ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

St. Mary's County Chesapeake Building Minutes of July 15, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT David Willenborg, Chair

Joseph Russell, Vice Chair

John Austerman Larry Crabtree Jean-Marie Hansen

MEMBERS ABSENT Kathleen McClernan-Walz (Alternate)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Diane Gleissner, Secretary

Joe Densford, Ethics Commission Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

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

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission discussed their role in reviewing financial disclosure statements for compliance and accuracy. Currently, Ms. Gleissner checks to make sure members of boards, committees or commissions use the correct form and file before the April 30th deadline.

Mr. Densford explained that the current Ethics Ordinance only required the Commission to review disclosures for elected officials and candidates that file for office. There is no provision in the Ordinance that requires review of any other board, committee or commission members' disclosure. After a discussion, the Commission decided to continue to only review the elected officials and candidates for office at this time, unless there is a complaint, lack of compliance or discrepancy with members' disclosures.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Austerman, seconded by Ms. Hansen and unanimously voted on to adjourn the meeting. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Per the Maryland Open Meeting Acts Manual, minutes were approved by written communication on July 19, 2019.