



CECIL COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

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Open Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2025

Attendance:

Present:

Members: Andrew Goins (Chair), Francis “Chip” Peterson, Robert McKnight, and Nicholas Cusmano.

Office of Law: **Michael** Halter (Legal Counsel), Tammy Strong (Govt Affairs Liaison).

Absent:

Member: Janet Pope

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm.
- 4 members of the Ethics Commission were in attendance, constituting a quorum.

Agenda Approval:

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

MOTION: Nicholas Cusmano motioned to approve the meeting minutes from June 2, 2025, seconded by Robert McKnight. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION: Robert McKnight motioned to approve the ethics code update, seconded by Chip Peterson. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

- CY 2025 Lobbyist Forms
- Review and approve Ethics Update

Old Business:

- CY2024 Non-Compliant List Update

Closed Session:

MOTION: Andrew Goins motioned to go into closed session at 4:30pm to discuss ethics forms that require confidentiality, seconded by Nicholas Cusmano, and approved by all.

- Discuss §3-305(b)1, disclosure forms, discuss and reviewed ethics forms with questions
- Discuss §3-305(b)2, disclosure forms, discuss and reviewed ethics forms with questions
- Discuss §3-305(b)3, disclosure forms, discuss and reviewed ethics forms with questions
- Discuss §3-305(b)4, disclosure forms, discuss and reviewed ethics forms with questions
- Discuss §3-305(b)5, disclosure forms, discuss and reviewed ethics forms with questions

MOTION: Chip Peterson motioned to come out of closed session at 4:50 PM, seconded by Nicholas Cusmano, and approved by all.

Adjourn:

MOTION: Robert McKnight motioned to adjourn at 4:55 PM, seconded by Andrew Goins. The motion was approved unanimously.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

- November 11, 2025, at 4 p.m.