

Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee (ETAAC) Virtual Public Meeting Thursday November 3, 2022 MINUTES

The Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee (ETAAC) held a virtual public meeting via conference call on November 3, 2022. The meeting was called to order by John Lipold, IRS Designated Federal Officer at approximately 12:30 p.m. ET. Mr. Lipold welcomed the public and provided logistical information. He noted that the meeting was the first public meeting of the 2022-2023 ETAAC Committee. Mr. Lipold then introduced Jared Ballew, ETAAC Chairperson, to provide remarks on behalf of the Committee.

Mr. Ballew thanked the IRS for its support, including bringing the committee back to in-person meetings. He then offered a brief summary of the Committee's purpose. In particular he noted that ETAAC's scope includes providing advice regarding the IRS's Identity Theft Tax Refund Fraud prevention efforts through the Security Summit.

Mr. Ballew introduced this year's co-Vice Chairs, Timur Taluy and Vernon Barnett. He then asked Mr. Taluy to comment on behalf of the Vice Chairs. Mr. Taluy provided background on the composition of the Committee, which includes practitioners, state tax representatives and members of the private sector. He noted that ETAAC's diversity and depth of experience allows it to function in a way that is unique. Mr. Taluy shared that ETAAC surveyed various stakeholder organizations to gather input as to the IRS's strengths and challenges, and will be using that input in formulating its recommendations.

Mr. Ballew noted ETAAC is advisory, not oversight. That means that ETAAC looks to work collaboratively with the IRS to deliver its advice in a manner that is timely and useful, including delivering real-time feedback. He referred the public to the prior year reports on the IRS's website for examples.

Mr. Ballew shared that ETAAC is currently in the information collection phase. The committee is beginning to evaluate a number of potential recommendations to reach consensus on the items that are most relevant and impactful to electronic tax administration. Topics that are under consideration include:

- Information Returns
- Taxpayer and Practitioner Access to Services and Transparency of Processes, including meeting the needs of the underserved and small businesses
- Enhancements to ID Theft Tax Refund Fraud technology and processes to stay ahead of criminals.

Mr. Ballew offered kudos to IRS for offering relief to taxpayers impacted by national disasters and also for sending communication to taxpayers potentially eligible for credits, reminding those taxpayers to file.

Mr. Ballew then noted that ETAAC welcomes comments from the public, and opened the floor for comment by those on the call. Hearing no questions or comments, Mr. Ballew thanked the attendees and turned the meeting over to Mr. Lipold.

Mr. Lipold provided the email address for submission of comments to ETAAC: publicliaison@irs.gov and noted that ETAAC's prior reports and minutes can be found at IRS.gov/ETAAC. Mr. Lipold thanked the attendees and concluded the meeting at approximately 12:45 p.m. ET.