



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting of February 5, 2018

### Minutes

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:	Steve Rosen, Chair Kenita Barrow, Vice-Chair Barbara Fredericks Rahul Goel Claudia Herbert
Staff Members:	Robert W. Cobb, Chief Counsel

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Item 2. The Commission confirmed the meeting scheduled for March 21 and set meetings for April 18, May 9, and June 6.

Item 3. The Commission approved the minutes from the December 14, 2017, meeting as presented.

Item 4. Mr. Cobb summarized the status of the Commission's receipt of required reporting for lobbying activity for the period ending December 31, 2017. He indicated that one report had not been filed by the January 31 deadline and that staff would be reaching out to the client of the lobbyist if necessary to obtain the required report. Mr. Cobb gave an overview of the lobbying registration and reporting requirements and the processes used by Commission staff to identify and notify persons who might be required to register as lobbyists.

Item 5. Mr. Cobb reported on the roll-out of the new financial disclosure system and that 71 statements were completed and accepted and that 371 were submitted for review. Approximately 1100 still remain to be filed. Cobb indicated that all was going well; there was a system glitch in the first couple of days of the roll-out with respect to the copy data feature, which was quickly addressed by DTS staff. Other than that, the system has been working fine and without complaints or issues being identified.

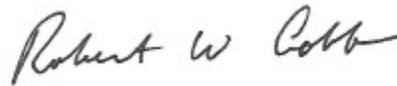
Item 6. Mr. Cobb discussed candidate financial disclosure issues. Cobb identified that candidates who filed their candidate financial disclosure in 2017 are required to file a supplemental filing by the last date for withdrawing a candidacy. These requirements can be confusing, and Cobb indicated he is working with the Board of Elections to encourage it to provide clear guidance to candidates on their filing responsibilities. Cobb is going to have a link placed on the Commission's website to the guidance that has been issued by the Board of Elections.

Item 7. The Commission reviewed proposed changes to the State Ethics Law concerning local ethics commission responsibilities. The Commission did not recommend that staff take any action regarding the proposed changes.

Item 8. The Commission discussed the Government Operations work session that will occur on February 8 concerning the Commission's proposed regulations. Kenita Barrow and Barbara Fredericks will attend on behalf of the Commission.

The Public Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert W. Cobb".

Robert W. Cobb  
Chief Counsel