

City of Hyattsville Ethics Commission
Tuesday, July 8, 2025 5:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Michael Horlick (chair), T. Carter Ross (recordkeeper), Katie Siemon, David Sip. Staff: Nate Groenendyk, Quianna Taylor. One seat is vacant.

1. A quorum was noted and the meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Michael Horlick.

2. Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the meeting of May 6, 2025, were approved on a voice vote.

3. Outstanding Prior Campaign Finance Reports

The Commission reviewed the outstanding amended campaign finance reports. It was noted that amended reports remain outstanding for Emily Strab and Scott Wilson; as errors in these reports impact the later reports, the Commission deferred review on third campaign finance reports from these candidates until the amended prior reports were filed and accepted.

4. Third Campaign Finance Reports

The Commission reviewed third campaign finance filings. No reports were received from Daniel Amador Renard, J. Clemonts Jr., Kelson Nisbett, or Scott Wilson. A report from Emily Strab was received, but action deferred. The filings for Greg Barnes, Edouard Haba, and Lisbeth Melendez Rivera were accepted without further comment.

Questions were noted for the remaining candidates' disclosures:

- For Michael Angeloni, it was noted there was a minor math error on the cover sheet. Since the account continues to carry a cash balance and thus annual reporting is required, the Commission requested that the error be corrected.
- For Gopi Dhokai, it was noted that the report should begin with the cash balance reported on the amended second report, and the status of the open self-loan on Schedule C should be reflected on the cover sheet.
- For Stuart Eisenberg, it was noted that a cover sheet was required.

5. Review of Financial Disclosures

The Commission reviewed annual financial disclosures from sitting councilmembers. The reports for Sam Denes, Kareem Redmond, and Joseph Solomon were accepted.

- For Danny Schaible, it was noted that the second page of Schedule A was missing for one property. Clerk Groenendyk will check the submitted form to determine if a page is missing or if there was a digitization issue.
- For Michelle Lee, it was noted that Schedule L was indicated on the checklist, but no Schedule L was completed.
- For Robert Croslin, it was noted that lines 3 and 4 were not completed on one Schedule A and line 9 was not completed on the second Schedule A.

6. Other Business

Clerk Groenendyk noted that Commission members will receive shortly 2024 Financial Disclosure forms that will need to be completed and returned promptly so that the Commission can affirm to the State that Hyattsville is in compliance with the State's ethics law's financial disclosure requirements.

7. Adjournment

Absent an unanticipated need, the next Ethics Commission meeting will be held virtually at 5 p.m.

on August 12, 2025, to finalize the review of outstanding finance reports and disclosures.

There being no further business, Chair Horlick adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m. on a voice vote.