



**MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING**  
**August 27, 2018**

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

**Staff Members Present:** Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk  
Frederick Sussman, Counsel

The meeting convened at 1:30 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 July 9, 2018 Ethics Commission meeting.**

Discussion: The draft minutes of the July 9, 2018 Ethics Commission meeting were presented.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved the July 9, 2018 Ethics Commission minutes.

**ITEM 2: Public comment on agenda items, including suggestions of additional items for consideration.** Commission member Lamb noted the Chairman of the Board of Elections would be presenting a recommendation for the Commission's consideration.

**ITEM 3: Discussion of suggested changes to the draft changes of the Ethics Ordinance previously recommended to the Town Council.**

Discussion: The Commission reviewed and discussed the suggested changes to the draft changes of the Ethics Ordinance which had been previously recommended to the Town Council. The Commission discussed further suggestions submitted by the Chairman. A recommendation was submitted by the Chairman of the Board of Elections for consideration.

Decision. The Commission unanimously approved the suggested changes proposed, and the recommendation by the Board of Elections Chairman Randy Getman. Chairman Kete will prepare a revised draft and circulate for the Commission to review.

**ITEM 4: Discussion of proposed changes to the Rules of Procedure.**

Discussion: The Commission discussed adding another paragraph to Section V – Requests for Advisory Opinions to read. "Only the Commission as a whole, through the advisory opinion process, can provide an opinion that a specified situation would or would not result in a violation of

the ethics ordinance; no individual member of the Commission can provide such an opinion.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved adding a new paragraph to Section V.

**ITEM 5: Consideration of Ethics Commission webpage.**

Discussion: The Commission discussed several recommendations for the webpage.

Decision: The Commission approved discussed recommendations and will move forward with the webpage.

**ITEM 6: Consideration of requests for advisory opinions, if any.**

Discussion: With no new requests, the Commission discussed a previous opinion that was reviewed and responded to.

Decision: The Commission will take this up at the next meeting and consider its posting on the website.

**ITEM 7: Comments by Commissioners and members of the public.**

Public comment was received from Patrick Mahoney of 4006 14<sup>th</sup> Street in regards to financial disclosure filing.

**ITEM 8: Scheduling of next meeting.** The next Ethics meeting will be held November 8, 2018 beginning at 1:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p. m.

Submitted by:



Sharon L. Humm  
Town Clerk