

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

Minutes of June 1, 2009

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: George E. Baroniak, Member

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bush at 2:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on June 15, 2009 in conference room 14 of the Potomac Building.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for Open Session of May 18, 2009: Mr. Elwood made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Ms. Long and carried.

Minutes for Executive Session of May 18, 2009: Mr. Goeller made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Ms. Long and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Human Services request for Ethics Training: Mr. Bush has copies of the documents and briefing material for the June 25 training. He asked that members please review the slide presentation on the Ethics website and provide any changes or recommendations.

Review of Applications for Ethics Commission Vacancy: Mr. Denning informed the members that there was an additional application that was not given to Mr. Bush during the initial review process. Mr. Bush stated that the deadline for submissions had passed and the applicant could not be interviewed prior to the June 9 deadline to the Board of County Commissioners. It was determined that the application list given to Mr. Bush in March was outdated and that PIO had not provided the updated applicant list in time for interviews.

Mr. Denning asked if the candidate who failed to appear for the interview during the last meeting had been contacted. Mr. Bush stated that she had made no contact with him since the May 16 conversation. He stated that he had left a message on the applicant's phone with the date and time of the interview but the applicant did not call back.

NEW BUSINESS:

Financial Disclosure Statements for Boards and Commissions: Mr. Goeller brought up the Human Services Council By-Laws which state that the council members do not have to file a FDS. The Commission members have concerns about this statement and would like to get clarification on the reasoning behind adding this to their By-Laws. Mr. Bush stated that he would contact the County Attorney concerning this matter.

Mr. Elwood suggested that the Commission address the entire FDS section of the Ethics Ordinance. The ordinance does not require some boards/commissions to file that should be covered. The wording in the ordinance is vague concerning adhoc committees and the Commission members agree that an update is needed.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

One Financial Disclosure Statement was review.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Goeller to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Denning and the motion was carried. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission was adjourned at 2:40 PM.