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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, November 29, 2023
Via Microsoft Teams
6:00 P.M.**

Present:

Rev. Douglas P. Jones, Chair
Deborah L. Lundahl, Vice-Chair
Stephen Larsen
Michael G. Bunitsky
James H. Stanker
Christopher Perry, Alternate Member

Absent:

Mary Beth Kaslick
Walter Olson

Also in Attendance

Timothy Maloney, Esq.

1. Call to Order.

Chairperson Jones called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. Vote to Conduct an Administrative Function Meeting.

Chairperson Jones called the public meeting to order at 6:07 pm. Commissioner Lundahl moved we adjourn the public meeting and move into an administrative function meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunitsky, and unanimously approved. The public meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Required information regarding the administrative function meeting - The Commission entered administrative function at 6:16 p.m. Present were Commissioners Jones, Lundahl, Larsen, Bunitsky, Stanker, and Perry.

At 6:16 pm, Chairman Jones called to order an administrative function meeting for the Commission to receive a briefing from outside counsel Timothy Maloney, Esq. concerning the complaint and prior action of the Ethics Commission related to matters raised in Complaint 23-02.

The Commissioners were briefed by outside counsel Mr. Maloney on the Complaint. The Commissioners asked questions of Mr. Maloney and discussed the Complaint and the Commission's prior ruling related to the matter. In discussing the Complaint, Mr. Maloney also discussed with the Commissioners potential areas of the Ethics Law that the Commission should consider modifying, and the Commissioners decided to continue such discussion at a future meeting. Commissioner Bunitsky moved, and Commissioner Lundahl seconded the motion that Mr. Maloney draft appropriate language for distribution and approval at an upcoming Commission meeting reaffirming the Commission's prior ruling and dismissing the current complaint.

Being no other business before the Commission, Commissioner Larsen made a motion to close the administrative function meeting. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. The administrative function meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

3. Adjournment of Meeting.

Commissioner Bunitsky made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larson, and it was approved unanimously. The public meeting was closed and adjourned at 6:45 pm.

/s/
James Stanker
Acting Secretary