

City of Hyattsville Ethics Commission
Wednesday, April 18, 2023 5:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Mark Graham, Michael Horlick (chair), T. Carter Ross (recordkeeper),. Staff: Laura Reams.
Regrets: Nate Groenendyk, David Sip. One seat on the Commission is vacant.

1. A quorum was noted and the meeting called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Chair Michael Horlick.
2. Minutes for the meetings of March 14, 2023, were approved on a voice vote.

3. Review Campaign Finance Reports

The commission reviewed the campaign finance reports for the 2023 Municipal Elections. Clerk Reams noted that reports were filed by the 1 p.m. deadline from Candidates Houck, Redmond, and Solmon. She has heard from Candidates Croslin and Schaible who stated their reports will be sent within the next day or so.

- Candidate Houck (Ward 3): The only potential issue was that an older version of the cover sheet was used, but there was no need to correct at this point. The report was accepted.
- Candidate Redmond (Ward 3): The in-kind contribution listed on Schedule B is from a business, which is not allowed. The proprietor can contribute the services, but in-kind contributions count towards the total amount an individual can contribute to a candidate. The older campaign workbook was used, leading to some incorrect reports. The WordPress expense on Schedule E should be reported as an expense on Schedule D. Reimbursements to self should be noted on Schedule C as self-loans, noting both the origination and payments made against them. The receipts should be numbered to connect them with entries on Schedule D. Also, no receipt or statement from PayPal documenting the fees was provided. A follow up letter will be sent.
- Candidate Solomon (Ward 5): The report was accepted.
- Follow up emails were sent to those candidates who had yet filed reports alerting them to the need to file as soon as possible. If reports are not filed by Thursday at 1 p.m., formal letters noting the delinquency are to be sent.

4. New Business

No new business was presented.

5. Adjournment

Absent an unanticipated need, the next Ethics Commission meeting will be held at 5 pm on May 2, 2023, to review second campaign finance reports.

There being no further business, Chairman Horlick adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m. on a voice vote.