

MINUTES  
TOCC Ethics Commission Meeting

February 2, 2016

Pursuant to a public notice, the Town of Chevy Chase Ethics Commission met on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at the Town Hall. In attendance were Scott Fosler, Member of the Commission, and Barry Hager, Commission Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06. A discussion was held about actions that the EC should take in light of the amendments to the Town Ethics and Election laws adopted by the Town Council on January 13, which take effect on February 12.

It was agreed that Barry Hager, as Chair, would notify the State Ethics Commission by letter that the new amendment appears to bring the Town into compliance with the State Ethics Law. Prior to the newly adopted amendment, the Town Ethics Commission had notified the State Commission that in the Town Ethics Commission's view the Town was not in compliance due to the treatment of a write-in candidate.

It was further agreed that the EC will schedule meetings as needed this year to evaluate in a timely fashion any and all Financial Disclosure forms that are filed by each of the three deadlines that now exist for filing FD's: one for Council incumbents and key employees, one for candidates for the Council who file a nominating petition, and one for write-in candidates, if any.

It was also agreed that Scott Fosler would update the statement of EC procedures to ensure that the Commission meets its responsibilities to evaluate FD's and also to respond to any complaints that may be made in the future regarding candidates or incumbents with respect to the Ethics Ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.