



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting of July 21, 2015

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:	Mark Greenblatt, Vice Chair Barbara Fredericks Claudia Herbert Steve Rosen
Staff Members:	Robert W. Cobb, Chief Counsel Erin Chu, Program Manager
Members of the Public:	Rand Fishbein, Marietta Ethier, Peter Drymalski, Walter Wilson

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m.

Item 2. The minutes from the June 17, 2015, meeting were approved as presented.

Item 3. Mr. Fishbein of the Commission on Common Ownership Communities discussed documents that had been presented for consideration to the Ethics Commission by the CCOC for consideration of the issuance of a waiver by the Commission. He reiterated, among other things, the difficulties and challenges presented as a result of the Ethics Commission's April 2014 guidance on the use of panel chairs who practice before other CCOC hearing panels. The Ethics Commissioners asked several questions relating to the documents that had been presented by Mr. Fishbein and about the challenge facing the CCOC in terms of obtaining qualified panel chairs to conduct CCOC hearings. Mr. Fishbein thanked the Commission for its consideration, and the Commission indicated it would take the matter under advisement.

Item 4: Mr. Cobb discussed the implementation of the outside employment online system.

Item 5. Mr. Cobb discussed the passage of Bill 39-14 as amended. A discussion was held by the Commission on the implications of the passage of the amended bill in the context of State law requirements and the requirement that the Ethics Commission annually certify Montgomery County's compliance with State requirements.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert W. Cobb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

Robert W. Cobb
Chief Counsel