

ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION
St. Mary's County Potomac Building

Minutes of May 18, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph B. Bush, Chair
Robert W. Denning, Vice Chair
George E. Baroniak, Member
Robert E. Elwood, Member
Arthur F. Goeller, Member
Elizabeth Long, Alternate Member
Sarah Cannavo, Administrative Support

OTHERS PRESENT: Christy Chesser, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bush at 2:02 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on June 1, 2009 in conference room 14 of the Potomac Building.

Regional Ethics Conference: Scheduled for Wednesday, May 20 @ Prince Frederick Library.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for Open Session of May 4, 2009: Mr. Goeller made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Mr. Denning and carried.

Minutes for Executive Session of May 4, 2009: Mr. Goeller made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Ms. Long and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Complaint 09-01: Members reviewed final response to complaint 09-01. The County Attorney will draft notification letter to the Complainant.

Public Information Request: the County Attorney discussed the letter and material that was released under the Public Information Act. Information related to an official complaint is not releasable to the public without a written wavier by the Respondent.

Human Services request for Ethics Training: Mr. Bennett Connelly, Director of Human Services, asked the Commission to provide training to the members of the Human Services Council (HSC) concerning potential conflicts as related to their duties on the Council. Mr. Connelly asked that the training be conducted at the June 25 meeting vice the July 23 meeting. Mr. Bush will update the PowerPoint slide used during the last training session and present that to the HSC.

Review of Applications for Ethics Commission Vacancy: Mr. Bush arranged for two applicants to come before the Commission for an Interview. The applicant scheduled for 2:30 PM did not show up. The 2:45 PM applicant arrived and the Commission conducted a brief interview.

Executive Session: Ms. Long made a motion to move into Executive Session as provided for in Article 25, Section 4-210(a) (1) Boards and Commissions and the St. Mary's County Ethics Ordinance Rules of Procedure, Section 7. The motion was seconded by Mr. Elwood. Motion carried, 5-0.

Executive Session: 3:00 PM to 3:10 PM.

Mr. Elwood made a motion to close the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goeller and carried.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

Six Financial Disclosures Statements were review.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Goeller to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Long and the motion was carried. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission was adjourned at 3:12 PM.