

Erie County Human Relations Commission (ECHRC) – Commissioners Meeting

Minutes/Notes – September 24th 2019 draft

Call to Order/Roll Call:

The Meeting was called to Order by Commission Chairperson Shawnta Pulliam-Brown at 6:00 PM.

Commission Members Present: Shawnta' Pulliam-Brown (Chair.); Christine Mitchell (Sec.); Tracy Leet; John Steiner, Mary Jo Campbell (V-Chair), Willie McAdory.

Commission Members Not Present: Connie Manus, and Michael Martin.

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

Approval of Commissioners Minutes / Notes:

The minutes were amended to correct that new commissioner martin was welcomed by the commission and commissioner Melonie Jackson was removed from not present since she resigned prior to the meeting. The Minutes of the August 27th 2019 meeting were amended and approved by the Commissioners Motioned by Commissioners Pulliam-Brown and Leet.

Guest / Public Comment(s): none

Chair Report / Commissioners Comment(s):

The state HRC will be returning October 17th at the Blasco Library. We are much better prepared this time and the venue is much better. Meeting is 6-8 set-up by staff and any available starts at 1 p.m. The first hour maximum for presentations – second hour is all for questions. We discussed about individuals being able to file a complaint or at least get individual help/consultation at separate secluded rooms. Privacy for those who want help and the order of the presentations compared to comments/questions was discussed. We will run through the power point and the equipment in advance. Wayne Harbison will send the invitations in the next day. A facebook page was discussed but a number of privacy/security issues need to be investigated. We need to keep speakers to time.

Director's Report:

Director Logue. Director Logue acknowledged his staff person Wayne and Attorney Spry and Sunwabe. We have Advertising coming in the Black Yellow Pages and Erie Reader. EEOC utilized our space for a meeting also and our HRC staff observed.

After additional fact finding meetings more hearing or motions may be coming in October if settlements are not reached. We are moving cases well and timely.

All cases are actively being worked.

We discussed different types of interns available and intern requests are in process with the local colleges. The likely target date will be January to have interns.

Dr Stoops from advisory board will be helping with a student commission.

Old Business:

Attorney Spry discussed the cases and that there are several cases coming for negotiation/fact finding shortly. One complaint being closed because the complaint filer passed away. Motioned by commissioners Campbell and Leet. Approved.

New Business**Adjournment:**

There was a motion to adjourn by commissioners Campbell and Leet and the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.