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The Commission considered the facts that were provided regarding a board member of the Economic Development Commission for Queen Anne's County and his employment in affordable housing development and whether this relationship constituted a conflict of interest.

The Commission determined that there was no conflict of interest, or an appearance of conflict of interest, under §8-11 A (1), (2) or (7). Given the facts provided, there does not appear to be a direct financial impact identified that could violate the ethics code. However, the Commission determined that the employment and the functions of EDC do have a relationship, and that the board member will need to be sensitive to the ethics laws and recognize that there may be, at some time during his service, a fact specific situation (i.e. an affordable housing project) in which a direct financial impact could exist for him that would be cause for recusal.

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