



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting of April 12, 2016

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:

Steve Rosen, Chair
Kenita Barrow, Vice-Chair
Barbara Fredericks
Claudia Herbert

Staff Member:

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 March 8, 2016, meeting were approved as presented.

Item 3. Mr. Cobb discussed the passage of SB 395 granting the State Ethics Commission the authority to govern modifications to local ethics laws.

Item 4. Mr. Cobb discussed draft ethics regulations that had been enhanced and the process moving forward to consider them.

Item 5. Mr. Cobb discussed the development of educational materials. Commission members thought the training materials should be susceptible to being divided into modules for purposes of reference. The advantages of subject matter summaries should be considered. Also, there should be a certification process for successful completion of training activities.

Item 6. Mr. Cobb discussed the status of the outside employment request system. In particular, he indicated that an email had gone out from the CAO to County employees discussing how all paper outside employment approvals (those prior to June 24, 2015) were going to expire as of June 24, 2016, and that as a consequence, there would be a substantial increase in the number of outside employment requests in the near future.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert W. Cobb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and "C".

Robert W. Cobb
Chief Counsel