

ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION
St. Mary's County Potomac Building

Minutes of May 4, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph B. Bush, Chair
Robert W. Denning, Vice Chair
George E. Baroniak, Member
Robert E. Elwood, Member
Arthur F. Goeller, Member
Elizabeth Long, Alternate Member
Sarah Cannavo, Administrative Support

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bush at 2:10 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on May 18, 2009 in conference room 14 of the Potomac Building.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for Open Session of April 6, 2009: Mr. Elwood made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Ms. Long and carried.

Minutes for Executive Session of April 20, 2009: Mr. Elwood made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Ms. Long and carried.

Minutes for Executive Session of April 9, 2009 (Emergency Session): Ms. Long made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Mr. Elwood seconded the motion and it was carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Advisory Opinion Request (AO 2009-01): The Commission continued to review material related to Complaint 2009-01.

Executive Session: Mr. Elwood made a motion to move into Executive Session as provided for in Article 25, Section 4-210(a) (1) Boards and Commissions and the St. Mary's County Ethics Ordinance Rules of Procedure, Section 7. The motion was seconded by Mr. Denning. Motion carried, 5-0.

Executive Session: 2:12 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Ms. Long made a motion to close the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goeller and carried.

Review Applications for Ethics Commission: Not all members reviewed the applications prior to the meeting; therefore, the matter was postponed until the next meeting. Members were asked to review all applications prior to the next meeting (May 18, 2009) and be prepared to make a selection.

NEW BUSINESS:

Human Services request for Ethics Training: Mr. Bennett Connelly, Director of Human Services, asked the Commission to provide training to the members of the Human Services Council (HSC) concerning potential conflicts as related to their duties on the Council. Specifically, when HSC members are determining which charities should receive support, some council members will need to recuse themselves due to relationship(s) with that particular charity. All Commission members agreed that this would be a great idea and are prepared to provide a briefing during the July HSC Meeting (July 23, 2009 @ 9:00 AM).

Mr. Baroniak suggested that Mr. Bush update the PowerPoint slide used during the last training session and present that to the HSC. Members also discussed annual training for other county organizations. Mr. Bush will look into this.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

Four Financial Disclosures Statements were review.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Goeller to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Long and the motion was carried. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.