

City of Hyattsville Ethics Commission
Thursday, May 20, 2021 5:00 p.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING
4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, MD
Open to the Public

AGENDA

Register in advance for this webinar:

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1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. T Carter Ross, Laura Reams, David Sip, Kayleigh Kulp, and Sean Corcoran were present. Chris Currie arrived at 5:10 p.m.

2) Review of outstanding election 2021 business

The group discussed documentation that was still required to be submitted from candidates and determined consequences and next steps. The Commission decided to send out final correspondence to candidates who had outstanding requirements and pass the responsibility onto the Board of Supervisors of Elections for enforcement.

3) Review of election 2021 processes

The group agreed that closer tracking of the candidate submission would be beneficial. Mr. Ross stated that communication between the Commission and candidates was well maintained. Mr. Sip inquired as to what else each member could contribute to be more helpful and streamline processes. The group discussed some potential improvements and how to minimize corrections and amendments.

4) Discussion on Campaign Finance Software

The group discussed revisiting the possibility of implementing campaign finance software to make the process more user friendly. All agreed that changes should be made to the forms to provide further detailed instructions on pages that had previous, repeated, mistakes. Conversation regarding instructional video for campaign finance was held. Ms. Reams explained the process and next steps for the special election which was set to take place in late August or early September.

5) New Business?

Mr. Ross raised the issue of Councilmember elect Sam Denes' inquiry regarding any conflicts of interest associated with his board seat on his Homeowners Association. Conflicts, resignation, and recusal were discussed, and it was decided that a letter would be drafted, edited by the Commission, and sent providing options to Mr. Denes.

6) Schedule Next Ethics Commission Meetings

The following meeting was scheduled for 5pm on June 17th.

7) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.