

Minutes of the Cecil County Ethics Commission

March 18, 2013

4 P.M., Cecil Co. Administrative Bldg.

Meeting convened on 3/18/2013 at the Cecil Co. Administrative Bldg. HR Conference Room.

In attendance: Valerie Falcioni (Chair), Mike Dixon, Bob Boonstoppel, Walter Rozanski, Jason Allison (County Attorney)

Absent: Bruce Hemphill

OPEN SESSION

Old Business:

-Update status of Lobby Registration: County Attorney Jason Allison met with the Ethics Commission to discuss ways in which to educate those who could engage in lobbying activity that wouldn't potentially break any privacy laws. Several suggestions were offered which included publishing educational information on the County Website and Facebook, meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and leaving educational literature for them to disperse to their members, contacting the Cecil Whig to place a public service announcement. Bob volunteered to go to the COC along with Valerie to meet with them and discuss ways in which to educate their members.

-Update on Training Module: Handout of the training module was given to each member to peruse and comment on for next visit. It was agreed that a case study format for the higher level jobs is needed. Bob asked to include information on Advisory opinions. There was also a suggestion to ask HR and IT if a phone number to an Ethics Hotline could be created.

-Update on compliance to Open Meeting: it was agreed to execute compliance at next meeting.

New Business:

-Discussed the need for changes to the Ethics Law to match requirements and verbiage of the Charter Law

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting April 15, 2013, suggestion the Elk Room