



Seattle Tax Advisory Group

Date: Tuesday, September 6, 2022
10:00 am

Location: WebEx Meeting

Attendees:

Jamie Carnell, City Finance Interim Director, City of Seattle

Joseph Cunha, Tax Administrator, City of Seattle

Mark Watterson, Tax Audit Manager, City of Seattle

Tarah McLaughlin, Sr. Tax Manager, Indirect Tax, Amazon

Sharon Wismeth Johnston, Sr. Tax Manager, Indirect Tax, Starbucks

Dan Robillard, Director U.S. Indirect Tax, Inc., Expedia

Stephanie, Expedia

Marsha McLean, State & Local Tax Compliance Manager, Weyerhaeuser

Agenda:

Welcome and Introductions

- Introduction of Jamie Carnell as City Finance Interim Director and Scott Hitchcock as FileLocal Program Manager. Dan Robillard also introduced Stephanie [...] who will attend when he is unable.

Discussion about the Payroll Expense Tax

- Training Update. The City will continue to do payroll expense tax trainings for the time being, however, trainings will now be quarterly. The next payroll expense tax training is scheduled for October 19th.

Updates on Washington State tax cases that are being monitored

- The City is following the Sound Inpatient v. City of Tacoma case that was decided in favor of the City of Tacoma in the Court of Appeals Div. I in April. The City noted that the taxpayer has sought review at the Washington State Supreme Court in May and the City of Tacoma has given their answer to the request for review. No decision has been made at this point.

Updates on the Royalties Sourcing Workgroup

- The Association of Washington Cities (AWC) workgroup has completed a draft proposal to update the mandatory sourcing rules under RCW 35.102.130(2). The AWC plans to submit the proposed changes to the Association of Washington Businesses (AWB) and other business associations for feedback. Tax Advisory Group

members have not seen any draft from AWB yet but noted there was a AWB call today.