commission consider his appointment as Executive Director. He stated that he consulted with Governor Herbert twice, as required by statute, regarding the appointment of Scott W. Smith as Executive Director. Governor Herbert approved his appointment on October 23, 2018.

MOTION: Commissioner Rockwell moved to appoint Scott W. Smith as the Executive Director of the Utah State Tax Commission, subject to Senate confirmation. The motion pass unanimously.

V. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Cragun congratulated Scott W. Smith on his work done as Deputy Executive Director and Interim Executive Director and indicated that he looked forward to working with him to the end of his term as Commissioner. He recognized that this is the last Commission Meeting for Commissioner Pero, as he is retiring as of October 31, 2018.

Commissioner Rockwell thanked Scott W. Smith for all the work he's done in the past three months as Interim Executive Director and expressed her full confidence in him as he assumes the role of Executive Director.

Commission Chair Valentine expressed his excitement for Scott W. Smith to begin his role as Executive Director. He also conveyed his appreciation for Commissioner Pero and sentiment that he will be missed by himself and the Commission.

VI. Interim Executive Director's Report

Interim Executive Director Scott W. Smith expressed his appreciation to the Commission for their kind words and trust they've put into him. He stated the two main issues that he wants to focus on in his role as Executive Director; the first being ensuring that tax payers are paying the correct amount of tax and complying with motor vehicle laws. Secondly, making sure that the Tax Commission is a place where employees are happy to work.

VII. Adjourn

MOTION: Commissioner Cragun moved that the Commissioners adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Commission Chair Valentine adjourned the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Approved on: November 13, 2018

Attested: Jennifer Franklin

Executive Assistant, Utah State Tax Commission