

Taxpayers' Federation of Illinois  
**Property Tax Committee**  
Commercial Club of Chicago  
Chase Tower, 21 South Clark Street  
Friday, March 9, 2018

Chairman Don Nesci called the meeting to order and the minutes of the September 13, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved. (motion by Tim Moran, second by Julie Sullivan)

Carol Portman and Maurice Scholten discussed a number of property tax-related bills pending in the legislature. The Department of Revenue's omnibus property tax bill, SB 2920, is described as primarily technical in nature, but nevertheless contains components that have troubled various groups. Other bills involve commercial solar arrays, erroneous homestead exemptions, fraternity houses, and the process of notifying taxing districts of appeals. As the legislative session progresses, TFI will stay in touch with the Committee to seek input and guidance.

The Committee then discussed the recent high-profile property tax issues. The Cook County assessor's methods have been attacked in a major Chicago Tribune piece, and are under review in several venues. The House Revenue and Finance Committee has been charged with reviewing assessment practices throughout the state, and held their first subject matter hearing on March 7, taking testimony from the Kane and Lee County Assessors on their processes. The Civic Consulting Alliance is conducting a study, and testimony by Tom Jaconetty from the Assessor's office is available online.

In addition, the ability of state legislators to maintain a property tax appeals practice, or simply to partner with other attorneys in that practice, has been highlighted in several political campaigns. The Governor issued an Executive Order attempting to create limitations, and PTAB has proposed regulations.

TFI will continue to collaborate whenever possible and appropriate with other groups, like the Civic Federation (who will be issuing a report in this area soon) and CCA.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned. (Motion by Mark Davis, second by Whitney Carlisle)