

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD  
MINUTES  
MARCH 6, 2008 MEETING

The Franchise Tax Board met in open session at 1:30 p.m. at the Franchise Tax Board, 9646 Butterfield Way, Gerald Goldberg Auditorium, Sacramento, California. Present were Hon. John Chiang, Deputy Controller Marcy Jo Mandel, Hon. Judy Chu, Ph.D., and Hon. Michael C. Genest.

**Franchise Tax Board**

**Staff Participating:** Selvi Stanislaus, Geoffrey S. Way, Patrick Kusiak, Lisa Garrison, Brian Putler, Steve Sims, Ben Miller, and Colleen Berwick.

**Others Participating:** Roland A. Boucher, United Californians for Tax Reform; Kyla Christoffersen, California Chamber of Commerce; John Despotakis, Apple, Inc., Lenny Goldberg, California Tax Reform Association; Jason Lane, California Bankers Association; Michele Pielsticker, Cal-Tax; Gina Rodriguez, Spidell Publishing, Inc.; David Slater, Intel Corporation; Barry Weissman, Chevron Corporation.

**Item 1. – Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the November 28, 2007, Franchise Tax Board meeting and Taxpayer Bill of Rights Hearing were approved (2-0) (Member Chu abstaining).

**Item 2. – Legislative Matters**

Legislative proposals – Possible Board action.

The Board received a brief summary of the four legislative proposals.

The Board heard from the following members of the public regarding this Agenda item:

Michele Pielsticker – California Taxpayers' Association  
Lenny Goldberg - California Tax Reform Association  
Kyla Christoffersen – California Chamber of Commerce  
Jason Lane – California Bankers Association  
Gina Rodriguez – Spidell Publishing, Inc.  
David Slater – Intel Corporation  
Barry Weissman – Chevron Corporation  
John Despotakis – Apple, Inc.  
Roland A. Boucher - United Californians for Tax Reform

The Board voted 2-0 (Member Genest abstaining) to approve the following three proposals:

LP 08-02 - Financial Institution Record Match (FIRM), Alternative 1, without the ceiling  
LP 08-03 - Simplification of Reporting Income for Controlled Foreign Corporations in a Water's-Edge Combined Report  
TP 08-01 - Conformity to Federal Backup Withholding

The Board took no action with respect to the following proposal:

TP 07-1 - Reduce Complex Tax Return Filings/Increase Standard Deduction and Eliminate Personal Exemption.

**Item 3. – Non-English Filing Assistance – VITA, Online, Publications, HRA & Call Centers**

The Board received a staff report.

**Item 4. – Regulation Matters**

This item was withdrawn.

**Item 5. – Administrative Matters**

- a. Information items.
  - 1. Compliance Enhancement Measures – BCP #14
  - 2. Finance Letter #1 – CCSAS – Transfer to DCSS

The Board received a staff report on the above items.

- b. Board approval.
  - 1. Finance Letter #2 – Court Ordered Debt Collection Expansion
  - 2. Finance Letter #3 – LLC Protective Claims: Processing Costs and Attorney Fees
  - 3. Finance Letter #4 – Collections of Inactive Accounts Receivables
  - 4. Finance Letter #5 – Additional Revenue Agents Report (RAR) Workload

The Board voted 2-0 (Member Genest abstaining) to approve the above Finance Letters.

**Item 6. – Executive Officer's Time**

Ms. Stanislaus welcomed Member Chu to the Franchise Tax Board.

**Item 7. – Board Members' Time**

There was no discussion under this Agenda item.

The Chair announced the agenda for and the Board convened in Closed Session commencing at 2:48 p.m. pursuant to Government Code section 11126.3.

The Board reconvened in Open Session and adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

---

Board Liaison

---

Date