



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting of November 13, 2019

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:	Rahul Goel, Chair Steven Rosen, Vice-Chair Kenita Barrow Susan Beard Bruce Romer
Staff Members:	Robert W. Cobb, Chief Counsel Erin Chu, Program Manager

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

Item 2. The Commission approved the minutes from the August 27, 2019, meeting as presented.

Item 3. Mr. Cobb reviewed with the Commission the annual certification process with the State Ethics Commission.

Item 4. Mr. Cobb discussed the unfilled position in Commission staff in the context of the planning for the Commission's 2021 budget. The consensus was that it would be preferable to have the position lapse rather than be eliminated so that it could be filled later as necessary to accomplish the Commission's mandate.

Item 5. Mr. Cobb reported on several requested changes to the online outside employment system. He indicated that a change to the form had been requested that would elicit "other" information a requestor might have relevant to a review that would not necessarily come out in answer to the ethics questions asked on the form. He also identified several business process upgrades on the form to make the system work better for review of police outside employment requests.

Item 6. Mr. Cobb reviewed the steps taken for launch of the 2019 annual financial disclosure filing season.

Item 7. Pursuant to GP Art. 3-305, at 7:45 p.m. the Commission voted unanimously to close the meeting to the public to discuss legal advice and confidential matters.

- a. The Commission was advised by counsel on the status of ongoing litigation.

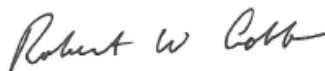
- b. The Commission considered matters concerning an allegation under the ethics law.
- c. The Commission considered a matter requiring advice of the Commission and the need for additional information.
- d. The Commission considered and approved outside employment requests.

The meeting reopened at 8:30.

Item 7. The Commission set its next meeting for December 19, 2019.

The Public Meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Robert W. Cobb
Chief Counsel