



CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING
February 15, 2019

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 1:00 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 November 8, 2018 Ethics Commission meeting.

Discussion: The draft minutes of the November 8, 2018 Ethics Commission meeting were presented.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved the November 8, 2018 minutes.

Item 2: Approval of the minutes of the January 2, 2019 Ethics Commission meeting.

Discussion: The draft minutes of the January 2, 2019 Ethics Commission meeting were presented.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved the January 2, 2019 minutes.

Item 3: Public comments on agenda items, including suggestions of additional items for consideration. None received.

Item 4: Discussion of suggested changes to the draft revision of the Ethics Ordinance previously recommended to the Town Council.

The following motions were made and voted on. Section references are to a draft presented to the commission at the beginning of the meeting.

§ 25-1-C (2). Italicize "Commission". **Adopted unanimously.**

§ 25-1-C(5). Not italicize "or". **Adopted unanimously.**

§ 25-2-F(9). Make all caps beginning with "Adopt." **Adopted unanimously.**

§ 25-2-H. Insert "a" between "of" and "violation." **Adopted unanimously.**

§ 25-2-I. Replace "commission or other town office" with "Town Clerk or other town official designated by the Mayor." **Adopted unanimously.**

§ 25-3-__ Advisory opinions. Change "apparent conflict" to "conduct giving rise to an appearance of a conflict" **Adopted unanimously.**

Change "appearance of conflicts" to "appearance of a conflict." **Adopted unanimously.**

§ 25-3-D(4)(B). Replace "(B)" with "(B)(1)." **Adopted unanimously.**

Replace "with respect to the matter," with "with respect to the matter." **Adopted unanimously.**

§ 25-3-D(4)(B). Add "(2) A person who is disqualified from participating under subsection (B)(1) shall disclose the nature and circumstances of the conflict and may participate or act if:" **Adopted unanimously.**

§ 25-3-D(4)(B) Change "(4)" to "(5)." **Adopted unanimously.**

§ 25-3-E(5)(D)(viii). Change to "An honorarium, provide that the offering of the honorarium is not related in any way to the covered person's official position." **Adopted unanimously.**

§ 25-4-A(1)(C). Add "except for providers of legal services." **Defeated unanimously.**

§ 25-1-C(22). Change "Other official" to "Appointed official." **Adopted unanimously.**

§ 25-4-C(1). Change "which the person" to "which the individual". **Adopted unanimously.**

§ 25-4-C(1). Change "then remedy as quickly as possible, normally within one week, and" to "then remedy within one week after notice, except that" **Adopted unanimously.**

§ 25-5-C. Change "response" to "answer". **Adopted unanimously.**

Change "accused" to "respondent." **Adopted unanimously.**

§ 25-1-C(26). Leave the previous provision. **Adopted unanimously.**

§ 25-5-D(3)(C). Change "for each day the violation continues." to " Each day that a violation of this chapter continues shall constitute a separate offense." **Adopted unanimously.**

Agree to all the other proposed changes shown in red in the draft presented at the beginning of the meeting. **Adopted unanimously.**

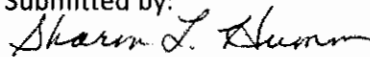
Chair will translate what has just been passed into the format suggested by the town attorney. **Adopted unanimously.**

Item 5: Comments by Commissioners and members of the public. The Commission thanked Randy Getman, Chairman to the Board of Elections for his input.

Item 6: Scheduling of next meeting. The next meeting will be scheduled for May 9, 2019 beginning at 1 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p. m.

Submitted by:


Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk