

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

**Minutes of September 17, 2012**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sean Rogers, Chair  
Karin Bailey, Member  
Robert Denning, Member  
Kathy Suite, Member  
Daniel Carney, Alternate Member

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Elizabeth Long, Vice Chair

**OTHERS PRESENT:** George Sparling, County Attorney  
Sarah Cannavo, Executive Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Ethics Commission will be held on October 1, 2012, in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Chesapeake Building.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Minutes of August 6, 2012:** Mr. Carney made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Mr. Denning and carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Advisory Opinion 2012-01:** The Ethics Commission continued its' reviewed of Advisory Opinion 2012-01. The requestor is an employee of MetCom and wishes to serve on the Leonardtown Planning and Zoning Board. The requestor has asked if this situation would pose a conflict of interest.

Based on this review, the members found no conflict of financial or employment interests between the Leonardtown Planning and Zoning Board and the Metropolitan Commission duties. Additionally, the members did not feel there was any potential conflict of interest regarding the use of employment prestige (MetCom position) for the benefit of another or for the disclosure of confidential information in connection with future service on the Leonardtown Planning and Zoning Board.

Mr. Sparling will prepare an Advisory Opinion and response letter.

**Ethics Training – Next Steps:** Nothing to update.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Elections:** Members discussed elections of the Chair and Vice Chair. Members agreed that voting should take place during the next meeting when Ms. Long is available. Ms. Cannavo will contact Ms. Long before the next meeting to determine if she is interested in serving as the Chair or Vice Chair.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mr. Carney to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Suite and the motion was carried. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.