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## ***MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE TAX COMMISSION***

***Holiday Inn Express and Okemos Conference Center,  
Okemos A & B Rooms  
2187 University Park Drive, Okemos, Michigan***

***Tuesday, November 28, 2017  
9:00 a.m.***

***PRESENT: Douglas B. Roberts, Chair STC  
W. Howard Morris, Member STC  
Leonard D. Kutschman, Member STC  
  
Heather S. Frick, Executive Director  
LaNiece Denstead, Recording Secretary***

**The item numbers referred to in the minutes correspond to the agenda items as numbered.**

Chairman Roberts congratulated Commissioner Morris on his reappointment by Governor Snyder to the State Tax Commission.

It was moved by Kutschman, supported by Morris, and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes of October 30, 2017. (Item 1 on agenda)

Public Comment – Agenda Items 3-14 Only (Item 2 on agenda):

Aaron Powers appeared before the Commission on behalf of WCA Assessing regarding agenda item 4, Bulletin 21 of 2017, *Omitted or Incorrectly Reported Property*. Mr. Powers stated the following: My firm represents a number of assessment jurisdictions in Wayne, Washtenaw, Oakland and Kalamazoo Counties. I wanted to provide a recommendation as it pertains to the proposed Bulletin 21 of 2017. As I read, portions of the proposed bulletin relate to the appeals process. This bulletin, as I am sure you have already reviewed, provides assessors guidance as it relates to omitted or incorrectly reported property and 154 forms. The appeal section in the bulletin on page 5, indicates if the change which is sought is of a substantive nature, rather than a correction as referenced, an appeal of the State Tax Commission's determination must be filed with the Michigan Tax Tribunal, within 35 days of the State Tax Commission's determination. The State Tax Commission record in each case shall be available to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Both my staff as well as my assessing peers in Southeastern Michigan have one question, and that is ultimately whether or not an assessor or an Equalization Director who files a petition with the State Tax Commission has the ability or authority to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Clearly, as it is indicated on page 2 of the bulletin, the proceedings before the State Tax

Commission are concluded by the entry of the Order. A person to whom property is assessed under Section 154 of the General Property Tax Act may appeal the State Tax Commission's Order within 35 days of the entry of the Order to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. The Court of Appeals in an unpublished decision indicated that an Assessor or Equalization Director cannot appeal the decision of the State Tax Commission to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Additionally, it is my understanding that the Michigan Tax Tribunal recently has denied taking jurisdiction over appeals that have been brought forth by the Assessor. It is only certainly my recommendation, but I am requesting that section of the bulletin related to appeals be clarified.

No other member of the public wished to speak at public comment on agenda items 3-14.

It was moved by Morris, supported by Kutschman, and unanimously approved the City of Hamtramck, Wayne County reappraisal request to waive the requirements to complete a physical inspection and approve the reappraisal methodology for the residential property class permitting the use of remote data verification. The Commission also approved to have staff review the reappraisal work in the follow up AMAR Review conducted in 2018. (Item 3 on agenda)

It was moved by Morris, supported by Kutschman, and unanimously approved Bulletin 21 of 2017 Omitted or Incorrectly Reported Property and 154 Forms – 627 – Assessor or Equalization Director Notice of Property Incorrectly Reported or Omitted, 628 – Notice by Owner of Property Incorrectly Reported or Omitted and 629 – Notice of Property Incorrectly Reported or Omitted by a Person Other than the Owner, Assessor or Equalization Director. (Item 4 on agenda)

It was moved by Kutschman, supported by Morris, and unanimously approved Bulletin 22 of 2017 Property Tax Appeal Procedures for 2018. (Item 5 on agenda)

It was moved by Morris, supported by Kutschman, and unanimously approved Bulletin 23 of 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Certified Interest Rates. (Item 6 on agenda)

It was moved by Morris, supported by Kutschman, and unanimously approved Bulletin 24 of 2017 Procedural Changes for the 2018 Assessment Year. (Item 7 on agenda)

It was moved by Kutschman, supported by Morris, and unanimously approved to adopt the 2018 Pipeline System Economic Factors. (Item 8 on agenda)

It was moved by Morris, supported by Kutschman, and unanimously approved to adopt the official order to grant the disabled veteran's exemption for the 2017 year in Caledonia Township, Alcona County for parcel 023-110-000-018-00 and order Caledonia Township to process the exemption for the qualifying parcel and cancel any 2017 taxes associated with the parcel. (Item 9 on agenda)

It was moved by Roberts, supported by Morris, and unanimously approved to allow the reconsideration of classification appeal 17-013 and to retain the prior determination of Commercial Personal after receiving additional information from staff regarding appeal 17-013. (Item 10 on agenda)

It was moved by Kutschman, supported by Morris, and unanimously approved to adopt the staff recommendation on the Charitable Non-Profit Housing Organization Exemptions for the following: (Item 11 on agenda)

These exemptions will expire on **December 30, 2020 for a period of three (3 years)** or **December 30, 2022 for a period of five (5 years)**, or until one of the following events occur:

1. The eligible nonprofit housing property is occupied by a low-income person under a lease agreement, or
2. The eligible nonprofit housing property is transferred by the charitable nonprofit housing organization.

<b>County</b>	<b>Local Unit</b>	<b>Parcel Number</b>	<b>Years Approved</b>
Oakland	City of Oak Park	25-32-105-014	3 Years
Washtenaw	City of Ann Arbor	09-12-02-405-018	3 Years
Lenawee	City of Adrian	XA0-395-7009-00	3 Years
Washtenaw	Superior Township	J-10-35-372-008	3 Years
Washtenaw	Ypsilanti Township	K-11-03-128-008	3 Years
Washtenaw	Ypsilanti Township	K-11-02-309-020	3 Years
Washtenaw	Ypsilanti Township	K-11-11-435-017	3 Years
Washtenaw	Ypsilanti Township	K-11-10-308-032	3 Years
Washtenaw	Ypsilanti Township	K-11-070442-015	3 Years
Kent	City of Grand Rapids	41-13-3-128-014	3 Years
Kent	City of Grand Rapids	41-13-36-177-012	3 Years
Kent	City of Grand Rapids	41-17-01-158-072	5 Years
Kent	City of Grand Rapids	41-13-36-255-055	3 Years
Kent	City of Grand Rapids	41-13-36-258-027	5 Years
Kent	City of Grand Rapids	41-13-36-258-025	5 Years
Kent	City of Grand Rapids	41-13-36-334-001	3 Years
Kent	City of Grand Rapids	41-13-14-453-008	5 Years
Kent	City of Grand Rapids	41-18-08-382-012	3 Years
Kent	City of Grand Rapids	41-17-01-303-058	5 Years
Kent	City of Grand Rapids	41-17-01-303-059	5 Years

It was moved by Morris, supported by Kutschman, and unanimously approved to adopt the staff recommendation to deny the following Charitable Non-Profit Housing Organization Exemption Applications because these applicants do not meet the statutory definition of a “charitable nonprofit housing organization,” and the subject parcels do not meet the definition of “eligible nonprofit housing property”: (Item 12 on agenda)

<b>County</b>	<b>Local Unit</b>	<b>Parcel Number</b>
Wayne	City of Detroit	22116892
Wayne	City of Detroit	22116893
Wayne	City of Detroit	22116894
Wayne	City of Detroit	22117231
Wayne	City of Detroit	22117231.602
Wayne	City of Detroit	22117232
Wayne	City of Detroit	22116900

It was moved by Kutschman, supported by Morris, and unanimously approved to adopt the staff recommendation on the New Certifications of Computerized Assessment Rolls for the following: (Item 13 on agenda)

These certifications will expire on May 1, 2021.

**New Certifications:**

**Cass County**

City of Dowagiac

**Genesee County**

City of Burton  
Flint Charter Township

**Kent County**

Cascade Township

**Macomb County**

Macomb Township

**Muskegon County**

City of Muskegon  
City of Norton Shores  
City of Roosevelt Park  
City of Whitehall  
Dalton Township  
Egelston Township  
Fruitport Township  
Holton Township  
Montague Township  
Moorland Township  
Sullivan Township

It was moved by Morris, supported by Kutschman, and unanimously approved to adopt the staff recommendation on the Re-certifications and New Certifications of Computerized Tax Rolls for the following: (Item 14 on agenda)

These certifications will expire on **May 1, 2021**.

**New Certifications:**

**Calhoun County**

Eckford Township

**Genesee County**

Atlas Township

**Ingham County**  
Ingham County

**Recertification:**

**Monroe County**  
Monroe Township

**Oakland County**  
Bloomfield Township  
Village of Leonard  
City of Novi  
Village of Ortonville

It was moved by Kutschman, supported by Morris, and unanimously approved to adopt the staff recommendations on the Special Items Exemptions Agenda. (Item 15 on agenda) ([See attached link for file identification.](#))

It was moved by Morris, supported by Kutschman, and unanimously approved to adopt the staff recommendations on the Exemptions Agenda. (Item 16 on agenda) ([See attached link for file identification.](#))

It was moved by Morris, supported by Kutschman, and unanimously approved to adopt the MCL 211.154 **Concurrences**. (Item 17 on agenda) ([See attached link for file identification](#))

It was moved by Morris, supported by Kutschman, and unanimously approved to adopt staff recommendations on MCL 211.154 petitions on the **Special Items Agenda**. (Item 18 on agenda) ([See attached link for file identification](#))

It was moved by Morris, supported by Kutschman, and unanimously approved the following MCL 211.154 petitions as a **concurrence**, initially noticed as a non-concurrence. (Item 19 on agenda)

**Meridian Township, Ingham County**

**154-17-0496** US BANK NATIONAL ASSOC. 33-02-02-92-275-617  
PERSONAL PROPERTY

2016 AV from \$ 0 to \$ 8,700 TV from \$ 0 to \$ 8,700  
2017 AV from \$ 6,900 to \$ 15,200 TV from \$ 6,900 to \$ 15,200

**City of East Lansing, Ingham County**

**154-17-0460** SCENE METROSPACE 33-20-90-55-017-035  
PERSONAL PROPERTY

2017 AV from \$ 1,300 to \$ 0 TV from \$ 1,300 to \$ 0

**City of Iron River, Iron County**

**154-17-0507** GLOBAL RESPONSE CORPORATION 055-925-047-00  
PERSONAL PROPERTY

2017 AV from \$ 0 to \$ 61,698 TV from \$ 0 to \$ 61,698

**Muskegon Township, Muskegon County**

**154-17-0475** ASHLEY GEISLER 61-10-658-000-0096-00  
REAL PROPERTY

2016 AV from \$ 0 to \$ 69,500 TV from \$ 0 to \$ 57,564

**Hartwick Township, Osceola County**

**154-16-0914** HENRY PROSZEK 67-04-004-004-00  
REAL PROPERTY

2014 AV from \$ 32,000 to \$ 43,400 TV from \$ 14,703 to \$ 43,400

2015 AV from \$ 32,700 to \$ 46,600 TV from \$ 13,004 to \$ 44,094

2016 AV from \$ 67,300 to \$ 83,600 TV from \$ 42,382 to \$ 44,226

**154-16-0916** RONALD BERGUM ESTATE OF 67-04-013-009-00  
REAL PROPERTY

2014 AV from \$ 32,000 to \$ 38,500 TV from \$ 29,768 to \$ 38,500

2015 AV from \$ 32,000 to \$ 39,500 TV from \$ 30,244 to \$ 39,116

2016 AV from \$ 53,000 to \$ 61,000 TV from \$ 51,734 to \$ 39,233

It was moved by Kutschman, supported by Morris, and unanimously approved to adopt all other MCL 211.154 petitions. ([See attached link for file identification.](#)) (Item 19 on agenda)

Public Comment (Item 20 on agenda): No member of the public wished to comment.

It was moved by Kutschman, supported by Morris, and unanimously approved Bulletin 25 of 2017, Assessment of Property Owned by a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe or by an enrolled Member. (Add on to agenda)

The next Commission meeting will be held December 12, 2017, at the Okemos Conference Center in the Okemos A & B Rooms, 2187 University Park Drive, Okemos.

It was moved by Roberts, supported by Morris, and approved to adjourn the meeting of the State Tax Commission at 9:45 a.m.

**DATE TYPED:**                    **November 29, 2017**

**DATE APPROVED:**            **December 12, 2017**

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