

Minutes of the Cecil County Ethics Commission (open)

June 17, 2013

Meeting convened on 6/17/13 in the Perryville Room at the Cecil County Administrative Building.

In attendance: Valerie Falcioni (Chair), Bob Boonstoppel, Bruce Hemphill, Mike Dixon

The Meeting began with a welcome greeting to the attending public.

Minutes to the 5/20/13 open meeting were unanimously approved. Minutes to the 5/20/13 closed session were unanimously approved.

Old Business

-Update on revisions to the County Code: The first draft of the revisions to the County Code detailing grounds for dismissal from a board or commission were read for the benefit of the attending public. This revision was presented to the Commission by County Executive Moore through email on 6/6/13. Preliminary impressions were deliberated by Commission members through email exchange. All members agreed that the first draft was well written and contained most of the elements suggested by the Commission. Further suggestions had been made to the County Attorney (who is responsible for drafting the document) to add language that would include prior notification and right to reply before dismissal. He could not meet with the County Executive to discuss adding our suggestions before this meeting date, so the Commission is awaiting a response before further discussion can occur.

-Update on lobbyist Registration: Bob contacted Mike Ratchford who then put him in touch with the new Chamber of Commerce director. As she had only been

in her position for three days, she was still becoming familiarized with her position. She agreed to give us an answer to our request to meet with the Chamber regarding Lobbyist law once she conferred with the members.

-Update on Ethic Training Module: Mike and Bruce were not able to find time to meet during the past month to finish the module, but plan to meet either on Wednesday or Thursday this week to finish. The next plan is to develop a more detailed training module for upper level employees and elected officials.

New Business

-The Commission needs to set a time to examine disclosures that have been received this year. It was agreed that it could be done during the next meeting (7/15/13).

-Throughout the meeting, members of the public asked questions. Since this was the first time an open Ethic Commission meeting was attended by citizens, no protocol had been put in place to address a specific time of question and answer. It was agreed that some sort of protocol should be instituted for questions that would prevent interruptions during the meeting.

Bruce made a move to go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 10-508 to discuss a personnel matter. By unanimous vote, the meeting went into closed session.

The next Ethic Commission meeting will be held on 7/ 15/ 13 at 4 P.M. in the Perryville Room at the Cecil County Administrative Building.