



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting, April 10, 2024

In-person only meeting, Council Office Building Room 114

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:

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

Staff Members:

Erin O'Connor Chu, Staff Director/Chief Counsel

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by the Chair.

Item 2. The minutes from the March 13 meeting were approved as presented.

Item 3. Ms. O'Connor Chu updated the Commission on the status of the financial disclosure program. The filing season ends on April 15, 2024, and numbers are in alignment with years past at this time in the process.

Item 4. Ms. O'Connor Chu discussed the Program Manager I reclassification process and asked for guidance from the Commission on a few details. She will provide the Commission with a job description for the new position as soon as it is complete.

Item 5. Ms. O'Connor Chu discussed the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee hearing taking place on the morning of April 11, 2024, and the Ethics Commission's RESJ score.

She also shared information from the Director of ORESJ, Tiffany Ward, regarding the prospect of the Ethics Commission being removed from the ORE framework and being formally released from having to create a REAP. The Commission asked Ms. O'Connor Chu to provide the GO Committee with a copy of the email sent to Ms. O'Connor Chu by Ms. Ward on April 10, 2024.

Item 6. There was no new business.

The open meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm to conduct administrative matters.

In the administrative meeting, the Commission approved the outside employment requests as recommended.

The Commission discussed the final resolution of one carryover matter from a prior meeting.

The Commission discussed four new matters and instructed Ms. O'Connor Chu on how to proceed with each one.

The administrative meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Chu
Staff Director/Chief Counsel