



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting of September 17, 2013

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:

Stuart Rick, Chair
Kenita Barrow
Rachel Brown
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 7/9/13 meeting were approved as presented.

Item 3. Robert Cobb demonstrated the activity reporting function of the online lobbying registration and reporting system. Cobb indicated that the activity reporting function in the administrative portion of the system would provide the basic framework for the public facing of the system. The members of the Commission expressed satisfaction with the progress of the system development.

Item 4. Cobb discussed the initial steps towards an online outside employment approval form, and the challenges associated with that development.

Item 5. The Commission discussed the Ethics Training Plan prepared by Cobb. Commission members said they believed it to be comprehensive and worthwhile.

Item 6. Cobb discussed the plan for the annual launch of the annual financial disclosure on January 2, 2014. The Commission expressed its general support for the initiative.

Item 7. The Commission discussed two alternative approaches to meeting its annual requirement concerning certification to the State Ethics Commission about the County's laws. The Commission directed Cobb to provide a status report to the State Commission and separately

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contact County officials regarding appropriate roles for addressing any deviations between County law and State law.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert W. Cobb
Chief Counsel