



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting of January 13, 2015

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:	Kenita V. Barrow, Chair Mark Greenblatt, Vice-Chair Claudia Herbert Steve Rosen
Staff Members:	Robert W. Cobb, Chief Counsel Erin Chu, Program Manager

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Item 2. The minutes from the 11/10/2014 meeting were approved as presented.

Item 3. Robert Cobb provided an overview of the roll-out of the annual financial disclosure reporting season, and Erin Chu provided data on the status of filing, including that 21% of employees have submitted financial disclosure reports to date.

Item 4. Cobb gave an overview of the roll-out of 2015 annual lobbying registration, and Erin Chu provided data on the current number of registrations received (27) and registrations in process (34).

Item 5. Cobb reported on the status of the Outside Employment Online System and the process going forward. In particular, he mentioned the challenges in getting system changes implemented and the overall complexity of the system. He reported that he will be submitting the content for review by the County Attorney's office and meeting with DTS to assure that needed changes are incorporated into the system.

Item 6. Cobb indicated that there was no news from legislative counsel as regards consideration of ethics-related legislation. Cobb indicated that legislative counsel had asked for Cobb to present some of the ideas previously suggested in a memorandum in a legislative format, and Cobb had done that, with a copy to the Commission. No substantive discussion on the legislative proposal took place.

Item 7. Cobb described the management leadership forum activity to take place on Thursday January 15. Claudia Herbert will be a panelist on an ethics panel along with Cobb, and Cobb is to be the keynote speaker.

Item 8. Pursuant to the requirement in Section 19A-5(d) of the Public Ethics Law for the Ethics Commission to select a Chair annually, Kenita Barrow was nominated for the position of Chair and Mark Greenblatt for Vice Chair. By unanimous vote, Ms. Barrow and Mr. Greenblatt were elected Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert W. Cobb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

Robert W. Cobb