



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting of March 9, 2017

### Minutes

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

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

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

Item 2. The Commission approved the minutes from the February 6, 2017, meeting as presented.

Item 3. Mr. Cobb discussed developments as regards the regulation that has been submitted to the County Council. Mr. Cobb indicated that Ed Lattner had sent over some minor revisions to the draft regulations and was working on an Executive Regulation to address outside employment of police. The next step will likely be the publication for notice and comment of the proposed Executive Regulation. The Commission requested that Mr. Cobb ask Mr. Lattner if the Commission's regulations should be republished along with the proposed Executive Regulation.

Item 4. Mr. Cobb suggested that the Commission recommend some minor changes to County law. In particular, the changes would eliminate the requirement that a registering lobbyist obtain the signature of a person employing the lobbyist on the registration document. The Commission agreed that this was a good idea, as it would facilitate filing

and the signature requirement appears to be unnecessary. The Commission also thought it would be worthwhile to make the enabling legislation for community media organizations and the Arts and Humanities Council consistent with the requirements of the Public Ethics Law for financial disclosure filings. The provisions of law as written are inconsistent with the requirements for financial disclosure filings under the Public Ethics Law.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert W Cobb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert W. Cobb  
Chief Counsel