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The Utah Senate Unanimously Confirms Governor Cox's reappointment of John Valentine as Chair of the Utah State Tax Commission

SALT LAKE CITY (August 18, 2022) – On the afternoon of August 17th, the Utah Senate convened at the Utah Capitol in an Extraordinary Session to unanimously confirm Gov. Spencer J. Cox's reappointment of John Valentine as chair of the Utah State Tax Commission.

Speaking on behalf of the Revenue and Taxation Confirmation Committee on the decision to confirm the reappointment of John Valentine, Senator Curtis Bramble said; "John is the epitome of what we need in the commission, so the committee voted unanimously to forward his nomination and the state of Utah is grateful for his service."

Commissioner Valentine was first appointed by Gov. Gary R. Herbert to serve as chair of the Utah State Tax Commission in 2014. Valentine served in the Utah Legislature from 1988 to 2014, first in the House of Representatives from 1988 to 1998 and then in the Senate from 1998 to 2014. He served two terms as Senate President from 2005 to 2008. Throughout his public service, Valentine was also a managing partner in the law firm of Howard, Lewis and Petersen based in Provo, where he specialized in federal taxation, estate planning, contract and business law for 39 years. He was also an adjunct professor of law at BYU, a certified mediator with Utah Dispute Resolution, a Utah State Bar Examiner, a member of the Tax Section and Tax Specialization Committee of the American Bar Association, the national Chairman of the Multistate Tax Commission, and the national President of the Federation of Tax Administrators.

During the time he is not serving as Chair of the Tax Commission, he dedicates his time as a lieutenant with the Utah County Sheriff Search and Rescue Team and an advanced emergency medical technician and National Association Search and Rescue instructor.

Valentine has a bachelor's of science in accounting and economics from Brigham Young University and a juris doctorate from BYU's J. Reuben Clark School of Law. "I truly appreciate the confidence of Gov. Cox in appointing me to serve an additional four year constitutional term as the chairman of the Utah State Tax Commission," Valentine said.

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