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Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
Senate Room 1, Capitol Building

Council members present:

The Honorable Pete W. Stout, III, Vice-Chair
Delegate Todd Gilbert
Delegate Matthew James
Bernard L. Henderson, Jr.
Walter C. Erwin
Sharon E. Pandak
Senator Thomas K. Norment, Jr.
Senator Janet D. Howell

Staff present:

Stewart Petoe, Executive Director
Rebekah Stefanski, Attorney
Valerie Mizzell, Administrative Assistant

Council members absent:

The Honorable Patricia L. West, Chair

Summary:

- I. Judge Stout called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.
- II. Judge Stout requested a motion to approve meeting minutes from the October 17, 2017, Council meeting. Mr. Henderson made motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Senator Norment and unanimously approved by the Council.
- III. Mr. Petoe gave a presentation to the Council on whether the General Assembly Statement of Economic Interests form should be changed to require legislators to disclose certain personal interests in contracts with state and local agencies. This presentation was in response to a request from the Governor. After discussion, no motion was made as to changing the form. It was then discussed by the Council that this matter was best addressed by the General Assembly. Ms. Pandak made a motion for draft legislation to be prepared for consideration at a future meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson and unanimously approved by the Council.
- IV. Ms. Stefanski presented to the Council for approval a change to the instructions in schedule A of the Lobbyist Disclosure Statement Form. Mr. Erwin made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pandak . The motion passed unanimously.

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V. Mr. Petoe presented to the Council for approval the following Proposed Legislative Changes:

A) Amending subsection A of § 2.2-3115 of the Code of Virginia. After discussion, Mr. Henderson motioned to change the monetary threshold requiring filing to \$500,000. There was no second on the motion. Mr. Erwin made a motion to not approve the proposed amendment. Ms. Pandak seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Henderson voting no.

B) Releasing drafts of Formal Advisory Opinions prior to formal approval. After discussion, Senator Norment made a motion to approve releasing drafts of Formal Advisory Opinions prior to formal approval. Mr. Erwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C) Deadline extension requests by candidates for office. After discussion, Ms. Pandak made a motion to approve deadline extension requests by candidates for office. Senator Norment seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D) Filing requirements for members of the Virginia College Savings Plan Board and the Investment Advisory Committee. After discussion, Senator Norment made a motion to approve filing requirements for members of the Virginia College Savings Plan Board and the Investment Advisory Committee. Senator Howell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E) Filing requirements of § 2.2-3118.1 of the Code of Virginia. After discussion, Ms. Pandak made a motion to require a new filing upon starting a new office or position. Senator Norment seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Mr. Petoe presented for approval the Annual Report. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Erwin and was unanimously approved by the Council.

VII. There was public comment by Mark Flynn. He presented a request on behalf of the Loudoun County Public School Board for an amendment of the Virginia Conflict of Interests Act to bring the rules on employing relatives of school board members into line with the rules for other local public bodies of the Commonwealth. After discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Pandak for the Council to support this policy. Mr. Erwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Flynn also presented a request on behalf of the Loudoun County Public School Board for an amendment of the Virginia Conflict of Interests Act to amend the requirement for multiple oral disclosures by board members to participate in discussion of the school division budget throughout the fiscal year. After discussion, Judge Stout made a motion not to support this proposed amendment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Erwin and was unanimously approved by the Council.

VIII. Judge Stout adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:50 p.m.