

Frederick County Ethics Commission
Minutes for the Public Meeting of Tuesday, June 10, 2014

Present: Gwen Romack, Chair
R. Carl Benna, Commission Member
Brian Duncan, Commission Member
C. Steven Snow, Alternate Commission Member
Linda B. Thall, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Ms. Romack called to order a meeting of the Frederick County Ethics Commission at 6:30 p.m. on June 10, 2014, in the County Attorney's law library on the 2nd floor of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701.

Approval of the May 20, 2014 meeting minutes – A draft of the minutes was emailed to the Commission members before the meeting. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Review of policy regarding political advocacy by Commission members – As requested at the May meeting, the political advocacy policy was circulated to the members of the Ethics Commission prior to the meeting. Ms. Romack signed the policy after the Commission unanimously approved the policy as written.

Selection of dates for Commission meetings – The Commission selected the following dates for its meetings in 2014: July 22, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 18, and December 9. The meetings will start at 6:30 p.m.

Update on appointments to fill vacant Ethics Commission positions – The Senior Assistant County Attorney advised the Commission that five applications had been received by the County Manager's Office to fill the vacant positions on the Commission. Mr. Duncan has applied for another term on the Commission and Mr. Snow has applied for appointment as a full member of the Commission. The Board of County Commissioners will be scheduling interviews in July before making a decision on the appointments.

Meeting with Commissioner Gray – Commissioner Gray and the members of the Ethics Commission discussed the Commission's activities, concerns and plans for possible recommendations on changes to the Ethics Ordinance.

Adjournment

The Ethics Commission adjourned its meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m.

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Linda B. Thall, Senior Assistant County Attorney