

# D.C. Tax Revision Commission

**Monthly meeting  
November 1, 2022  
441 4th Street, NW  
(One Judiciary Square)  
Conference Room 1107**

## **Minutes**

**Commissioners in attendance:** Rahsaan G. Bernard, David Catania, James L. Hudson, Jodie McLean, Glen Lee (ex officio), Gregory McCarthy, Carolyn Rudd, Yesim Sayin, Anthony Williams (chair), Erica Williams, Rashad Young

**Other participants:** Fitzroy Lee (deputy CFO), Nicholas Johnson (Commission research director), Dr. Pinto (Economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond), Dr. Loh (Fellow, Brookings Institute), Dr. Chernick (Economist at Hunter College and CUNY).

Mr. A. Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Mr. A. Williams discussed the TRC's meeting with Council Chair Mendelson and asked Mr. McCarthy, Ms. Sayin, and Ms. Williams to add their comments. In summary, the Council Chair did not think the TRC should focus on regulations and expenses. He did encourage the TRC to lay the groundwork for a commission on expenditures. He did express interest in learning about the migration of people and business and the relationship with taxes.

Mr. Johnson introduced the speakers.

Dr. Pinto discussed the unique tax properties of D.C. and the recent net out migration of people since the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr. Loh presented a new report on the importance of activity centers in D.C. and ways taxes can support them to increase economic productivity. Dr. Chernick responded to the first two presenters, arguing that their main conclusions could be incorrect as it is unknown what the lasting effects of the pandemic will be.

The commissioners had a Q&A session with the panelists. Dr. Sayin wanted to know the speakers' thoughts on tax policies D.C. should change. Ms. Williams and Mr. A. Williams asked how to use tax policy to decrease poverty. Mr. Catania and Ms. McLean questioned why migration was happening. Mr. McCarthy asked why sales tax revenue was higher than expected given low sales tax rate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by: Mike Hegeman, Senior Research Associate.