

Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness for Georgians

Wednesday, July 28, 2010 1:00pm

Floyd Room- Sloppy Floyd Building

Council Members In Attendance:

Bradford Dickson – Tarpley and Underwood
Roy Fickling – Fickling & Company
A.D. Frazier – Affiance LLC
Gerry Harkins - 2010 Chair, National Federation of Independent Business
Dr. Jeffrey Humphreys – University of Georgia

D.E. “Skeeter” McCorkle – McCorkle Nurseries
Governor Sonny Perdue
Dr. Christine Ries – Georgia Tech
Suzanne Sitherwood -2010 Chair, Georgia Chamber of Commerce
Dr. David Sjoquist – Georgia State University
Dr. Roger Tutterow – Mercer

Meeting Minutes:

- Meeting commenced at 1:13 pm
- Representative Larry O’Neal, Speaker David Ralston, Lieutenant Casey Cagle, and Governor Sonny Perdue addressed the Council Tax
- Members of the Tax Council introduced themselves
- Serving in the role as temporary chair, at the request of Representative O’Neal, the Governor asked for nominations for governance chair while in operation
- Governor suggested AD Frazier, which was seconded, and the Council voted unanimously for AD Frazier to be Chair
 - AD Frazier covered the governance and strategy for the Council: all information will be posted on website: presentations, papers and meeting minutes, the Council will hold fact finding sessions throughout Georgia to get input from as many Georgians as possible
 - Press is welcome to the meetings, lobbyists and elected officials welcome to give comments and opinions to members of Council, Chair will have one on one meetings with each member of the Council, Use resources of the State of Georgia - if Council member needs to contact department please go through Chair, selected emails from citizens will be posted on website, Donna Moore will serve as the project manager for the Council
 - Website: <http://fiscalresearch.gsu.edu/taxreform>
- Dr. Carolyn Bourdeaux from Georgia State gave a presentation on Tax Reform in Georgia; Dr. David Sjoquist said there were 3 states they knew of that were actively looking into tax reform: California, Maine and Rhode Island
- The Chair asked for and entertained questions from the Tax Council members and from the audience
- Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm