



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting of April 9, 2013

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:

Stuart Rick, Chair
Kenita Barrow
Mark L. Greenblatt
Nina Weisbroth

Staff Member:

Robert Cobb, Chief Counsel

Item 1. The Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Item 2. The minutes from the 3/12/13 meeting were approved with minor edits.

Item 3. Cobb gave a status report. He discussed the upcoming budget meeting with the Government Operations Committee. Stuart Rick indicated he would attend that meeting, and Cobb is to prepare a briefing document with suggested remarks for Mr. Rick. Cobb discussed the status of the 2012 annual financial disclosure cycle. Cobb then discussed the approaches the office is taking to institute compliance with legal requirements with respect to the disclosures to be filed by candidates with the Board of Elections. Cobb sought the feedback of the Commission with respect to his recommendation that enforcement measures for failure to file 2012 annual reports be instituted no earlier than 30 days after the April 15 deadline. There was discussion regarding the draft HR Liaison memorandum given the feedback from Fariba Kassiri suggesting the memorandum be from the Commission Chair to Tim Firestine rather than to Department Directors and HR Liaisons. Some additional edits to the memorandum were suggested, and Cobb was to work with the Commission Chair to finalize the memorandum.

Item 4. There was additional discussion about the elements of the proposed approach to financial disclosure and suggested additional edits to the minutes of the special meeting on 2/26/13.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Cobb". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert W. Cobb
Chief Counsel