

ST. MARY’S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION
St. Mary’s County Chesapeake Building
Minutes of January 4, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT David Willenborg, Chair
 Joseph Russell, Vice Chair (via Webex)
 Larry Crabtree
 Jean-Marie Hansen
 Kathleen McClernan-Walz (via Webex)
 Dr. Joseph DeVitis, Alternate
 Joe Densford, Counsel for the Ethics Commission
 Diane Gleissner, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Willenborg at 6:05 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 Annual Report – A motion was made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Crabtree to approve the 2020 Annual Report as written. Vote passed 5-0

Response Letter to Complaint# 19-01 – The letter was reviewed and discussed, but no further action is required.

Revisions to the St. Mary’s County Ethics Ordinance – The State Ethics Commission (SEC) approved the changes to the St. Mary’s County Ethics Ordinance on October 29, 2018. The SEC noticed that a provision for filing of a Financial Disclosure Statement from Candidates was not included. This provision states that “If a statement required by a candidate is *overdue and not filed within 8 days after written notice* of the failure to file is provided by the County Clerk or Board of Elections Supervisor, the candidate is *deemed to have withdrawn the candidacy.*”

A motion was made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Ms. Hansen, that the recommended change to the Ethics Ordinance be incorporated and be sent to the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County for approval. The Ethics Commission concur with the recommendations from the State Ethic's Commission. The vote passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Crabtree and seconded by Mr. Russell to adjourn the meeting. The St. Mary’s County Ethics Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. Vote passed 5-0.