

ST. MARY’S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION
St. Mary’s County Chesapeake Building
Minutes of October 21, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT David Willenborg, Chair
 Joseph Russell, Vice Chair
 Dr. Joseph DeVitis
 Robert McGann (alternate)

Joe Densford, Counsel for the Ethics Commission
Diane Gleissner, Recorder

MEMBERS ABSENT Larry Crabtree
 Kathleen McClernan-Walz

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Willenborg at 6:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Ethics Ordinance Update

Mr. Densford told the Commission that the changes proposed to the Ethics Ordinance went before the Commissioners but failed to gain a motion and were not passed.

After discussing ways to ensure that candidates financial disclosures were filed correctly, it was decided that Ms. Gleissner would review any financial disclosure sent from the Board of Elections for completion. If any questions arise regarding the candidate’s financial disclosure, Ms. Gleissner would forward to Mr. Densford, who will decide if the Ethics Commission would have to call a special meeting to review the form(s).

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Annual Report

A motion was made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Dr. DeVitis to approve the 2024 Annual Report as amended changing the 2023 dates to 2024. Vote passed 4-0.

2025 Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Dr. DeVitis to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule as follows, January 6, April 7, July 7 and October 20, 2025. Vote passed 4-0.

Financial Disclosure Forms & Schedules Revision

This item was tabled until the January meeting to give the Commission time to review the documents.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Dr. DeVitis to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. Vote passed 4-0.