

# **MTC Uniformity Committee Meeting Minutes**

### Meeting of April 30, 2024

**D**raft for Approval by the Committee

#### I. Welcome and Introductions

Laurie McElhatton (California), chair of the committee welcomed everyone on behalf of the MTC and her vice chair, Phil Skinner (Idaho), and had those present and states and others who wished to introduce themselves to do so. (See list of attendees below.) She noted that she would be giving an overview of the uniformity process and that the meeting would be using informal polling throughout. To start off, she asked attendees to respond to an informal poll as to their role—government or private sector/public representatives. Of those responding, 86% were government employees.

#### II. Initial Public Comment

There were no initial public comments.

### III. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting were approved without objection. See those minutes here: Uniformity Committee Minutes – Nov. 14, 2023

#### IV. Economic Review/Outlook

Scott Pattison, Deputy Executive Director of the MTC, gave a report on the national economic outlook and some of the issues that states may be facing. See a copy of that report here:

Economic Review and Overlook Report

Participants were also asked to respond to an informal poll as to which of certain issues they considered important. Of those 69 responding the following percentages responded that these issues were important:

- Expiration of TCJA provisions 80%
- Growing use of digital ad taxes globally 77%
- Potential need for the federal government to increase revenues 65%
- OECD Pillar 2 minimum tax proposal 62%

#### V. Overview of Uniformity Projects

Chair McElhatton and Phil Skinner (Idaho), Vice Chair, asked attendees to respond to an informal poll asking how often or regularly they have attended Uniformity Committee meetings. Of those responding:

- 22% said this was their first meeting,
- 31% said they had been to a few recent meetings,
- 40% said they had been coming to committee meetings for several years, and
- 6% said they had been to at least 50 committee meetings.

McElhatton then gave an overview of the committee's process. See that overview here: Committee Process.

McElhatton noted that the purpose of the committee is to work on state tax issues affecting multistate activities or income, and that its goal is the development of more uniform or compatible state tax laws. She noted that there is information on current and past projects on the MTC website on the Uniformity tab. She also noted that the committee generally forms smaller work groups to study and discuss the issues. Those work groups provide updates to the committee which will review the proposals or recommendations from the work groups and give feedback or have further discussion.

McElhatton also noted that the work group process is fairly informal and this is to allow for discussion and input, including input from the public. During these discussions, all participants are assumed to be speaking for themselves from their perspective and experience, unless they say otherwise. This process becomes more formal as any proposed models or other recommendations move through the process.

McElhatton reminded the committee that we are in the fairly early stages of some of the big projects and this part of that process is also about information sharing and education. She gave a brief description of the three major projects and thanked those who are participating for their work. She also noted that MTC staff are always working on better ways to capture the work being done on the MTC website.

McElhatton noted that we welcome input on whether we're spending time on the right things and then conducted an informal poll as to the progress being made on the three projects, which those responding ranked as follows:

### State Taxation of Partnerships:

Too much research and study (moving too slow)	15%
Not enough research and study (moving too fast)	6%
Good balance generally	79%
Model Receipts Sourcing Regulation Review:	

loo much research and study (moving too slow)	29%
Not enough research and study (moving too fast)	5%
Good balance generally	65%

### Sales Tax on Digital Products:

Too much research and study (moving too slow)	31%
Not enough research and study (moving too fast)	10%
Good balance generally	59%



#### VI. Project Report – Receipts Sourcing Regulation Review

Katie Frank (California), work group chair, and Brian Hamer, MTC gave a status report on the work group established by the committee to review MTC model receipts sourcing regulations and propose any changes. See that report here: Regulation Review Status Report.

The status report focused on the discussions of the work group and a separate study group to consider changes to model industry regulations for ground transportation, including trucking companies, and the pros and cons of the mileage versus a pick-ups and deliveries approach as well as the public input that the work group has received.

### VII. Project Report – State Taxation of Partnerships

Laurie McElhatton, work group chair; David Merrien (Montana), work group vice chair, and MTC staff—Helen Hecht, Chris Barber, and Jenn Stosberg—gave a status report on the work group established by the committee to study the taxation of partnerships, including the sourcing of partnership income. See that report here: Partnership Project Status Report.

The status report focused on the findings of research done by MTC staff on the extent to which states address the sourcing of income in complex tiered partnership structures. It also covered the recent work group discussions of special allocations and their potential effects on state sourcing, along with the need for anti-abuse rules. Finally it summarized the status of federal centralized partnership audits.

During the course of the presentation there were informal polls to gauge participants' understanding or views on some of the substantive issues. At the end of the presentation, there was a brief discussion of the process generally and the need for the research and work being done. MTC staff also mentioned that the commission is planning to do a training event for states in early 2025.

### VIII. State Roundtable

States in attendance gave brief reports on items of interest and developments in their states.

### IX. Project Report – Sales Taxation of Digital Products

Tim Jennrich (Washington), work group chair; Mia Strong (Louisiana), work group vice chair, and MTC staff—Nancy Prosser, Lila Disque, Jonathan White, and Helen Hecht—gave a status report on the work group established by the committee to study and produce a white paper on sales taxation of digital products. See that status report here: <a href="Digital Products Status Report">Digital Products Status Report</a>.

During the course of the status report—there were informal polls to gauge participants views on how the project was progressing and what issues should be addressed. The MTC staff also asked members to give feedback on:

- Certain proposed principles that might guide the states in considering taxation of digital goods,
- Working with other organizations such as Streamlined, Federation of Tax Administrators, and the National Conference of State Legislatures,



- The test version of the project webpage—which can be accessed through the current web page,
- The matrix showing the different ways in which states tax digital products,
- Research on the Internet Tax Freedom Act and bundling, and
- Other related state and international developments.

### X. New Business

Michele Borens, Eversheds Sutherland, asked the committee to consider a standard uniform statement or document that marketplace sellers and marketplace providers might use to demonstrate to states that the tax was properly charged as agreed upon between the parties so that there is no confusion or dual taxation of transactions. There was no action taken on the matter but the committee invited Borens to follow up with a written proposal to MTC staff for review and further consideration by the committee.

### XI. Wrap Up and Adjourn

The committee adjourned without objection.



## MTC Uniformity Committee Meeting – April 30, 2024 - List of Attendees – Remote and In-Person

Chasity Alamo	Connecticut Department of Revenue
Phillip Ashley	Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
William Barber	Multistate Tax Commission
Catalina Baron	Eversheds Sutherland
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Matthew Benson	Milliodu
Victoria Berman	Connecticut Department of Revenue Services
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Paul Blascovich	Pennsylvania Department of Revenue
Deborah Bierbaum	Multistate Associates
Kelly M VandenBranden	Wisconsin
Krystal Bolton	Louisiana Department of Revenue
Michele Borens	Eversheds Sutherland
Angelique Boyd	Louisiana Department of Revenue
Shannon Brandt	Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
Mike Branton	New Jersey
Peter Breen	New Mexico Taxation & Revenue Department
Dave Burleigh	Montana Department of Revenue
Tommy Burns	Arkansas
Kelly Burke	Washington Department of Revenue
Greg Busmann	Idaho State Tax Commission
Mark Chaiken	New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department
Colleen Chipman	New Jersey
Christopher Clemons	
Derrick Coleman	Alabama Department
Holly Coon	Multistate Tax Commission
Richard Cram	Multistate Tax Commission
Daniel D'Alessandro	Maine Revenue Services, Office of Tax Policy
Brian D'Angelo	Kansas Department of Revenue
Matthew Danielson	North Dakota Tax Commissioner
Lee Davis	
Erica Dechant	State of Kansas-Department of Revenue
Cassie Diemert	Minnesota Department of Revenue
Charles Dendy	
Michelle Desmarteau-Shump	Kansas Department of Revenue
Nirmail Dhaliwal	District of Columbia
Lila Disque	Multistate Tax Commission
Stephanie Do	Council On State Taxation
Nikki Dobay	Greenberg Traurig LLP



Latonia Dooley	Kentucky
James Douglas	Minnesota
Brandi Drake	Charter
Jessie Eisenmenger	Amazon
Michael Fatale	Massachusetts Dept. of Revenue
Cathy Felix	Multistate Tax Commission
Elizabeth Field	Oklahoma Tax Commission
Brian Fliflet	Illinois Department of Revenue
Bruce Fort	Multistate Tax Commission
Will Fox	Deloitte
Katie Frank	California FTB
Sherre Franklin	New Mexico Taxation and Revenue
Cindy Frenchers	Kansas Dept of Revenue
Cordelia Friedman	New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department
Jeff Friedman	Eversheds Sutherland LLP
Veronica Galewaler	New Mexico
Kelsey Gallacher	Utah State Tax Commission
Vicki Gardino	Alabama Department of Revenue
Felicia Gillis	Arizona Department of Revenue
Jonh Grochala	New Jersey
Jenelle Gonzales-Wessels	New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department
Kristi Gutierrez	Kansas Department of Revenue
Trevor Haas	Kansas Department of Revenue
Jonathan Hague	McDermott Will & Emery
Michael Hale	Kansas Department of Revenue
Frank Hales	Utah State Tax Commission
Christina Hall	Alabama Department of Revenue
Brian Hamer	Multistate Tax Commission
Leonore Heavey	Council on State Taxation
Helen Hecht	Multistate Tax Commission
Jordan Heller	Kansas Department of Revenue
Eileen Henderson	State of Arkansas
Amber Herman	Wisconsin
Angie Hillas	Utah State Tax Commission
Nathan Hoeppner	Kansas Department of Revenue
Dawn Hornung	State of New Jersey Division of Taxation
Phil Horwitz	Moss Adams
Debra Houck	Pennsylvania Department of Revenue
Alison Jares	South Dakota Department of Revenue
Tim Jennrich	Washington Department of Revenue



Adam Johnson	Legislative Research Commission
Craig Johnson	Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board
Hal Jones	Tennessee Department of Revenue
Mat Kantor	Fast Enterprises
Bryan Kelly	Washington Dept of Revenue
Michael Kemp	Minnesota
Kurt Konek	Iowa
Robert Kindred	District of Columbia Office of Tax & Revenue
Maria Koklanaris	Law360
Olga Kourdova	Charter Communications
Cynthia LaBarge	Minnesota Revenue
Ray Langenberg	Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
Amy Langille	Deloitte
Matt Largent	Washington Department of Revenue
Donald Lazo	Missouri Department of Revenue
Katie Lolley	Oregon Department of Revenue
Michelle Lombardi	Utah Attorney General's Office
Elisa Magnuson	Idaho State Tax Commission
Chelsea Marmor	Eversheds Sutherland
Angela Matelski	Michigan Department of Treasury, Tax Policy
Greg Matson	Multistate Tax Commission
Jane McCurdy	Pennsylvania
Laurie McElhatton	California Franchise Tax Board
Ashley McGhee	North Carolina Department of Revenue
Julio Mendozo-Quiroz	
David Merrien	Montana Department of Revenue
Michael Mertens	Iowa
Carolyn Miller	Pennsylvania
Lori Miller	Missouri Department of Revenue
David Mitle	New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department
Tracey Mueller	Wisconsin
Kathy Mui	Colorado Department of Revenue
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Valerie Newson	Utah State Tax Commission
Victoria Nichols	Kentucky Department of Revenue
Fred Nicely	Council On State Taxation
Angie O'Leary	Ryan, LLC
Brian Oliner	Federation of Tax Administrators
Amber Ortiz	Idaho State Tax Commission
Sarah Pai	Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts



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Josh Pens	Colorado Department of Revenue
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Kristen Shogren	Minnesota Department of Revenue
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Kathy Smith	South Dakota Dept of Revenue
Andrew Soubel	ССН
Amy Stohlmeyer	Iowa Department of Revenue
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Jennifer Stosberg	Multistate Tax Commission
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Bridgette Thomas	Mississippi Department of Revenue
Sal Tomaselli	Missouri Department of Revenue
Richard Truman	Maine
Rebecca Turner	Amazon
John Valentine	Utah State Tax Commission



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John Weiser	Minnesota Revenue
Kathryn White	
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