

# **MINUTES OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION**

## **OPEN MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2024**

A meeting of the Baltimore County Ethics Commission was called to order at 3:40 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. The meeting was held in person in Conference Room 118 of the Historic Courthouse and consisted of both an open session and a closed session. The initial (open) session began at 3:40 p.m. Present were:

Laura Ray, Commissioner  
Kevin Murphy, Commissioner  
Sasha Rousseau, Commissioner  
Mandee Heintz, Commissioner

Also present were Tracey Paliath, Executive Director of the Ethics Commission, and James R. Benjamin Jr. County Attorney, counsel for the Commission. Hunter Piel, Commissioner, was not present for this meeting.

### **Call to Order and Introductions:**

Executive Director Paliath called the meeting to order.

### **Minutes:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Rousseau to approve the open meeting minutes for the July 2, 2024 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Director Paliath reported that one financial disclosure filer (a board member) had not filed his/her financial disclosure for 2023. That filer has a paper copy of the disclosure to fill out and Director Paliath confirmed that the filer received it. Commissioners Heintz and Ray suggested that Director Paliath send the non-filer another letter in the mail and that the letter be presented to the non-filer at his/her next board meeting. Director Paliath further reported that the lobbyist who hadn't filed his/her activity report had come into compliance and filed the report. Director Paliath informed the Commissioners that she was working on the Certification of Local Government Ethics Law to the State and that the Commissioners names and home addresses would be provided to the State Ethics Commission in that document. The Commissioners were reminded about the next two meeting dates and all said they could attend. The Commissioners were further informed that another meeting needed to be added to the schedule in September or October to meet the 10 meetings per year requirement.

### **Move into Closed Session:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ray to move into closed session as names of complaints and respondents would be mentioned. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The Commissioners were polled and the motion unanimously passed. The Commission went into closed session at 4:00 pm.

### **End of Closed Session**

At 5:08 p.m. Commissioner Ray made a motion to go back into open session; it was seconded by Commissioner Murphy and the members were polled. The motion passed unanimously. The Commission went back into open session.

### **Move into Open Session**

### **Adjournment**

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Murphy at 5:09 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular Ethics Commission Meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. by WebEx.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Paliath, Executive Director