



CECIL COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

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Open Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2021

Present: Andrew Goins, Charles Kelso
Zoom: Heather O'Rourke, Janet Pope
Absent: Joseph Graf
Guest: Lawrence Scott, County Attorney

Call to Order:

- o Andrew Goins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:11 pm.

Agenda Approval:

- o Janet Pope made a motion to approve the draft 6/3/2021 agenda, seconded by Charles Kelso, and approved by all.

April 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes Approval:

- o Janet Pope made a motion to approve the draft 4/20/2021 open meeting minutes, seconded by Heather O'Rourke, and approved by all.
- o Charles Kelso made a motion to approve the draft 4/20/2021 closed meeting minutes, seconded by Heather O'Rourke, and approved by all.

Old Business:

- o Andrew Goins, Chair, requested an update of the information obtained by the County Attorney, Lawrence Scott concerning the 2019 Boards/Commissions Non-Compliant List:
 - o Lawrence Scott indicated those not in compliance were given multiple opportunities to satisfy the 2019 Financial Disclosure filing requirements.
 - A draft letter for the final notice was provided to the Commission for review.
 - o The final notice letters are to be mailed to all non-compliant individuals.
 - Paused from active boards/commissions membership until fine paid or forms completed.
 - o A motion made by Charles Kelso to approve the draft letter with the following edits, seconded by Janet Pope, and approved by all.
 - Include a fine each up to a maximum of \$250;
 - Due date should be July 31, 2021;

Old Business (cont'd):

- Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, provided the Commission with his findings from the Boards and Commissions Financial Disclosure filing requirements.
 - Bainbridge Development Corporation – formed by the State of Maryland, as such, they are required to file a Financial Disclosure with the State and not County.
 - Ethics Commission – reason for not filing a Financial Disclosure with the County could not be determined or an exemption found within the statute. However, the code does not contain a provision whereby a particular Commission or Board can be removed from the Financial Disclosure requirement.
- 2020 Financial Disclosure Status:
 - Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, advised that a good portion of responses for the 2020 disclosures have been received.

New Business:

- None

Closed Session:

- Andrew Goins indicated the Commission needed to go into Closed Session to address Complaints 19-03 and 19-04.
- Charles Kelso made a motion to move the meeting to closed session as of 5:31pm, seconded by Janet Pope, and approved by all.
- Charles Kelso made a motion to move the meeting back to open session as of 5:52pm, seconded by Heather O'Rourke, and approved by all.

Adjourn:

- Heather O'Rourke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:53pm, seconded by Charles Kelso, and approved by all.

Next meeting:

- July 2021 (date TBD) at 5:00 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Perryville Room, Elkton, MD