

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE REVENUE & TAXATION CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, February 13, 2013 – 1:30 p.m. – Room 250 Capitol Building

Members Present:

Sen. John L. Valentine, Chair
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson

Members Absent:

Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa

Staff Present:

Mr. Phillip V. Dean, Policy Analyst
Ms. Jennifer Christopherson, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Valentine called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

2. Consideration of Proposed Appointment of Utah State Tax Commissioner

Mr. Robert Pero introduced himself and his wife and gave an opening statement regarding his personal and professional background. He discussed his qualifications for the position of State Tax Commissioner and said that the Commissioner should have the ability to look at an appeal from both sides without bias. Mr. Pero responded to questions from the committee about his qualifications.

Mr. Michael Milovich, retired Commissioner, Carbon County, spoke in favor of the nominee and said that Mr. Pero brings with him great intelligence.

Mr. Reid W. Olsen, Bodec Inc., spoke in favor of the nominee and said that Mr. Pero is a self-starter.

Sen. David P. Hinkins spoke in favor of the nominee and said that Mr. Pero knows how decisions about taxation affect people and businesses.

Commissioner Bruce Johnson, Chair, State Tax Commission, spoke in favor of the nominee and said that Mr. Pero is the best qualified applicant for the position.

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to recommend to the full Senate that Mr. Robert Pero be confirmed as State Tax Commissioner. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Henderson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Valentine adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.