

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

Minutes of November 16, 2009

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bush at 2:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on December 7, 2009 in conference room 14 of the Potomac Building.

Mr. Denning will not be available for the December 7 meeting.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for Open Session of November 2, 2009: Mr. Elwood made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Mr. Denning and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance Update: A copy of the proposed Ordinance change will be sent to each organization affected by the change. A date of January 29, 2010 has been established as a deadline for each organization to review the changes and provide feedback. Ms. Cannavo will draft the memo to the organizations and present it at the next meeting for review and signature.

NEW BUSINESS:

Complaint 09-02: A certified complaint was received on November 6, 2009 and reviewed for the first time by the Commission members.

Executive Session: Mr. Goeller 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. Elwood. Motion carried, 5-0.

Executive Session: 2:10 PM to 2:35 PM.

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

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

Review of 2010 Financial Disclosure Statement: Ms. Cannavo presented the updated form for review by the members. Members requested that an electronic version be emailed to each for further review.

State Ethics Guidelines: Mr. Goeller presented documents from the State Ethics Commission concerning Financial Disclosure Statement requirements and regulations covering Liquor Control Boards. Ms. Cannavo will make copies for all members.

Mr. Bush will contact the State Ethics Commission to determine if the St. Mary's County Alcohol Beverage Board is also covered by the State Ethics Ordinance or if they fall under the St. Mary's County Ethics Ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goeller and the motion was carried. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission was adjourned at 2:09 PM.