



CECIL COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

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Open Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2024

Attendance:

Present:

Members: Andrew Goins (Chair), Robert McKnight, and Nicholas Cusmano.
Office of Law: Kevin Jensen (Assistant County Attorney), Tammy Strong (Paralegal).

Absent:

Member: Chip Peterson and Janet Pope

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm.
- 3 members of the Ethics Commission were in attendance, constituting a quorum.

Agenda Approval:

MOTION: Nicholas Cusmano motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Robert McKnight. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION: Robert McKnight motioned to approve the meeting minutes from June 10, 2024, seconded by Nicholas Cusmano. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

- Review of CY2022 submitted Ethics forms. 21 Form 2, and 28 Acknowledgment of Understanding were submitted.
- Review of CY2022 Non-Compliant List. The list includes 47 employees, and 14 board members.

MOTION: Robert McKnight motioned to draft and send third and final letter notice to 2022 non-compliant employees and board members, seconded by Nicholas Cusmano. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION: Nicholas Cusmano motioned to include a 30-day notification in the third and final letter for the names to be sent to the County Executive to be put on the no hire list, seconded by Robert McKnight. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

- Review CY2023 Form 1, and Form 2
- Discuss State Certification
- Open Meetings Act Statement

MOTION: Robert McKnight motioned to send the State Certification to Council, seconded by Nicholas Cusmano. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kevin Jensen went over Open Meetings Act Statement Violation.

Andrew Goins read the Open Meetings Act Violation Statement aloud, members present signed the violation.

Kevin Jensen mentioned that the legal violations have been corrected.

MOTION: Nicholas Cusmano motioned to amend the agenda, seconded by Robert McKnight. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourn:

MOTION: Robert McKnight motioned to adjourn at 5:30PM, seconded by Nicholas Cusmano. The motion was approved unanimously.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

- TBD