

Government Fiscal Sustainability Workgroup

Virtual Summer Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

**Theme: Understanding the State and Local Government Response to COVID-19 Pandemic**

1:00 pm Opening Remarks, Eric Scorsone, Michigan State University

1:10 pm Pandemic Response Accountability Committee presentation, Bob Westbrooks, Executive Director and Linda Miller, Deputy Executive Director, PRAC

The PRAC has been charged with coordinating with the Government Accountability Office, and with State and Local government entities to ensure there are appropriate mechanisms for interagency collaboration relating to the oversight of coronavirus funds and the coronavirus response. To this end, the subcommittee has been reaching out to representatives from various organizations to gather information to fulfill its responsibilities. Florida workgroup member, Chief Inspector General Melinda Miguel connected our workgroup with this effort.

[Bob Westbrooks](#), Executive Director of the [Pandemic Response Accountability Committee](#) (PRAC) and to [Linda Miller](#), Deputy Executive Director of the PRAC. Bob and Linda's biographies are available at the links provided. Bob and Linda will brief the workgroup about the activities of the PRAC and give workgroup members an opportunity to hear directly from and ask questions about the PRAC's work on oversight and accountability of covered funds (i.e., funds appropriated through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ([CARES Act](#)) and other Coronavirus-related legislation).

Below are websites that may be useful resources:

<https://pandemic.oversight.gov/>. This is the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee website. All Federal agencies will be posting their pandemic-related reports to this site. It also reflects each agency's pandemic-related work plans.

<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/state-and-local-governments>. This is a link to guidance that the Treasury Department has issued thus far on the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

1:30 pm Effect of COVID-19 on Local Government Revenues presentation, Edward Seyler, Economist & Gina V. Brown, Performance Audit Manager, Louisiana Legislative Auditor

1:50 pm State Roundtable Discussion

Each state will be given roughly 5 minutes to discuss:

- Administration of property tax, is your state delaying or deferring property tax collections?
- Assessment processes, is your state making changes to assessment processes?
- Appeals, is your state reviewing its process on tax appeals?
- Has your state begun to distribute CARES act dollars to local units?
- How much has been allocated to local units and for what purpose?

- Have you developed accounting or other guidance to local units?

2:55 pm

Wrap up and next steps:

- Next virtual meeting in September
- Please continue sharing resources and information with workgroup members
- Other ways we can assist each other