

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION**  
**St. Mary's County Chesapeake Building**  
**Minutes of February 12, 2018**  
**Special Meeting**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**            David Willenborg, Chair  
   Joseph Russell, Vice Chair  
   John Austerman (Alternate)  
   Dan Carney  
   Larry Crabtree  
   Jean-Marie Hansen  
   Diane Gleissner, Recorder  
   Joe Densford, Attorney for the Ethics Commission

**MEMBERS ABSENT**            None

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Willenborg at 6:00 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Complaint #18-01

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Willenborg, seconded by Mr. Crabtree, and unanimously adopted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Complaint #18-01.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Complaint #1801

Present: David Willenborg, Chair

Joseph Russell, Vice Chair

John Austerman (Alternate)

Dan Carney

Larry Crabtree

Jean-Marie Hansen

Diane Gleissner, Recorder

Joe Densford, Attorney for the Ethics Commission

Authority: §9-512(a)(7) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 6:01 pm - 6:48 pm

Location: Chesapeake Building Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss Complaint #18-01.

**MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Crabtree, and unanimously adopted to come out of Executive Session.

**DECISION**

A motion was made by Mr. Willenborg, seconded by Mr. Carney that the Commission make a finding that the authorization of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to a county department to create a focus group to make recommendations for amending an existing ordinance is not in and of itself, a violation of the St. Mary's County Ethics Ordinance. Motion carried with four ayes and one abstaining.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Austerman, and unanimously adopted to adjourn the meeting. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.