

MINUTES OF ETHICS COMMISSION

DATE: January 28, 2008

Call to order: An Ethics Commission meeting was held in City Hall-St. James Building, Jacksonville, Florida on January 28, 2008. The meeting convened at 4:07 p.m.

Attendees:

Jean Williams, Chair  
Gene Filbert, Vice-chair  
Mary Swart  
Kirby Oberdorfer  
Braxton Gillam  
Mary Alice Phelan

Carla Miller, Christine Lyle, Larry Pritchard, Officer Schoonover, Don McClintock Fred Hartman and Jon Phillips and were also in attendance. Introduction of members.

President called the meeting to order and Larry Pritchard of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office was in attendance to discuss the Secondary Employment procedures and the problems with JSO's definition of secondary employment and the system that is already in place to capture all secondary employment of the Sheriff's Office employees. Mr. Pritchard provided a copy of the Sheriff's General Order LIII.9(53) regarding secondary employment. A motion was seconded and passed for the new proposed legislation to change the wording of 602.405 (a new Section G). Carla Miller and Gillam Braxton will be working together on the definition of "outside employment".

The Subcommittee of Ms. Oberdorfer and Mr. Filbert reported their recommendations for a complaint process. There was discussion on their report, the Hotline and the need to implement a complaint process as soon as possible.

There was discussion on the plans of the Commission for 2008. The Commission agreed that the first two goals are to coordinate and implement citizen complaint procedures and work on a new definition for lobbyist to include independent authorities. The Commission also included staffing for the Hotline and training and outreach for citizens as important projects for 2008.

Ms. Oberdorfer announced that Florida Coastal School of Law would like for the Commission to hold a meeting at the School and answer questions. A date has not been set at this time.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Next meeting to be held on February 25, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

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Christine Lyle  
Ethics Commission Coordinator

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Date of Approval

