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MINUTES OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING

December 17, 2014

Commission Members Participating: Paul M. Vettori, Chair
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Staff Members Participating: Michael W. Lord, Executive Director
Jennifer K. Allgair, General Counsel
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The Commission held a meeting via telephone conference call at 12:05 p.m. at the Commission's office at 45 Calvert Street, 3rd Floor, Annapolis, Maryland. Those listed as participating were present in all portions of the meeting unless otherwise noted. If other individuals participated in aspects of the meeting, they will be identified in the specific line item where their participation occurred.

ITEM 1: Regulation Changes.

Discussion: The Commission reviewed proposed changes to its regulations that were drafted as a result of 2014 changes to the Public Ethics Law.

Decision: The Commission voted unanimously to adopt the proposed regulations.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the meeting at 12:10 p.m. pursuant to §3-305(b)(13) of the Open Meetings Act to consider confidential advice matters per §5-303 of the Public Ethics Law.

ITEM 2: Informal Matter – Executive Department (15-0017)

Discussion: Ms. Allgair briefed the Commission on a matter currently under review by Commission staff at the request of an Executive Department official to determine the propriety of hiring an individual in light of the Public Ethics Law's participation restrictions.

Decision: No action required at this time. The matter will be addressed at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.