

Takoma Park, MD Ethics Commission Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2022, on Zoom, 6:45pm.

Present: City Clerk, Jessie Carpenter, Commissioners: Bravin, Hahn, Katz, Lezaja, Mule, Murphy. Regrets notes for Commissioner Cochran for illness. In light of this, Bravin will be Chair.

The meeting was called to order by Bravin at at 6:50pm. The agenda item to be considered first was the acceptance of minutes for the two previous meetings on March — and the corrected minutes for the meeting on March —. It was moved, seconded and unanimously decided that the two sets of minutes were accepted.

Commissioner Bravin announced the second order of business on the agenda was a consideration of the Financial Statements for the Mayor and the City Council Members. Each set of statements was discussed, and a few omissions were noted, as well as a few requests for clarification of statements.

After each person's discussion it was moved to note the questions raised, then moved and seconded, and unanimously agreed to close each of the financial statements for: Mayor Stewart and each of the Council Members Dyballa, Kostuik, Kovar, Seaman's, Searcy and Smith.

Bravin indicated that he would circulate each question or omission collectively to the TPEC members for approval. These items would then be sent to Jessie for conveyance to each of the Mayor and Council members involved for their responses, to be gathered in approximately one week's time. At that time a meeting of TPEC would be called (at a time to be determined) to approve such corrections. These would be sent to Jessie for final approval.

Bravin noted a third agenda item to revisit the discussion of TPEC members who have successfully been certified in the Maryland Open Meeting process. There are currently three members (the required number of members for the Commission) who have been so certified, their certificates have been sent Jessie.

Last item on the agenda was to consider our next General Meeting, which was suggested to be Hybrid. The date of September 22 was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to. A tentative agenda was reiterated for this Meeting of September 22, 2022. as: 1. Approval of the meeting minutes of 5/19/22, 2. The review of Candidates' Financial Forms, and 3. Process review and affirmation to the state of Maryland that our Ethics Commission is in compliance with the State requirements. We were reminded that an eventual interim meeting of the Commission would be called to verify the clarifications and omissions by the City Council members discovered this day, May 19, 2022.

It was moved, seconded and passed without objection to adjourn the meeting, with Best wishes to Keli for health, and thanksgiving to Jess for Chairing of the Meeting, at approximately 8:27pm.

Submitted by Patricia Murphy