

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION
MINUTES - MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Montgomery County Ethics Commission convened at approximately 3:05 p.m. on this date in the Alan B. Sadler Commissioners Court Building, 501 N. Thompson, 4th Floor, Conroe, TX. The meeting was called to order by Chair Amanda Whittington.
2. **ROLL CALL**
Board members present – Amanda Whittington, Ann Vickery, Casey Loring, William Dornbos, Tony Fuller, Francis Bourgeois, Charles McBride, Janet Speilvogel and Anne Sundquist
Board members not present – Nancy Mikeska
3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS** – None
4. **DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATES FROM COMMISSION MEMBER ANNE VICKERY WHO HAS COMPLETED THE ONLINE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT TRAINING VIDEOS AS WELL AS MANDATORY TRAINING PROVIDED BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE** – Chair Whittington shared that Commission member Anne Vickery completed the required training and welcomed her to the Commission.
5. **APPROVAL OF ETHICS COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JANUARY 6, 2020, JANUARY 27, 2020, AND MARCH 2, 2020** – Commission member Fuller noted spelling errors and requested that the January 6, 2020 and January 27, 2020 minutes be corrected, and the January 27, 2020, Section 5.0, minutes be corrected to say “motion was approved to name as Pro Tem”. On motion to accept the minutes as corrected by Commission member McBride, motion seconded by Commission member Sundquist, the Minutes of January 6, 2020, January 27, 2020 and March 2, 2020 were approved by unanimous vote of the Commission.
6. **DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING REQUIRING THE SIGNATURE OF ONLY THE CHAIR AND CHAIR PRO TEM ON APPROVED MINUTES** - Following discussion by Chair Whittington and Assistant County Attorney John McKinney and members of the Commission, motion to require the signature of either the Chair or Pro Tem on approved minutes was made by Chair Pro Tem Dornbus, motion seconded by Commission member Bourgeois, the motion was unanimously approved by vote of the Commission.
7. **DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIR AND CHAIR PRO TEM AS WELL AS RESPECTIVE DUTIES AND ROLLS OF THE SAME** – Chair Whittington explained the statute that reads after 6 months a new Chair is nominated and appointed by the Commission. Following comments by Assistant County Attorney John McKinney and discussion by members of the Commission, the motion to appoint Commission member Charles McBride as Chair beginning July 1, 2020 was made by Commission member Sundquist, motion seconded by Chair Pro Tem Dornbus, the motion was unanimously approved by vote of the Commission. The motion to keep William Dornbus as Chair Pro Tem was made by Commission member Sundquist, motion seconded by Commission member Fuller, the motion was unanimously approved by vote of the Commission.
8. **DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE UPDATE FROM THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF THE ETHICS POLICY REWRITE** - Janet Speilvogel, member of the subcommittee, and Chair Whittington provided a status of the re-write of the Code of Ethics policy. Policy drafts were provided to all Commission members to review. Assistant County Attorney John McKinney provided information on the drafting process and answered questions from Commission members. A workshop will be scheduled in the future to discuss changes to this Policy.

9. **MISCELLANEOUS** – New Commission member Ann Vickery introduced herself. Chair Whittington stated that future consideration will need to be given to additional subcommittees being formed for training, website and forms. The next Ethics Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13th at 3 p.m.
10. **ADJOURN** - With no further business to conduct Chair Whittington announced the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

APPROVED: 7-13-2020
Date

Charles McBride
Charles McBride, Chair

William Dombos
William Dombos, Chair Pro-Tem