



OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 27, 2023

Commission Members Present: Peter Feuerle, Chair
Gregory Kernan
Farhad Safaie

Staff Members Present: Fred Sussman, Commission Counsel
Sharon L. Humm, Commission Clerk

The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. Those listed as present participated in all portions of the meeting unless otherwise noted. If other individuals participated in aspects of the meeting, they will be identified in the specific line item where their participation occurred. **Clerk's note: Commissioner Kernan joined the meeting at 1:30 pm.

Item 1: **Approval of Agenda.**

Discussion: The draft agenda was presented.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

Item 2: **Approval of the minutes of the December 8, 2022 Ethics Commission Meeting.**

Discussion: The draft minutes of the December 8, 2022 Ethics Commission meeting were presented.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved the December 8, 2022 Ethics Commission meeting minutes.

Item 3: **Status update on the State mandated amendment of the Ethics Ordinance.**

Discussion: Chairman Feuerle reported the State Ethics Commission reviewed and approved the Town's state mandated amendment to the ethics ordinance at its January 2023 meeting. The Mayor has been formally notified of the approval with a request to move forward with the amendment to the Ordinance.

Item 4: **Review and discussion of the Commission's own amendment proposal.**

Discussion: Chairman Feuerle stated the Commission's own amendment proposal was transmitted to the Mayor and Town Council for comment. To date, no comments have been received.

Decision: The Commission, having no objection, moved to have Chairman Feuerle have the Town Attorney review the amendment proposal before transmitting to the State Ethics Commission for their review.

Item 5: **Review and discussion of the revised disclosure statement.**
Clerk's note: Commissioner Kernan joined the meeting at 1:30 pm.

Discussion: Chairman Feuerle stated the Commission was provided with a revised disclosure statement for review and comments. The Commission discussed suggested revisions.

Decision: After discussion, several amendments were unanimously approved. Mr. Feuerle will prepare a list of "defined terms" to include in the statement, Counsel will provide a list of schedules with descriptions, and the instruction page will be modified to include those. Commissioner Safaie will make formatting adjustments, add page numbers, and make minor modifications as discussed. Once completed, the modified disclosure statement will be circulated to the Commission for review and be discussed at the Commission's next meeting.

Item 6: **Any additional matter for discussion.** None.

Item 7: **Schedule the next meeting.** The Commission will meet again on March 9, 2023 at 1 pm.

Item 8: **Comments by Commissioners and members of the public.** Chairman Feuerle commented "Life is Good."

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm.

Submitted by:

Sharon L. Humm
Town Clerk