

TOURISM EXPENDITURE REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2023, 10 a .m., SC Department of Revenue, Columbia SC and
Via Conference Call for Virtual Attendees

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members in Attendance: Daniel Blumenstock, Douglas McFarland, Mark Nix, Daniel Prentice, Jason Rapp, Ed Riggs, Daina Riley, Fox Simons, Tony Tam, John Taylor, Oliva Young

Others: Damita Holcomb, TERC Staff and Walker Humphrey, TERC Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER /ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS/UPDATES:

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Ed Riggs called the meeting to order.
- 2. Minutes:** Doug McFarland made a motion to approve the minutes from the TERC meeting on August 2, 2022. Olivia Young seconded and minutes were approved.
- 3. Welcome New Member:** Damita Holcomb recognized new PRT representative Daina Riley. Chairman Riggs welcomed Ms. Riley and thanked Toni Nance, formerly of PRT who had served as the PRT liaison on the TERC committee for several years before her retirement.
- 4. TERC Resignation:** John Taylor, who represents the SC Travel and Tourism Coalition on TERC has announced his retirement. The SC Travel and Tourism Coalition has contacted the Governor's Office and is recommending Mark Nexton of Rock Hill PRT as his replacement.
- 5. Statehouse Updates:** Daina Riley with PRT provided the Committee with an update concerning potential legislation that would affect accommodations taxes and tourism. This report is provided as a courtesy from Parks, Recreation and Tourism and as informational only, as TERC as a Committee takes no stance on potential legislation. Ms. Riley reported that the legislative Session will continue through the summer. Senate Bill 284 which would allow local government to allow ataxes and hospitality for workforce housing and would not be limited to tourism industry is currently being proposed. TERC would serve a role in this in review of an impact plan.
- 5. Introduction of New Attorney:** John Hoefler, who has served as TERC's legal counsel for several years, has retired. TERC has retained Walker Humphrey who is also with Willoughby and Hoefler, as new legal counsel.

REPORTS REVIEWED BY TERC

TERC reviewed the following reporting forms. Should the report warrant, more information will be asked, including questions about 30 percent and 65% funding, mathematical errors, additional information to determine validity of funding and the local governments' accommodations tax committee list and composition. After TERC questions reports, general policy is to discuss the report again at the next committee meeting. If no further action is needed during the initial review, TERC does not communicate with the local government and the report is filed and no further action taken.

Reporting Forms (or Additional Information Requested after Reports Filed) Reviewed by Olivia Young, John Taylor and Daniel Prentice:

City of Aiken, Aiken County, Anderson County, City of Anderson, City of Beaufort, Bluffton, Clemson, Greenville County, Greenville, Greenwood county, Greenwood, Greer, Hardeeville, Hilton head, Jasper

county, Lancaster, Lancaster County, City of North Augusta, Oconee county, Pickens county, Ridgeland,, Seneca, Simpsonville

Reporting Forms (or Additional Information Requested after Reports Filed) Reviewed by Mark Nix and Jason Rapp:

Blythewood, Cayce, Cherokee County, Columbia, Fort Mill, Gaffney, Irmo, Kershaw County, Town of Lexington, Newberry County, Newberry, Spartanburg, West Columbia, Rock Hill, , York County

Reporting Forms (or Additional Information Requested after Reports Filed) Reviewed by Dan Blumenstock and Tony Tam:

Cheraw, Chester County, Chesterfield County, City of Clinton, Conway, Darlington county, City of Dillon, Easley, Florence County , Georgetown County, Hartsville, Horry county, Myrtle Beach, Port Royal, City of Sumter/Sumter County, Surfside Beach

Reporting Forms (or Additional Information Requested after Reports Filed) Reviewed by Doug McFarland, Ed Riggs, Fox Simons:

Berkeley County, City of Charleston, Charleston County, Colleton County, Dorchester County, Town of Edisto Beach, Isle of Palms, Kiawah Island, Moncks Corner, Mount Pleasant, North Charleston, Orangeburg County, Orangeburg, Santee, Seabrook Island, Sullivan's island, Walterboro,

Forthcoming Reports: Beaufort County, Camden, Chester, Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon county, Duncan, Fairfield County*, Folly Beach, Florence, Georgetown, Goose Creek, Hanahan*, James Island, Lake City, Lexington County, McCormick County*, McCormick* Mauldin*, Moncks Corner, North Myrtle Beach, Pawleys Island, Richburg*, Richland County, Springdale, Spartanburg County, Summerville, St. George, Travelers Rest, Winnsboro*, York.

*These were new to reporting last year or this year and barely over the collections threshold to warrant reporting. TERC staff is working with them to get established and file reports for both 2020-2021 (if required) and 2021-2022.

There being no other business, Douglas McFarland made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Olivia Young. There being no opposition, the motion was passed unanimously and TERC motioned to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

Damita S. Holcomb

TERC Support Manager