



## OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION

### MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING MAY 11, 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.

**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 March 9, 2023 Ethics Commission Meeting.**

**Discussion:** The draft minutes of the March 9, 2023 Ethics Commission meeting were presented.

**Decision:** The Commission unanimously approved the March 9, 2023 Ethics Commission meeting minutes.

**Item 3:** **Status of Commission's own amendment proposal.**

**Discussion:** Chairman Feuerle reported the State approved the Commission's own amendment proposal and now has been submitted to the Mayor and Council to be placed on a Town meeting agenda for consideration.

**Item 4:** **Review of disclosure statements and of filer's right to be informed of inspection requests by members of the public.** Mr. Feuerle took the opportunity to share his observations in reviewing the disclosures. He noted a number of recurring errors. The Commission will discuss these issues at a later date and make adjustments to the disclosure form as needed. It was suggested the Commission revisit the ethics ordinance as well.

**Discussion:** The Commission reviewed each disclosure and noted areas that are still in need of completion.

**Decision:** Mr. Feuerle will work with the Clerk to contact filers to accurately complete their disclosures.

**Discussion:** **Filer's right to be informed of inspection requests by members of the public.**

**Decision:** Chairman Feuerle stated this was a new feature on the disclosure this year. As the disclosures are public information, if requested, they will be provided to the requester subject to the Maryland Privacy laws. The filer will be notified of such request and be assured that as legally required we will redact any personal information such as home address and phone number.

**Item 5:** **Any additional matter for discussion.** Chairman Feuerle reported that Mr. Safaie accepted re-appointment to the Commission by the Town Council.

**Item 6:** **Schedule the next Meeting.** Next meeting to be scheduled at a later date.

**Item 7:** **Comments by Commissioners and members of the public.** No comments.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Submitted by:

Sharon L. Humm  
Town Clerk