



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting, March 11, 2025

Virtual meeting held via Zoom

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:

Elizabeth Kellar, Chair
Rahul Goel, Vice-Chair
Kenita Barrow
Susan Beard
Eric Gallun

Staff Members:

Erin O'Connor, Staff Director/Chief Counsel
Hiwote Yohannes, Program Manager

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by the Chair.

Item 2. The February 2025 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Item 3. Ms. O'Connor gave the Commission an update on the annual financial disclosure filing season status of filings. Ms. O'Connor notified the Commission that she attended the Human Rights Commission's Spring Retreat and assisted the majority of the HRC Commissioners with their financial disclosure filings. Ms. O'Connor also shared that Ms. Yohannes began conducting ethics trainings in February and will be looking forward to expanding her role in that respect in the coming months.

Item 4. Ms. O'Connor provided the Commission with an update on the County budgeting process. The County Executive's budget recommendation will be made public on Friday, March 14, 2025, at which time the Commission will know whether our system updates will be part of the recommended budget package sent to the County Council.

Item 5. There was no new business.

The open meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm to conduct administrative matters.

In the administrative meeting, the Commission approved all of the outside employment requests as presented.

The Commission reviewed and acted on one waiver request.

Ms O'Connor updated the Commission on one new matter.

The administrative meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin O'Connor
Staff Director/Chief Counsel