

# MARYLAND COMMUNICATIONS TAX REFORM COMMISSION

Senator Nancy J. King  
Delegate Carolyn J.B. Howard  
Chairwomen

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## **May 16, 2013 Minutes of Meeting**

A meeting of the Communications Tax Reform Commission was held in the Assembly Room of the Louis L. Goldstein Treasury Building on May 16, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

Commission members in attendance:

Senator Nancy J. King, Chair  
Delegate Talmadge Branch

Kathleen O'Brien Branch  
Douglas E. Breisch  
John F. Conwell  
Suellen M. Ferguson  
Mitsuko R. Herrera  
Laura Kittel  
Gary S. Lindsey  
Morris Anthony Little  
Michael McLoughlin  
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Scott R. Mackey  
Andrew Reinsdorf  
David F. Roose  
Karen Syrylo  
James T. Tarlau  
Renee Manuel Savage  
Andrew M. Schaufele  
Linda I. Vasbinder

Commission members absent:

Art Jacoby  
R. Wayne Strausburg  
Raymond S. Wacks

### **Welcome**

Chairwoman Senator Nancy J. King welcomed members to the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the commission, as well as new member, Phillip A. Raines, consumer representative.

Our goal is to come up with a consensus report.

### **Presentation of Survey Results**

Andrew Schaufele thanked members for completing survey.

Maryland Communications Revenue presentation – David Van Remoortere

### **Open Presentations**

Andrew Reinsdorf and Mitsuko Herrera presented.

### **Open Discussion**

Senator Nancy J. King stated the goal is to keep the open discussion productive by allowing all members to express their views and discussing multiple reformatory options or principles.

If any findings appear to have considerable support from commission members, they will be included in the final report.

The recommendations may be in the form of an overarching proposal for reform, or singular tenants that commission members agree should be relayed to the General Assembly during their consideration of communications reform in any future legislative session.

If no recommendations emerge from this meeting, the final report will present the conclusion that the Communications Tax Reform Commission could not reach consensus on any issues involving communications reform.

Recommendations which require additional analysis, staff will perform this analysis and include it in the final report.

If a recommendation is included in the final report, commission members will be afforded the opportunity to show their support for any and all recommendations in the report through a vote, which will be held at the next meeting. The tally of these votes will be included in the final report.

Next meeting: June 12, 2013

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