MINUTES OF THE MEETING

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 24, 2013

Senate Hearing Room 1, 12:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Dan Anderson, Assistant Executive Director,

Institutional Analysis, Arizona Board of Regents

Brian Cary, Manager of Forecasting, Research, and Economic Development, Salt River Project

Tracy Clark, Data Integrity Manager, Arizona Department of Transportation

Doug Ducey, State Treasurer

John Lucking, President, ECON-LINC

Aruna Murthy, Director of Economic Analysis, Arizona Department of Administration

Elliott Pollack, President, Elliott D. Pollack and Company

Martin Shultz, Senior Policy Director, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

Randie Stein, Vice President, Public Finance Department, Stone & Youngberg

Marshall Vest, Director, Economic and Business Research Center, University of Arizona's Eller College of Management

The Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) met on January 24, 2013 to update its 4-sector revenue forecast. The FAC is a 14-member panel of private and public sector economists and their views serve as one of the 4 equal inputs into JLBC's Consensus Baseline revenue forecast. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) Staff and 2 University of Arizona models are the other 3 inputs.

The FAC heard presentations on General Fund Revenue collections, the U.S. economy, and state cash flows. JLBC Staff provided members with the FY 2013 – FY 2016 Baseline revenue estimates along with projected spending and ending balance estimates. The JLBC Staff presentation included a comparison to the Executive budget proposal as well.

The January 4-sector forecasts base revenue growth of 4.0% in FY 2013, 4.9% in FY 2014, 5.9% in FY 2015, and 6.2% in FY 2016. Based on a survey of FAC panel members, the probability of meeting or exceeding the FY 2014 Baseline forecast is 65%.

In addition to the JLBC Staff presentation, panel members heard formal presentations from economist Elliot Pollack of Elliot D. Pollack & Co. and State Treasurer Doug Ducey. The presenters and FAC panelists generally opined that while economic conditions are improving the pace of the current economic recovery remains slow by historical standards. Additional information is available on our website at January FAC Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Hans Olofsson, Chief Economist

NOTE: A full audio recording of this meeting is available at the JLBC Staff Office, 1716 W. Adams. A full video recording of this meeting is available at http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/meeting.htm