

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting, October 10, 2023

In-person only meeting, Council Office Building Room 114

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:

Jennifer Collins, Vice Chair/Acting Chair

Kenita Barrow

Susan Beard

Rahul Goel

Mary Ann Keeffe

Staff Members:

Robert Cobb, Staff Director/Chief Counsel

Erin Chu, Program Manager

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by the Vice Chair/Acting Chair.

Item 2. Kenita Barrow was welcomed to the Commission.

Item 3. The Commission approved the minutes from the September 12, 2023, meeting as presented.

Item 4. Ethics Education: Mr. Cobb updated the Commission on training activities since the September meeting.

Item 5. Ethics Commission Budget for FY25: Mr. Cobb gave an overview of the budget process for FY25.

Item 6. Commission Meetings: The Commission decided to have its monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month in lieu of having meetings on the second Tuesday of the Month. The Commission will continue having meetings in-person.

Item 7. New Business. There was no new business. The next meeting is November 8. The open meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm to conduct administrative matters.

In the administrative meeting, the Commission decided to issue an advisory opinion with Mr. Cobb to circulate a draft to the Commission for consideration, and the Commission approved a waiver request. The Commission also approved outside employment as recommended, with

one recommendation for denial changed to approval with a condition. On one other request, a condition was added.

The administrative meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Cobb
Staff Director/Chief Counsel