

# WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008

A meeting of the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board was held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at the City Council Chambers in Wheeling, West Virginia.

The following members were present:

Jon Amores (designee for Development Office Executive Director Steve Spence)  
Edwin Bowman, Member  
Chris Fletcher, Member  
Brian Jones, Member  
Floyd (Kin) McKinley Sayre III, Member  
Jim Morgan, Member  
Nick Sparachane (designee for the Honorable Joe Manchin III)

Others present:

Charles Ballonz  
R. Barry Boyd  
Brent Bush  
Tom Connelly  
Irene Crose  
Barry Crow, Wheeling City Council  
Gloria Delbrugge, Wheeling City Council  
J.M. DeLuett  
Lisa Dooley, West Virginia Municipal League  
David Durham  
Joelle Ennis, City of Wheeling  
Eugene Fahey  
Larry Helms  
Herk Henry, Wheeling City Council  
Robert Herron, City of Wheeling  
Rosemary Humway-Warmth, City of Wheeling  
Danny Jones, City of Charleston  
Janice Jones  
Bob Kucera  
Andy McKenzie, West Virginia Senate  
Deloris Martin, West Virginia House of Delegates  
John A. Palavido, Jr.

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Dave Palmer  
Nancy Pragest  
Charles Roskovensky, West Virginia House of Delegates  
Ben Schneider, Schneider Studio  
Cindy Stanley, West Virginia Department of Tax and Revenue  
Jessica Zatezalo, TSG Consulting

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Nick Sparachane. It was reported that notice of the meeting had been lawfully given, a quorum was present, and the meeting was convened.

Mr. Sparachane opened the meeting by introducing members and welcoming guests. To avoid any potential conflict of interest, he then recused himself from the discussion and appointed Mr. Jon Amores to chair the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Kin Sayre to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2008, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Fletcher and unanimously carried. Members Jim Morgan and Edwin Bowman abstained from voting.

#### Chair's Report

The appointed chair, Mr. Jon Amores, reported on the following.

- Informed the group that a preliminary circuit court hearing is scheduled on Wednesday, April 9 concerning Bridgeport's home rule application.

#### New Business

The application from the City of Wheeling was presented by City Manager Robert Herron and executive staff.

Representatives from city and state government, trade associations, businesses, and concerned citizenry were given an opportunity to declare their support and/or concerns.

The board respectfully requested that the City of Wheeling obtain comments from the local banking institutions concerning the prioritization of liens and secondary market participation for the review by the Board during further deliberation of the Wheeling application.

#### Old Business

Mr. Chris Fletcher requested that Charleston Mayor Danny Jones furnish additional information on the proposed healthcare provider tax delineating state law(s) currently impeding the City of Charleston from implementing the tax, and the costs of administration for the tax. In like manner, the City of Charleston was asked by Board Member Kin Sayre to further define proposed B&O tax changes as regards rates, classifications, and possible impact.

Lastly, staff was charged with acquiring written documentation from the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources concerning the state's position on the healthcare provider tax. Additionally, staff will facilitate meetings with officials from the

City of Charleston, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Affairs, and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources regarding the provisions of the application submitted by the City of Charleston.

Adjournment

Mr. Jon Amores expressed his gratitude to the City of Wheeling for their hospitality as well as the opportunity to learn more about their home rule application. He then reminded members that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 8 in Huntington. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.