

ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION
St. Mary's County Chesapeake Building
Minutes of January 29, 2020
Special Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT David Willenborg, Chair
 Joseph Russell, Vice Chair
 Larry Crabtree
 Dr. Joseph DeVitis (Alternate)
 Kathleen McClernan-Walz
 Jean-Marie Hansen
 Neil A. Murphy, Deputy County Attorney
 Joe Densford, Attorney for the Ethics Commission
 Diane Gleissner, Recorder

MEMBERS ABSENT None

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Russell, and seconded by Ms. Hansen to approve the meeting minutes of January 6, 2020. The vote passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Advisory Opinion #19-02 – Mr. Densford recused himself before the discussion of AO#19-01 due to a conflict of interest. After a brief discussion with the Deputy County Attorney, a motion was made by Mr. Crabtree, and seconded by Ms. McClernan-Walz to approve Advisory Opinion 19-02 as amended. The vote passed 5-0.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Russell, and seconded by Mr. Crabtree to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Complaints # 19-01 & 19-02. The vote passed 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Complaint #19-01 & 19-02

Present: David Willenborg, Chair

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

Time Held: 6:12 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Chesapeake Building Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss Complaint #19-01 and 19-02.

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Russell, seconded by Ms. McClernan-Walz to come out of Closed Session. The vote was 5-0.

DECISION

The Ethics Commission recommended tabling Complaint # 1, so that they could conduct additional research before reaching a decision. Regarding Complaint #2, the Commission recommended to draft a letter to the complainant which should resolve the issue.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Crabtree, and seconded by Mr. Russell to adjourn the meeting. The vote passed 5-0. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.