

ST. MARY’S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION
St. Mary’s County Chesapeake Building
Minutes of January 2, 2024

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

MEMBERS ABSCENT Kathleen McClernan-Walz

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Willenborg at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Dr. DeVitis to approve the minutes of January 2, 2024, as presented. Vote passed 5 – 0.

Election of Officers

Nominations were held for the position of Chair. A motion was made by Mr. Russell, seconded by Dr. DeVitis to nominate David Willenborg to serve as Chair. Vote passed 5-0.

Nominations were held for the position of Vice-Chair. A motion was made by David Willenborg, seconded by Dr. DeVitis to nominate Joseph Russell to serve as Vice-Chair. Vote passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Changes to the St. Mary’s County Ethics Ordinance Regarding Financial Disclosure Statements

During the November 20, 2023 meeting of the Ethics Commissions, Ms. Giddens presented a draft Ordinance revising the procedures for candidates filing for elected office in order to ensure that they complete a Financial Disclosure Statement prior to being placed on the ballot.

Mr. Crabtree moved, seconded by Mr. Russell, that the revisions that Ms. Giddens, County Attorney offered to the Ethics Ordinance relating to the proper filing of Financial Disclosures be accepted. Vote passed 5 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. McGann and seconded by Dr. DeVitis to adjourn the meeting. The St. Mary’s County Ethics Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Vote passed 5-0.