

MINUTES OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

MEETING OF MARCH 30, 2020

An emergency meeting of the Ethics Commission was called at 9:00 a.m. on Monday March 30, 2020. The meeting was held via conference call and broken into two (2) separate calls. The initial call began at 8:57 a.m. and present were:

Jeffrey Forman, Esquire, Chairman
Lee Jacobson, Esquire, Commissioner
Cynthia Leppert, Esquire, Commissioner
Susan Dubin, Esquire, Assistant County Attorney
Kelly Madigan, Esquire, Executive Director

The emergency meeting took place pursuant to *Maryland Annotated Code* General Provisions §3-302(b).

During the meeting, the substance of a letter sent by Patrick Murray, Chief of Staff to the current County Executive, was discussed. This letter requested a waiver for solicitations by certain public officials for financial and in-kind contributions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this call, Patrick Murray was invited to call into the meeting and did so at 9:18 a.m. to answer specific questions posed by the Commission. These questions were about the COVID Response fund and the two different types of solicitations and/or contributions: (1) financial and (2) in-kind.

After a brief discussion with Mr. Murray, the call was continued until 9:45 so a new draft could be authored and reviewed.

The meeting continued at 9:45 a.m. and present during this call were:

Jeffrey Forman, Esquire, Chairman
G. Darrell Russell, Esquire, Commissioner
Michael Lawlor, Esquire, Commissioner
Cynthia Leppert, Esquire, Commissioner
Susan Dubin, Esquire, Assistant County Attorney
Kelly Madigan, Esquire, Executive Director

During the second call, minor changes were made to the proposed draft response authored by Chairman Forman. The call ended with everyone giving permission to have their name signed to the proposed draft. Lee Jacobson, Esquire and Commissioner was unable to be connected during the call and sent an email with his permission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Madigan,
Executive Director