

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

Minutes of May 7, 2012

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

OTHERS PRESENT: 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 June 4, 2012, in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Chesapeake Building.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of Feb 15, 2012: Ms. Long made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Mr. Denning and carried.

Mr. Carney suggested the minutes for future meetings that reference "Executive Session" include a statement describing the reason for the closed session (personnel, complaint, etc). The group suggested that Mr. Sparling be consulted to ensure compliance with the ordinance and Open Meetings Act. Ms. Cannavo will follow up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ethics Training for Employees: Mr. Rogers provided a recap of the Ethics Training planning. Currently, the Department of Human Resources provides all new employees with initial Ethics Training (via video) which is presented orientation. Mr. Rogers and Ms. Long have viewed the video and feel that it was well created and contains a good foundation for which to build upon. It was suggested that all members view the video during the next meeting, followed by a brainstorming session to further develop ideas for a county specific video that incorporates the new Ethics requirements. Members asked that the Public Information Office be invited to participate in the meeting so the county's videographer can provide input as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Regional Ethics Symposium: the Regional Symposium scheduled for Monday, May 14, has been “scaled down” to a group discussion rather than a formal, structured event. Calvert County is hosting the Spring event this year and, according to Mr. Nahas, only 12 members have RSVP’d for the event. The change is due to the lack of attendance. Mr. Rogers, Mr. Denning, Ms. Suite, and Ms. Bailey will attend the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Ms. Long to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Denning and the motion was carried. The St. Mary’s County Ethics Commission meeting was adjourned at 2:27 PM.