



## CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION

### AGENDA

February 28, 2022 at 1:00 PM

This meeting will be conducted virtually. Public access is available via web at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8697557180> To join via phone please dial **(301) 715-8592** and enter the **Meeting ID: 869 755 7180**. Public comment will be accepted via phone audio or computer audio during the public comment period. Participants will be muted until the public comment period and are asked to remain muted until the public comment period. A recording will be posted on the Town's [YouTube Channel](#) after the meeting.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Ethics Commission to discuss the following –
  - A. Approval of the minutes of the February 2, 2022 Ethics Commission Meeting.
  - B. Discuss whether the ordinance should be amended regarding the employment of children of Town officials.
  - C. 2021 Disclosure Statements
  - D. Any additional matter for discussion.
  - E. Schedule the next regular meeting of the Commission.
  - F. Comments by Commissioners and members of the public. Members that wish to provide public comment can do so via the web at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8697557180> or via phone by dialing **(301) 715-8592** and enter the **Meeting ID: 869 755 7180**.
- V. Adjournment



**OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH  
ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

**Commission Members Present:** Phillip Kete, Chair  
Ingrid Lamb  
Peter Feuerle

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

The virtual 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 January 20, 2022 Ethics Commission Meeting.**

**Discussion:** The draft minutes of the January 20, 2022 Ethics Commission meeting were presented.

**Decision:** The Commission unanimously approved the January 20, 2022 Ethics Commission meeting minutes.

**Item 3:** **Consider points made at the Town Council's January 11, 2022 Work Session, consideration of proposed amendments to the Ethics Ordinance.**

**Discussion:** Chairman Kete stated during the Commission's last meeting, the Commission discussed, and received, public comments regarding several concerns the Town Council had on the Commission's proposed amendments that were presented at the January work session. After discussion the Commission made the following motions:

Section §25-23 Employment and financial interest restrictions

**MOTION:** Chairman Kete moved to recommend changing 25-23(B) that would bar a covered person from serving "as an officer or director of" an entity "that requests or receives a grant or other funding from the Town." Seconded by Commissioner Lamb. Ayes, Commissioners Kete and Lamb. Opposed, Commissioner Feuerle. **Motion Passes.**

Section §25-35 Fees for failure to timely file financial reports

**MOTION:** Chairman Kete moved to recommend to the Town Council, that a late fee be assessed for failures to timely remedy deficiencies as well as for failures to timely file. Seconded by Commissioner Lamb. Ayes, Commissioners Kete and Lamb. Opposed, Commissioner Feuerle. **Motion Passes.**

The Commission unanimously approved including “total fees assessed, should not exceed \$500” to Section 25-35.

The Commission unanimously approved withdrawing its recommendation of increasing the late fee from \$2 to \$5.

**Decision:** Chairman Kete will inform the Mayor of the Commission’s decisions.

**Item 4:** **Discuss whether the ordinance should be amended regarding the employment of children of Town officials.**

**Discussion:** Chairman Kete stated the Commission needs to make clear, one way or the other, if children of Town officials can or cannot be employed by the Water Park.

**Decision:** Chairman Kete will consult with Commission Counsel and draft language to discuss, and expects to render a decision at its next meeting.

**Item 5:** **Any additional matter for discussion.**

**Discussion:** Chairman Kete noted clarification on provisions regarding appointment of Commission members needed to be brought to the Mayor’s attention as expiration of current members’ approach.

**Decision:** Chairman Kete will draft a memo to the Mayor regarding this issue.

**Discussion:** Chairman Kete suggested, with the filing of the 2021 Disclosure statements around the corner, that the Commission members look at ways to enhance the efficiency of the disclosure process and circulate suggestions/recommendations for discussion at its next meeting.

**Item 6:** **Schedule next Meeting.** The Commission will meet again on February 28, 2022 at 1 pm.

**Item 7:** **Comments by Commissioners and members of the public.** None received.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Submitted by:

Sharon L. Humm  
Town Clerk