

**Legislative Budget and Finance Committee**  
**Commonwealth Board and Commission Member**  
**Compensation and Expenses**

**Report Presentation by Philip Durgin,**  
**Executive Director, at May 24, 2017, Meeting**

Good morning. Senate Resolution 138 of 2015 directed our Committee to study state expenditures for salaries and other compensation and benefits provided to members of Commonwealth boards and commissions. We identified 163 such boards and commissions, ranging alphabetically from the State Board of Accountancy to the Workmen's Compensation Appeal Board.

The Comptroller's Office within the Office of the Budget maintains records on the compensation and expense reimbursements paid to the members of all the various Commonwealth boards and commissions. We worked with them through the summer of 2016 to identify the compensation and expenses for the 72 boards and commissions included in today's report. However, despite repeated attempts, we were unable to obtain any additional information from the Comptroller's Office after July 2016. With the concurrence of Senator Vulakovich, who was the prime sponsor of SR 138, we decided to release the information we were able to obtain as a partial report.

Of the 72 boards and commissions included in this report, only three had board or commission member expenses totaling over \$1 million annually. These are

the Board of Probation and Parole, the Gaming Control Board, and the Workmen's Compensation Appeal Board. Four other boards had expenses that exceeded \$1 million over a five-year period; the Public Utility Commission, the Environmental Hearing Board, the Civil Service Commission, and the Unemployment Compensation Board of Review. At the other end of the spectrum, 29 boards and commissions had expenses that averaged less than \$1,000 a year.

Thank you for your attention, and I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have about this report.