



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting of November 9, 2016

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:

Steve Rosen, Chair
Kenita Barrow, Vice-Chair
Barbara Fredericks
Rahul Goel
Claudia Herbert

Staff Members:

Robert W. Cobb, Chief Counsel
Erin Chu

Others in Attendance:

Thomas Manger
Luther Reynolds
Sean Renauer
Edward Lattner
Haley Roberts

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Item 2. Mr. Cobb provided an overview of the approach and the considerations of the Ethics Commission as regards the Commission's exclusion of coverage of sworn police from the proposed regulation on outside employment. Chief Manger expressed the view of the Department that independent review of the outside employment requests by the Ethics Commission was viewed as important and valuable to the integrity of the process. Commission members were concerned regarding the lack of any standard to be applied to the review by the Commission, resulting in a misimpression that Commission review was meaningful. There was a consensus that the existing regulatory structure is inadequate and that a new regulation governing police outside employment needs to be issued. All present committed to working together on this effort. There was recognition that if there

were differences, that ultimately the County Council would decide what the approach would be. In the meantime, the Commission would proceed with its proposed regulatory approach excluding coverage of the police, but confirm that as regards Police outside employment, the Commission would continue to implement existing practices until a new regulation governing Police outside employment was in place to govern how that would be conducted. Mr. Goel asked whether some sworn police outside employment not involving security services could be handled in the same way as non-police outside employment. This question would be examined in the review of approaches to sworn police outside employment regulations.

The Commission discussed a proposed provision regarding appointments to Boards Committees and Commissions as a representative. With one minor amendment, the Commission agreed that the provision as presented was appropriate.

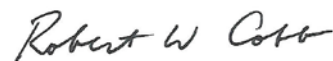
Item 3. The Commission approved the minutes from the October 6, 2016, meeting as presented.

Item 4. Mr. Cobb briefed the Commission on updates to the financial disclosure form. In connection with one instruction concerning rental property, the Commission approved excluding rental property held less than 30 days from disclosure as an interest in property.

Item 5. Mr. Cobb briefed the Commission on the development of the Ethics Commission's budget.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert W. Cobb".

Robert W. Cobb
Chief Counsel