



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting, April 8, 2025

Hybrid meeting held in person and via Zoom

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:

Elizabeth Kellar, Chair
Rahul Goel, Vice-Chair
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 7:14 pm by the Chair.

Item 2. The March 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.

Item 4. Ms. O'Connor notified the Commission of an upcoming Government Operations (GO) Committee budget work session currently scheduled for early May. The Commission Chair indicated a willingness to attend the work session with Ms. O'Connor.

Item 5. Ms. O'Connor discussed a meeting she's requested with the Council Executive Director to ask for reimplementation of the sign-in kiosk for the County Council to facilitate enforcement of the Public Ethics Law's lobbying registration and reporting requirements.

The open meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm to conduct administrative matters.

In the administrative meeting, the Commission approved most of the outside employment requests as presented. One request needed condition adjustment, and two requests are to remain on hold pending further review and potential waiver issuance.

The Commission reviewed and acted on one waiver request and asked for further information on another waiver request.

The Commission reviewed a request for an advisory opinion and declined to issue an opinion, as the request did not meet the requirements under Mont. Co. Code Sec. 19A-7 for issuance of an advisory opinion.

The Commission provided Ms. O'Connor with direction on how to proceed in one item of new business.

The administrative meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin O'Connor
Staff Director/Chief Counsel