

Frederick County Ethics Commission
Minutes for the Public Meeting of Tuesday, January 18, 2005

Present: Ronald W. Peppe, Chairman
G. Anthony Crook, Commission Member
Phillip P. Killam, Commission Member
Linda B. Thall, Assistant County Attorney

Absent: Andrew T. Jones, Alternate Commission Member

The Frederick County Ethics Commission met at 7:00 p.m. on January 18, 2005, at the Office of the County Attorney on the 3rd floor of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701.

MOTION: Mr. Crook made a motion to open the public meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Killam and was unanimously approved.

Unfinished Business

Approval of the minutes – The Commission considered the minutes from its January 10, 2005, meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Crook made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Killam seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Meeting with a Department Head – The Commission met with the County Department Head who contacted the Commission earlier regarding conflicts of interest on the part of a newly hired employee. They discussed the specifics of the six conflicts identified and how those conflicts should be resolved. The Commission also discussed other potential conflicts and how to best avoid them. An Advisory Opinion will be prepared, consistent with the Commission's determinations.

Pending investigation – The Commission discussed the most recent draft of the Advisory Opinion and other possible changes to the Opinion.

MOTION: Mr. Crook moved to approve the Advisory Opinion as drafted. Mr. Killam seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Crook moved to approve the cover letters as drafted. Mr. Killam seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Crook moved to attach an executive summary to the Advisory Opinion, if one is ready by the Commission's next meeting. Mr. Killam seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Crook moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Killam seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The Ethics Commission adjourned its meeting at 9:05 p.m.

/s/
Linda B. Thall, Assistant County Attorney