

ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION
Chesapeake Building
Minutes of January 6, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Willenborg, Chair
Joseph Russell, Vice Chair
Larry Crabtree
Dr. Joseph Devitis, Alternate
Jean-Marie Hansen
Kathleen McClernan-Walz

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Joe Densford, Ethics Commission Attorney
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Neil Murphy, Deputy County Attorney
Diane Gleissner, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Willenborg at 6:04 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Ethics Commission meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Chesapeake Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Crabtree, seconded by Ms. Hansen to approve the minutes as presented. The vote passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Advisory Opinion 19-02

After a discussion with the requestor and Deputy County Attorney, Ms. McClernan-Walz made the motion, seconded by Mr. Crabtree, that Advisory 19-02 be approved with conditions. The vote passed 5-0. Mr. Murphy will draft an Advisory Opinion for the Commission to review at their next meeting.

Annual Report 2019

A motion was made by Ms. McClernan-Walz, seconded by Mr. Russell to approve the 2019 Annual Report as presented. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Disclosure Statements

The Commission discussed the retention schedule for Financial Disclosure Statements. A motion was made by Mr. Crabtree seconded by Ms. Hansen to preserve the original form plus four current years. Vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Complaint 19-01 & 19-02

Ms. Gleissner gave the Commission a copy of two Complaints that were received. The Committee agreed to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 to review the Complaints during a Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Crabtree, seconded by Ms. McClernan-Walz to adjourn the meeting. Vote was unanimous. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.