

ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION
St. Mary's County Chesapeake Building
Minutes of October 3, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT David Willenborg, Chair
 Joseph Russell, Vice Chair
 Larry Crabtree
 Dr. Joseph DeVitis
 Joe Densford, Counsel for the Ethics Commission
 Diane Gleissner, Recorder

MEMBERS ABSENT Kathleen McClernan-Walz

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Willenborg at 6:03 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the St. Mary's County Ethics Commission is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m..

NEW BUSINESS

Review of the 2023 Meeting Calendar

A motion was made by Mr. Russell, seconded by Dr. DeVitis to approve the tentative 2023 meeting schedule as amended, pending approval from the County Administrator's office, that the room is available on the following dates, January 3, 2023, April 3, 2023, July 3, 2023, and October 2, 2023. Please note that the January 3rd meeting date is a Tuesday due to the holiday on Monday, January 2nd. Vote passed 4 – 0.

Review of the Draft 2022 Annual Report

The Commission reviewed the draft 2022 annual report and made two minor changes. Ms. Gleissner will bring the amended report back for final approval at the January 3, 2023, meeting.

Potential Ethics Complaint

Mr. Densford advised the Commission that he had received a letter from a requestor asking if he files a Complaint can it be heard in Anne Arundel County and not in St. Mary's County due to his pending litigation in St. Mary's County? Mr. Densford advised the requestor that any Complaint filed in St. Mary's County must be heard by the Ethics Commission in St. Mary's County.

OLD BUSINESS

Candidate's Non-Compliance of a Financial Disclosure Statement

After some discussion, Mr. Willenborg signed the two letters that Mr. Densford drafted regarding two commissioner candidates that did not properly file their financial disclosure statement forms.

A motion was made by Mr. Crabtree and seconded by Mr. Russell, to request that someone from the Board of Elections office attend the next ethics commission meeting to answer some questions regarding filing requirements for candidates to local elected office. Vote passed 4 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Dr. DeVitis to adjourn the meeting. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Vote passed 4-0.