



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting of February 12, 2013

### Minutes

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

**Commissioners:**

Stuart Rick, Chair  
Mark L. Greenblatt  
Nina Weisbroth

**Staff Member:**

Robert Cobb, Chief Counsel

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

Item 2. The minutes from the 1/16/13 meeting were approved as presented.

Item 3. Robert Cobb discussed developments as regards the Lobbying Activity Reporting system. First, Cobb discussed communications with the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel about current statutory requirements for reporting about lobbying activities. Second, Cobb discussed the progress in the project to create an online lobbying activity reporting system. The project completion date should be accommodate filings of activity reports by July 1, 2013.

Item 4. Cobb gave an update on the hiring of a program specialist II. He indicated that a selection had been made and that the new staff member's start date is February 25. Cobb indicated that the new staff member would be focusing on financial disclosure system administration. It is anticipated that in a few months, the new employee will take on most of the responsibilities for administration of the lobbying program as well. Victoria Bullard-Vinson will handle the administration of the Outside Employment process and for the time being, along with Cobb, elements of the lobbying registration and reporting program.

Item 5. Cobb discussed the manner in which the annual executive regulation identifying financial disclosure filers is produced. He indicated that the County would be well-served to have the regulation set the list of filers prospectively rather than setting the list of filers for the

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prior year. Who is a filer for a prior year should be self-executing to include all filers at the end of a given calendar year.

Item 6. A draft of the Annual Report for 2012 was discussed. The document was approved with minor edits provided by Mr. Rick.

The meeting Adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Cobb", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert W. Cobb  
Chief Counsel