



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

FREDERICK COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION Office of the County Attorney

Stephen K. Hess, Chair

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Frederick County Ethics Commission

**Wednesday, June 8, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

Present:

Stephen K. Hess (Chair)
Rev. Douglas P. Jones (Vice-Chair)
Deborah L. Lundahl
Mr. Michael G. Bunitsky

Absent:

Anna Johnson-Winegar
James A. Stanker
Rev. Stephen Larsen

Also in Attendance

Andrew J. Ford, Assistant County Attorney

The Frederick County Ethics Commission meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on June 8, 2022.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Approve Minutes of the May 11, 2022, Meeting.
4. Update on 2021 Financial Disclosure Statements.
5. Vote to conduct an administrative function meeting to discuss a pending request for an advisory opinion.

Approval of Agenda. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bunitsky seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2022, Meeting. The draft minutes of the May 11, 2022, public meeting were e-mailed to the members before the meeting. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the draft minutes. Commissioner Lundahl seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Update on 2021 Financial Disclosure Statements. Mr. Ford provided an update on the status of the review of financial disclosure statement exception reports.

Administrative Function: Commissioner Jones made a motion to hold an administrative function meeting to discuss one (1) pending complaints. Commissioner Bunitsky seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Required information regarding the administrative function meeting. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Hess, Jones, Lundahl, and Bunitsky. Mr. Ford was also in attendance.

The Commission discussed whether the facts alleged in the complaint, if true, would constitute a violation of the Ethics Law by the individual named in the complaint. By consensus, the members agreed that the facts alleged in each complaint did not state a violation of the Ethics Law. The members asked Mr. Ford to draft the necessary dismissal notice.

Upon motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Lundahl and approved unanimously, the Ethics Commission adjourned its administrative function meeting at approximately 7:25 p.m. There being no other business before the Commission, Commissioner Lundahl made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Bunitsky and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

/s/
Andrew J. Ford
Secretary