

MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING
February 18, 2020

Commission Members Present: Phillip Kete, Chair
Ingrid Lamb
Michael Linsenbigler

Staff Members Present: Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk

The meeting convened at 6:01 p.m. at the Chesapeake Beach Town Hall at 8200 Bayside Road, Chesapeake Beach, MD. 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 the minutes of the January 9, 2020 Ethics Commission meeting.

Discussion: The draft minutes of the January 9, 2020 Ethics Commission meeting were presented.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved the January 9, 2020 Ethics Commission minutes.

Item 2: Approval of the minutes of the January 10, 2020 Ethics Commission meeting.

Discussion: The draft minutes of the January 10, 2020 Ethics Commission meeting were presented.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved the January 10, 2020 Ethics Commission minutes.

Item 3: Consideration of modifying recommendation to Council regarding time limit for restrictions of activities by former elected officials.

Discussion: Chairman Kete stated during the Town Council work session, a councilmember questioned the logic of the language to Section 25-24(b) of the proposed revision of the ethics ordinance, which relates to the time limit for restrictions of activities by former elected officials. Chairman Kete consulted with Counsel prior to the meeting on the following modified language for Section 25-24(b):

“A former elected official may not assist or represent another party for compensation in a matter that is the subject of legislative action for one calendar year after the elected official leaves office.”

Chairman Kete reported Ethics Counsel confirmed the modified language is legally sufficient as it is identical to language in State Model B for local governments.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved the modified language for Section 25-24(b). Commission member Linsenbigler suggested the wording “by the Town of Chesapeake Beach” be inserted after the word “action”. The Commission unanimously agreed.

Chairman Kete will notify the Mayor that the above modified language has been approved by the Commission for replacement of the previous recommended language, if favored.

Item 4: **Consideration of suggested changes in Commission's Rules of Procedure.**

Discussion: Chairman Kete stated, under the current Rules of Procedure, an amendment that is introduced at a meeting cannot be voted on at that meeting at which it was introduced. Chairman Kete requested Commission consider suggested changes to the Rules of Procedure.

Item 5: **Discussion of schedule for financial disclosures, including modification of forms from last year.**

Discussion: Chairman Kete will send draft forms to Commission members for review, welcoming suggestions/recommendations that will be taken up at the Commission's next meeting.

Item 6: **Schedule next Meeting.** The Commission will meet again on March 11, 2020 at 1 pm.

Item 7: **Comments by Commissioners and members of the public.** The Commission jokingly wondered where the snow was. Mid-February, with warm temperatures, and no snow to speak of!

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Submitted by:

Sharon L. Humm
Town Clerk