

Erie County Human Relations Commission (ECHRC) – Commissioners/Advisory Board Combined Meeting

Minutes/Notes – May 5th 2020

Call to Order/Roll Call:

The Meeting was called to Order by Commission chair Shawnta Pulliam-Brown via conference call at 6:00 PM.

Commission Members Present: Shawnta Pulliam-Brown (Chair) Mary Jo Campbell (V-Chair) Christine Mitchell (Sec.); Connie Manus, Tracy Leet.

Commission Members Not Present: John Steiner, Willy McAdory, Mike Martin.

ECHRC Staff Present: Tony Logue, Brian Spry Wayne Harbison Charles Sunwabe.

City Council Liason: Kathleen Schaaf

Approval of Commissioners Minutes / Notes:

The Minutes of the February 25th Meeting approved by the Commissioners Motioned by Commissioners Pulliam-Brown and Leet.

Guest / Public Comment(s): Kathy Schaaf concern about homelessness during this crisis

Chair Report / Commissioners Comment(s):

The chair clarified conference call etiquette and procedure for any disruptive callers. Also hoping everyone is well. The chair also updated the status of the annual report with Chairman Logue and Advisory Board Chair Diana Ames. Also still pursuing with the state HRC with the Cov19 situation we need to pursue alternative ideas with them. Minutes from August 2019 o were submitted but not posted Directory Logue and Wayne Harbison to confirm with the county. Secretary Mitchell to submit approved minutes for 2020 so far. Kathy Dahlkamper's appointment still in process with county Executive Dahlkemper.

Director's Report:

Director Logue. Director Logue acknowledged Attorney Spry and Sunwabe. Reviewed disruptive caller procedure and public access question. Next commission meeting is 5-26-2020.

Disruption to the office due to Cov19 need video tools like zoom and requested smart tv. Need better tools to get fact finding and hearings scheduled. Possible meeting in county council chambers. Best recommendation is zoom.

Updates on cases. Need hearing dates scheduled once we make these arrangements.

Director Logue will schedule time with , Chair Pulliam-Brown and Advisory Board Director Diana Ames and himself for the annual report.

Old Business:

New Business

Need to resolve best method to move forward with hearings and fact finding zoom and other options. Challenges state and probably country wide. Fact findings probably possible with parties consent but actual hearings are more challenging. Regulations for document sharing electronically for fact finding discussed.

Adjournment:

There was a motion to adjourn by commissioners Pulliam-Brown and Campbell and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.