
ETHICS COMMISSION REVISITED

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On Jan 2, 2025, at 2:32 PM, Frances Pulle <fpulle@icloud.com> wrote:

Mary,

So nice meeting you today. Happy New Year to you and yours. 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

To: Charter Revision Committee
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Subject: Ethics Commission

The Ethics Commission is—in its present state—unwieldy, unworkable, dangerous. Dangerous because the Ethics Commission deals with issues of a highly sensitive nature that if NOT handled deftly, discreetly, judiciously can seriously compromise a person's reputation.

Members of the Committee: We need to rethink, 'reimagine' (as we say today) what the Ethics Commission is and does.

Specifically:

- * Commission should have SEVEN members, two members serving as alternates. This would allow members to recuse themselves if perceived to have a conflict of interest. Commission members can then serve elsewhere. We don't want to lose potential board members to a commission that meets rarely.

- * Members, appointed by their respective parties, should be qualified. 'Availability' is NOT a qualification.

- * Professional counsel should be sought (pro bono) when cases arise. An attorney who has expertise in the area of law under consideration. One who can insure commission members make the best decision given the facts of the case. That it 'DOES NO HARM'.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Pulle, NREMT

Sent from my iPad