

City of Hyattsville Ethics Commission  
Tuesday June 28, 2022 5:00 p.m.  
**VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**

In attendance: Michael Horlick (chair), T. Carter Ross, David Sip. Staff: Nate Groenendyk, Nicola Konigkramer, Laura Reams. Guests: Mark Graham

1. A quorum was noted and the meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Michael Horlick.
2. Clerk Reams provided an update on the Ward 2 Special Election necessitated by the election of former Ward 2 Council Member Robert Croslin as mayor in the June 7 Special Election. The expected date for the special election is Tuesday, October 4, 2022, and the Board of Election Supervisors expects to conduct it via mail.

With an October 4th election, likely dates affecting the Ethics Commission would be July 27 (candidate information session); August 9 (candidate training session); August 10 (financial disclosure reviews); September 13 and 27 (campaign finance reports due). No conflicts with the potential dates noted. Regarding the August 10th date, the meeting may be mooted if disclosures can be reviewed ahead of that date. The September 13 meeting would review required annual reports, as well as first campaign reports for the Ward 2 special election.

3. Clerk Reams brought back to the Commission the earlier recommendation that a final report for special elections be required within 30 days of the election. The Commission discussed the rationale behind the proposal and considered its impact. While noting that there are potential questions around a shorter deadline for final reports from special elections and regular elections, as well as reasons to consider more comprehensive changes to the reporting deadlines, the commission felt it would best to have Council consider the more limited proposal for special elections at its July 18th meeting so that it might be adopted prior to the Ward 2 Special Election in October. Clerk Reams stated that City Attorney Cornbrooks would draft language for the commission to review. Chair Horlick and Commissioner Ross stated they could attend the July 18th Council Meeting to help answer questions about the proposal.
4. Chair Horlick noted that the Commission currently has two vacancies and inquired about potential applicants. Clerk Reams noted that potential commissioners are asked to attend at least one meeting and then must be sponsored by the Mayor and approved by Council. One application has been made, and she encouraged commissioners to work their networks to help find additional applicants.
5. It was noted that prior meeting minutes have not been formally approved in a while. Commissioner Ross will gather the prior month's minutes and a determination of which ones have not yet been approved will be made. Approval of minutes will be added as an agenda item going forth.
6. Mark Graham, a resident interested in joining the Commission, introduced himself and participated in a discussion about the Commission's work.
7. Absent an unanticipated need, the next Ethics Commission meeting will be held at 5 pm on August 10, 2022.

8. There being no further business, Chairman Horlick adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m. on a voice vote.