

NEVADA TAX COMMISSION MEETING
AGENDA

August 20, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

George Kelesis, Chairman
Thom Sheets, Commissioner
Jeff Rodefer, Commissioner
H. Stan Johnson, Commissioner
Sharon Byram, Commissioner
Ryan Bellows, Commissioner
Caryn Adelhoch, Commissioner
Craig Witt, Commissioner

- I. Call the meeting to order and establish a quorum.

Chairman Kelesis called the meeting to order and a quorum was established.

- II. Public Comment.

Ron Voigt – I want to start off my public comments by talking a little bit more about my background. When I got out of the military, I was fortunate enough to work for DOD, and I worked for their audit department, DCAA. I was able to audit certain programs that were presented by the defense contractor, one of them being for the B-2 bomber which maybe you all have heard over the last two months has been successful in that. Now Northrop, at the time that I did the proposals it was in the early '90s, but it's nice to see the progress of a successful program. The other program is the F-18 fighter, which if you've seen the movie Top Gun, that's the fighter that I was involved in reviewing initial proposals. That's enough about me. The Department does not issue to a taxpayer a written payment receipt or stamp the audit billing document when a taxpayer comes in and personally pays in the office by personal check. Now, from an internal audit standpoint, internal control, that's a major problem. I don't always depend on Google, but I will this time. It does list certain consequences of not giving a receipt to a taxpayer. One of them of course is fraud. Fraud can happen. Two: I don't know how the Department is able to track their payments and do a reconciliation from what was received to their books. Three -- the big one, well, not big one, but tax compliance. If the shoe was on the other foot, the audit section here would not accept an expense unless it had a receipt shown. Otherwise, they wouldn't pick it up for use tax. The major one for me is when you don't give a receipt, you're losing their trust, you know, the transparency. I've had a few taxpayers that it's taken a month for their check to clear. That's scary because they go into the system, they see they still owe that billing and they really don't. That's scary. So I think the bigger issue there would be the customer trust. The other thing I would like to talk about is Executive Director Hughes, thank you very much. I want to really repeat this. NRS 360.380. I'm very glad you took it out from the latest version of the petition for redetermination. The reason is that when taxpayer receives an audit bill, they're already scared. Now they get a petition for redetermination form, and it says you know what? If you don't agree with our billing, well, we're going to use 360.380 of which in the Department's view, they think allows them to increase the billing. That's very scary. It's my understanding now from taxpayers that the audit section is starting to include it in their audit report. That's scary because they're getting a big bill. Now in the auditor report, they're saying you know what? If you don't agree with this, you know what? We have the chance to increase your billing. I think that's wrong. It's scary. They're already scared. I really do want talk about Heidi and Barbara. Heidi, thank you very much because I had a revenue officer tell me, and maybe everyone knows I used to work for the Department. I'm not going to say the revenue officer's name. That revenue officer said that I should know how to do a refund.

Well, I'm an amateur. I did read the instructions on the website and I did do it correctly. I think Heidi agrees with me on that. So that revenue officer was wrong. I have not received an apology yet. Two. But getting back to Heidi, when I call her, and I know she's in charge of over 90 people, I believe, 96 to be correct, I believe, but I think it's 90 or more, for her to return my phone call within five or ten minutes is fantastic. And I know she was very, very busy. Her customer service is outstanding. I don't know if we're going to agree in the long run about the refund request, but just the customer service she provided and the respect is great. Barbara. Thank you very much. She works for the LCB. Again, I did an email to her, and within ten minutes, she gave me a phone call. And I know she was probably really busy. So I'm just saying I appreciate their customer service. The last thing I would like to mention is thank you very much for letting me talk here.

Director Hughes administered an oath to all parties testifying.

III. MEETING MINUTES:

A. Consideration for Approval of the June 25, 2025 Nevada Tax Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Sheets made a motion to approve the June 25, 2025 Nevada Tax Commission Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Byram seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Waiver of Penalty and Interest Pursuant to a Request on a Voluntary Disclosure:

- 1) Animal Blood Bank Inc
- 2) A R Beck and Associates Inc
- 3) Artistry in Motion LLC
- 4) ARQ Solutions Red River LLC
- 5) Axitec LLC
- 6) Axts Inc.
- 7) Bear Creek Arsenal LLC
- 8) Bluefin LLC
- 9) BS Collectibles LLC
- 10) Cadrent LLC
- 11) Dobas AG
- 12) Engineered Lifting Systems and Equipment Inc
- 13) Garrett Electronics Inc
- 14) Green Valley Manufacturing of Illinois Inc
- 15) Hanwha Q Cells America Inc
- 16) Pioneer Manufacturing Inc
- 17) Red Card Systems LLC
- 18) Totten Tubes Inc
- 19) Truabutment Inc
- 20) Visix Inc
- 21) Wooting Store Inc

B. Waiver of Penalty and/or Interest pursuant to NRS 360.419 that exceeds \$25,000:

- 1) Interblock USA LLC
- 2) Sukar & Sons of Nevada Inc.

- C. Consideration for the Adoption of the Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Decision concerning an Appeal of Department's Denial of Late-Filed Petition for Redetermination pursuant to NRS 360.360:
 - 1) Insight Nevada Inc. dba Block 9 Thai Street Eats
- D. Department's Recommendation to the Commission for Approval of an Offer-In-Compromise pursuant to NRS 360.263:
 - 1) Dusrat Mangru for debts of Fischers Auto Body LLC
 - 2) Patricia Slisz for debts of CRP INC dba Verrazano Pizza
 - 3) Steven Montesano for debts of Montesano New Venture 002 LLC

Commissioner Byram pulled Item IV. D. 1) Dusrat Mangru for debts of Fischers Auto Body LLC for further discussion.

Commissioner Adelhoch pulled Item IV. D. 3) Steven Montesano for debts of Montesano New Venture 002 LLC for further discussion.

Commissioner Byram moved to approve the Consent Calendar minus Items IV. D. 1) and IV D. 3) Commissioner Adelhoch seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Item IV. D. 1) Dusrat Mangru for debts of Fischers Auto Body LLC. Commissioner Byram asked if the Department is able to maintain the liens for this taxpayer. Martin Paine was present on behalf of the Department. Mr. Paine stated that the liens will stay in place until the offer is completed. Dusrat Mangru was present. Commissioner Byram made a motion to approve the offer-in-compromise of Dasrut Mangru. Commissioner Witt seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Item IV. D. 3) Steven Montesano for debts of Montesano New Venture 002 LLC – Commissioner Adelhoch asked why Mr. Montesano's sister's financials were taken into account and why a non-responsible person is being penalized. Martin Paine, Tax Program Supervisor II, was present on behalf of the Department. Mr. Paine stated because Mr. Montesano has no income and his sister is taking care of him, we wanted to show where the money was coming from and how he was surviving with no income. Lucille Montesano was present on behalf of Steven Montesano. Commissioner Adelhoch made a motion to approve the taxpayer's original offer of \$1,000 and that it satisfy the debts of the taxpayer. Commissioner Sheets seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

- A. Taxpayer's Appeal of the County Clerk/Treasurer's Denial of Waiver of Penalty and/or Interest pursuant to NRS 361.4835 (Lyon County):
 - 1) Teresa Lynn Janecek

Teresa Lynn Janecek was present. Lyon County was not in attendance. Commissioner Byram made a motion to overturn the penalty and to refund the taxpayer. Commissioner Bellows seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 2) Frederick Elva Moser Jr & Amalia Moser

Frederick Elva Moser Jr. and Amalia Moser were present. Lyon County was not in attendance. Commissioner Byram made a motion to overturn the penalty and to refund the taxpayer. Commissioner Sheets seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

3) D&M Land and Cattle Co LLC

A representative for D&M Land and Cattle Co LLC was not in attendance. Lyon County was not in attendance. Commissioner Byram made a motion to overturn the penalty and to refund the taxpayer. Commissioner Witt seconded the motion. All favor. Motion carried.

B. Taxpayer's Appeal of the County Treasurer's Denial of Waiver of Penalty and/or Interest pursuant to NRS 361.4835 (Clark County):

1) Spanish Palms Villa LLC

Taylor Verhaalen, President of Stout Management Company, was present. John Newton, Tax Receiver Manager with Clark County, was in attendance on Zoom. Commissioner Adelhoch made a motion to waive the penalty and interest. Commissioner Byram seconded the motion. Commissioner Sheets votes – Nay. Motion carried.

2) Shapiro Margarite Sala Revocable Trust

Margarite Shapiro was present. John Newton, Tax Receiver Manager with Clark County, was in attendance on Zoom. Commissioner Witt made a motion in favor of the County. Commissioner Sheets seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

3) Dominick F. Morea Jr Separate Property Trust

Dominick Morea was present. John Newton, Tax Receiver Manager with Clark County, was in attendance on Zoom. Commissioner Byram made a motion to waive fifty-percent (50%) of the penalty. Commissioner Witt seconded the motion. Commissioner Sheets votes-Nay. Motion carried.

C. Taxpayer's Appeal of the County Treasurer's Denial of Waiver of Penalty and/or Interest pursuant to NRS 361.4835 (Washoe County):

1) SDH LLC

A representative for SDH LLC was not present. Linda Jacobs with Washoe County Treasurer's office was present. Commissioner Byram moved to uphold the penalty and interest. Commissioner Sheets seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. COMPLIANCE DIVISION:

A. Consideration for the Approval of the Nevada Tax Commission to Authorize the Nevada Department of Taxation to Cease Collection Efforts of Sales or Use Taxes due to the Administrative Costs for Collection Exceeding the Amount Due as authorized under NRS 360.262.

Kathy Fey, Tax Manager, was present on behalf of the Department. Commissioner Sheets made a motion to approve the authorization for the Nevada Department of Taxation to cease collection efforts of Sales or Use Taxes due to the administrative costs for collection exceeding the amount due as authorized under NRS 360.262. Commissioner Byram seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

- B. Receive status of audit and remand matter to Administrative Law Judge to hear arguments regarding the audit findings and deficiency and issue findings of fact, conclusions of law and decision that can be appealed to the Commission should either party want to appeal the decision (no advisory opinion will be issued because the matter is being remanded to the ALJ to issue a decision).

1) Broadacres Open Air Marketplace, LLC

Wade Beavers, Esq. and Taylor Gould, Esq., with Fennemore., were present on behalf of Broadacres Open Air Marketplace, LLC. Greg Danz, CEO, with Newport Diversified Inc. was present on behalf of Open Air Marketplace, LLC. Andrea Nichols, Senior Deputy Attorney General, was present on behalf of the Nevada Department of Taxation. Mr. Beavers offered additional testimony and evidence, and requested an advisory opinion be issued. Mr. Beavers stated they would object to remand the matter to an Administrative Law Judge. Commissioner Sheets made a motion to deny the request for an advisory opinion with respect to Broadacres Open Air Marketplace LLC. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion was withdrawn by Commissioner Sheets. Commissioner Byram stated she believed the Commission would receive an audit and investigation. Commissioner Sheets made a motion to deny the request for an advisory opinion. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Commissioner Adelhoch abstained from voting on this matter. Commissioner Rodefer – Aye; Commissioner Bellows – Aye; Commissioner Johnson – Aye; Commissioner Byram – Aye; Commissioner Witt – Aye; Commissioner Sheets – Aye; Chairman – Aye. All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Penalty and Interest Waivers granted by the Department for Sales/Use Tax, Commerce Tax, Modified Business Tax and Excise Tax (dates as indicated).
B. Bonds Administratively Waived (dates as indicated) (Sales/Use Tax)
C. Approval and Denial Status Report Log for Organizations Created for Religious, Charitable or Educational Purposes (dates as indicated) (Sales/Use Tax Exemption).

VIII. BRIEFING:

- A. Briefing to/from the Commission and the Executive Director. (for discussion only)

Director Hughes: I wanted to inform the Commission on the departure of Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson. As many of you know, Chief Deputy Nevarez-Goodson accepted another position in State government. I want to personally thank Chief Deputy Nevarez-Goodson for all of her dedicated work to the Department. She will be truly missed. With that, I want to introduce Ms. Nevarez-Goodson's successor, Adriane Roberts-Larson as the Department's new Chief Deputy. Adriane was the Department's former Deputy Director of Administrative Services, and we're very excited to have Ms. Roberts-Larson in this new role, and I know she'll do an excellent job. Additionally, with the promotion of Ms. Roberts-Larson, the new Deputy Director of Administrative Services will be Mary Meyers, who is currently the Department's Administrative Services Officer II. Additionally, with the promotion of Edna Bonilla to Deputy Director of Compliance, Kathy Fey has been promoted to Revenue Tax Manager, and you all heard from her today. All three of these individuals have made wonderful contribution to the Department, and I look forward to seeing all of their accomplishments in their new roles. Lastly, I want to introduce Kari Skalski as the Department's new Management Analyst III over our Executive Review and Boards the Commissions' section. Carrie will be managing these sections under Chief Deputy Robert-Larson's direction. Kari joins us with nearly 12 years of experience in coordinating all aspects of various State boards and commissions and will be a great asset to these teams, and we are lucky to have her join the Department. And before I conclude my briefing today, I wanted to thank Andrea Nichols for all of her work with the Department. This is

Ms. Nichols' last Tax Commission meeting, as she will be retiring in the next few weeks. Thank you, Ms. Nichols, and I wish you the best in retirement.

Chair Kelesis asked everyone to come forward.

Edna Bonilla, Deputy Executive Director: I'm the new Deputy Director for Compliance, and I'm very excited to accept this new role.

Kathy Fey, Tax Manager: I'm the new Tax Manager, and I also am very excited in my new role.

Kari Skalski, Management Analyst III: I am here to assist with executive review and boards and commissions and I am very excited to serve you all. Thank you.

Ms. Roberts-Larson, Chief Deputy Executive Director: I've come before many of you several years past. I am your new Chief Deputy and very honored to be in the role.

Chairman Kelesis called Andrea Nichols, Senior Deputy Attorney General, to come forward. I wanted to say thank you very much. I've known you a lot of years. Your work is great and wonderful. We appreciate what you've done and good luck on your retirement, and I hope you have a great time and enjoy yourself and thank you for all of your service and time and efforts to the commission.

Andrea Nichols, Senior Deputy Attorney General: Thank you very much, Chairman.

IX. Next Meeting Date: October 6, 2025

X. Public Comment.

David Pope, Chief Deputy Attorney General: The announcement has been made, Senior Deputy Nichols is leaving us. She has been with the AG's Office for 24 and a half years, and for a good amount of that time, she's been representing the Department and the Commission. She has handled all sorts of cases for the Department and a lot of tough ones, and I just want to say that we are all really going to miss you, Andrea, and enjoy retirement. Thank you.

Andrea Nichols, Senior Deputy Attorney General: Thank you, Chief Pope.

XI. Items for Future Agendas. (for discussion only)

No items for future agendas were discussed.

XII. Adjourned at 10:41 a.m.