



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

FREDERICK COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Office of the County Attorney

Douglas P. Jones, Chair

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Frederick County Ethics Commission

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Present:

Rev. Douglas P. Jones, Chair
Rev. Stephen Larsen, Vice-Chair
Michael G. Bunitsky
Mary Beth Kaslick
Walter Olson
Christopher Perry

Absent:

Hayden Duke
Peggy Vaughn, Alternate

Also in Attendance

Andrew J. Ford

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1. Call to Order; Roll Call; and Establishment of a Quorum. Mr. Ford, as Secretary, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Attendance noted and quorum established.
 2. Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Bunitsky made a motion to approve the November 13, 2024 minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Larsen and approved unanimously.
 3. Acknowledge Receipt of the Revised Public Ethics Report for Period July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024. The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the Report.
 4. Update by Staff on Lobbying Registrations. No new registrations for the period since the November meeting. Mr. Ford confirmed information on the Lobbying Activity Report previously distributed.
 5. Vote to conduct an administrative function meeting to review request for approval of outside employment.* Commissioner Olson made a motion to conduct an administrative

function meeting to review a request for approval of outside employment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bunitsky and approved unanimously.

*** Required information regarding the administrative function meeting -** The Commission entered into administrative function at 7:19 p.m. All of the Commission members noted above were present. Mr. Ford was also present.

After entering into administrative function, the Commission considered a request for approval of outside employment. The outside employment was approved and Mr. Ford instructed to inform the employee of the Commission's decision.

Motion to exit Administrative function was made by Commissioner Olson seconded by Commissioner Kaslick and unanimously approved at 7:24 p.m.

6. Approval of Proposed Changes to Ethics Law. The Commissioner discussed the consolidated proposed changes to the Ethics Law. Motion was made by Commissioner Bunitsky to approve the changes for recommendation to the County Executive. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Larsen and approved unanimously.

7. Chair's Comments. Discussion regarding upcoming meeting agenda.

There being no other business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

_____/s/
Andrew J. Ford
Secretary