



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting, May 8, 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 7:02 pm by the Chair.

Item 2. The minutes from the April 10 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 ended on April 15, 2024, and there are very few delinquent filers at this time. The Commission instructed Ms. O'Connor Chu to provide outreach to one County commission with several habitually delinquent filers and offer assistance directly.

Item 4. Ms. O'Connor Chu asked the Commission for guidance on the Program Manager I reclassification process. The Commission expressed a desire to define the reclassified position as a Program Manager II position. Ms. O'Connor Chu will submit the paperwork to OMB and OHR as appropriate.

Item 5. Ms. O'Connor Chu notified the Commission of the final approval of the FY25 budget occurring as part of the County Council's consent calendar on Thursday, May 9, 2024.

Item 6. Ms. O'Connor Chu discussed her recent meeting with the new Executive Director of the Montgomery County Council, Caven West. She and Mr. West agreed that Ms. O'Connor Chu would hold an ethics training session for Councilmembers in January 2025, at the beginning of the campaign season for the next election cycle.

The open meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm to conduct administrative matters.

In the administrative meeting, the Commission approved the outside employment requests with some changes to proposed conditions.

The Commission reconsidered a condition placed on an outside employment approval from the April 2024 meeting.

The Commission approved a routine waiver request.

The Commission discussed one new matter.

The administrative meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Chu
Staff Director/Chief Counsel