



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting of May 13, 2014

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:

Kenita V. Barrow, Chair
Mark L. Greenblatt, Vice-Chair
Claudia Herbert
Joe Kale

Staff Member:

Robert W. Cobb, Chief Counsel
Erin E. Chu, Program Manager I

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

Item 2. The minutes from the 4/08/14 meeting were approved as presented.

Item 3. Robert Cobb and Erin Chu updated the Commission on the status of the filing of the annual financial disclosure reports, with over 1400 reports (of a total of approximately 1600) already approved by departments and the Ethics Commission. Cobb indicated that Chu had conducted the reviews, returned for correction 100 or more filings, handled between 500 and 1000 phone calls to aid filers, and identified a number of issues beyond the normal anomalies, such as disclosures of inappropriate acceptance of gifts, unapproved outside employment and similar problems.

Item 4. Cobb stated that counsel to the County Council, Mike Faden, indicated that the Ethics Commission's legislative proposal was likely to be introduced in June. If significant changes were contemplated before introduction, Mr. Faden told Cobb that the Ethics Commission would be notified.

Item 5. Cobb told the Commission that the project to create an online system for filing outside employment requests was going to kick off with a meeting set for May 20. Cobb

said representatives of the Montgomery County Police were to attend the May 20 meeting, and that he hoped that the Police outside employment application would be made into an online form as a Phase II to the project.

Item 6. Cobb indicated that in addition to the biweekly orientation sessions, that an ethics education component would be added to the quarterly management and leadership sessions for senior management of the County. A meeting was set for May 19 to address the approach for the fall leadership session.

Item 7. Cobb reported that a new program specialist II, Kelly Uhas, had been selected. In addition Cobb reported that the County Executive had made a selection to fill the open seat on the Ethics Commission. Confirmation of the individual was set for May 22.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert W. Cobb