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MINUTES OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING

February 6, 2012

Commission Members Present: Robert F. Scholz, Chairman
Julian L. Lapides
Paul M. Vettori
Jacob Yosef Miliman
Andrea Leahy-Fuchek (By telephone)

Staff Members Present: Michael W. Lord, Executive Director
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The Commission met at 2:00 p.m. in the Chairman's office at 111 S. Calvert Street, Suite 1400 in Baltimore. The meeting was closed to discuss a confidential advice matter.

Informal Matter – Procurement Matter (12-0013)

Discussion: The Commission met to consider a request by a business for reconsideration of the Commission's previous determination at its meeting on January 19, 2012 that the procurement restrictions of § 15-508 precluded the business from bidding on an RFP issued by the State. The business was represented by counsel who was accompanied by officials of the business.

Decision: The Commission affirmed its previous determination.

The meeting was open at 4:00pm to discuss a Local Government Matter

Local Government Matter – Baltimore County (11-0287)

Discussion – Ms. Allgair presented information related to the Baltimore County Ethics Law, which was enacted in January 2012. Ms. Allgair recommended that the

Commission not approve the current Baltimore County Ethics Law as it did not meet the requirements of Subtitle 8 of the Maryland Public Ethics Law.

Decisions – The Commission rejected the Baltimore County Ethics Law as meeting the requirements of Subtitle 8 of the Maryland Public Ethics Law. The Commission directed staff to draft a letter to the Baltimore County Attorney regarding the Commission's decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.