



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting, October 9, 2024

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:

Elizabeth Kellar, Chair
Rahul Goel, Vice-Chair
Susan Beard
Kenita Barrow
Eric Gallun

Staff Members:

Erin O'Connor, Staff Director/Chief Counsel

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by the Chair.

Item 2. A moment of silence in memory of Steve Rosen, former Ethics Commission member, was observed. Commissioners and staff shared memories of their interactions with Mr. Rosen.

Item 3. The minutes from the September 11 meeting were approved as presented.

Item 4. Ms. O'Connor updated the Commission on the new Program Manager II, Hiwote Yohannes, who is anticipated to begin on October 21, 2024. Ms. O'Connor is to invite her to the November meeting.

Item 5. Ms. O'Connor briefly updated the Commission on the status of the FY26 budget process.

The open meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm to conduct administrative matters.

In the administrative meeting, the Commission approved most of the outside employment requests, with two adjustments to conditional language, and one request left on hold until a waiver request can be presented to the Commission.

The Commission approved one waiver request.

The Commission received an update from Ms. O'Connor related to a continuing matter.

The administrative meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin O'Connor
Staff Director/Chief Counsel