



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting of June 5, 2019

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:	Rahul Goel, Chair Steven Rosen, Vice-Chair Kenita Barrow Susan Beard Bruce Romer
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 May 1, 2019, meeting as presented.

Item 3. The Commission discussed the options associated with gaining compliance by sworn police with the ethics laws and regulations relating to outside employment. Mr. Cobb recommended to the Commission that the Commission announce its intention to discontinue processing non-complying paper outside employment forms submitted by police on August 1, 2019. Further, Mr. Cobb recommended that the Commission plan to announce on July 15 to all affected persons that outside employment requests must be submitted electronically. This will either be using the Commission's existing outside employment form used by all County employees or the electronic form that was developed by the Ethics Commission and Department of Police to include the Commission's questions and the questions the police use for purposes of ensuring compliance with the executive regulation on outside employment of police. In the event no decision has been made by police management on whether to go forward with the joint electronic form, the Ethics Commission plans on July 15 to proceed to communicate to all affected persons that the existing Ethics Commission form will be the only acceptable form for submission of outside employment requests for Ethics Commission approval. Mr. Cobb informed the Commission that he has been asked to attend a meeting scheduled on June 17 with the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, the County's Chief

Labor Relations Officer, and a representative of the Fraternal Order of Police to discuss the online form.

Item 4. Erin Chu updated the Commission on the status of financial disclosure. All financial disclosures by County employees that were expected to be filed have been filed. With respect to one filer, the disclosure was not obtained until after Commission staff requested that the County attorney issue a notice for removal of the employee.

Item 5. Mr. Cobb gave a brief overview of the status of the submission of lobbying registrations (slightly up from last year in terms of volume.)

Item 6. Pursuant to GP Art. 3-305, at 7:40 p.m. the Commission voted unanimously to close the meeting to the public to discuss legal advice and confidential matters.

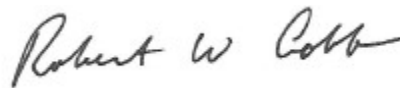
- a. The Commission was advised by counsel on the status of ongoing litigation.
- b. The Commission was advised by counsel on the status of ongoing litigation.
- c. The Commission considered a request for a waiver and decided to grant the request.
- d. The Commission considered a request for a waiver and denied the request.
- e. The Commission considered a request for an exemption to the gift prohibition. The Commission decided to grant the request, subject to review by the County Attorney of non-ethics legal issues.
- f. The Commission considered ethics advice that had been given by Commission counsel.
- g. The Commission reviewed correspondence between a citizen and Commission counsel.
- h. The Commission considered a request for an advisory opinion and directed Commission counsel to prepare an advisory opinion.
- i. The Commission considered outside employment requests and approved the requests. The Commission added a condition to approvals of requests from persons in the Department of Fire and Rescue Service making explicit the requirement not to conduct outside employment activity while in a duty status.

The meeting reopened at 8:50.

Item 7. The Commission's next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2019.

The Public Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully Submitted,



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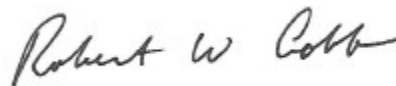
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