



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting of January 22, 2020

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:	Rahul Goel, Chair Susan Beard, Vice-Chair Kenita Barrow Bruce Romer Steven Rosen
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 December 19, 2019, meeting as presented.

Item 3. The Commission considered the draft of the Annual Report for 2019. The Chair identified a couple of corrections that needed to be made. Otherwise, the Commission thought the report satisfactorily addressed the activities of the Commission for 2019.

Item 4. Mr. Cobb reviewed the status of the launch of the 2019 annual financial disclosure process.

Item 5. The Commission considered whether Commission staff should prepare a proposal concerning potential improvements to the County's ethics law. After discussion of issues and approaches, the Commission agreed that staff should prepare a legislative proposal. The Commission did not consider this a matter urgent, but believes the enterprise worthwhile.

Item 6. Mr. Cobb reviewed a proposal to support communications to executive agencies concerning ethics topics. The Commission concurred in staff's support of the initiative to communicate regarding ethics topics.

Item 7. Pursuant to GP Art. 3-305, at 8:00 p.m. the Commission voted unanimously to close the meeting to the public to discuss legal advice and confidential matters.

- a. The Commission considered matters concerning an allegation under the ethics law.
- b. The Commission considered a matter dealt with by an agency.

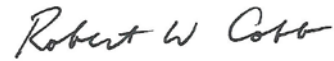
- c. The Commission considered informal complaints against a department and its employees.
- d. The Commission considered and approved outside employment requests.

The meeting reopened at 8:50.

Item 8. The Commission set its next meeting for February 26, 2020.

The Public Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Robert W. Cobb
Chief Counsel