

MINUTES OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

OPEN MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 2024

A meeting of the Baltimore County Ethics Commission was called to order at 1:34 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2024. The meeting was held by WebEx and consisted of both an open session and a closed session. The initial (open) session began at 1:34 p.m. Present were:

Mandee Heintz, Chair
Laura Ray, Commissioner
Sasha Rousseau, Commissioner
Hunter Piel, Commissioner
Kevin Murphy, Commissioner

Also present were Tracey Paliath, Executive Director of the Ethics Commission, and James R. Benjamin Jr. County Attorney, counsel for the Commission.

Call to Order:

Chair Heintz called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Commissioner Piel and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve the open and closed meeting minutes for the September 17, 2024 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Director Paliath reported that the one financial disclosure filer (on a Board) has now filed his/her financial disclosure for 2023 using the website.

Director Paliath reported that she had videotaped new, streamlined instructional videos for filing out the financial disclosure form. There is one video for employees and paid board members and one video of instructions for volunteer board members. The videos were made by the library and she hasn't yet seen a "rough draft" of how they turned out.

In addition, Director Paliath stated that she will be doing a training for all Baltimore County buyers in the procurement division about how to file a financial disclosure on Oct. 22, 2024.

Move into Closed Session:

A motion was made by Commissioner Piel to move into closed session as names of complaints and respondents would be mentioned and legal advice was needed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The Commissioners were polled and the motion unanimously passed. The Commission went into closed session at 1:38 p.m.

End of Closed Session

At 1:59 p.m. Commissioner Heidl made a motion to go back into open session; it was seconded by Commissioner Ray and the members were polled. The motion passed unanimously. The Commission went back into open session.

Move into Open Session

The Commissioners discussed that they would like to hold the next meeting on Oct. 15 by webex and hold the meeting at 1 p.m. The Commissioners also decided that their November meeting would be held in person on Thursday, November 14, 2024 because Election Day falls on their regularly scheduled meeting day of Nov. 5, 2024 and the County is closed.

Adjournment

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Commissioner Ray and seconded by Commissioner Piel and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Paliath, Executive Director