

Erie County Human Relations Commission (ECHRC) – Commissioners Joint Meeting

Minutes – April 26th 2023

Call to Order/Roll Call:

The Meeting was called to Order by chair Mary Jo Campbell via zoom at 6:06 PM.

Commission Members Present: Chair Mary Jo Campbell, Vice Chair Jeff Pinski, Secretary Christine Mitchell, Dana Williams, Katrina Byrd

Commission Members Not Present: Ken Brasington, Kathryn DiVittorio, Marc Blount

County/Staff Kelly Ryan

County Council Ellen Schauerman

Minutes. Minutes from October 26th Motion to approve by Mary Jo Campbell and Jeff Pinski. Notes do not require approval and will be sent as well.

Chair Report/Commissioners Comments Meeting attendance was discussed. Mr. Pinski is willing to work on attendance and highlight to county council. Mr. Williams recommended using a outlook or other calendar format to help remind commissioners. In person meeting attendance was also discussed and we may do hybrid since the meetings were advertised to be via zoom. Also a small private facebook group or text chain might also help. Minutes and notes will be sent to the website.

Director's Report: Director Ryan is getting the office back up to speed and has been in the social services field for over 20 years. April is fair housing month and there is fair housing training available and Directory Ryan will be sending that out to the commission. We have a QR code now also for the Human Relations Commission. Director Ryan met with attorney Kulkroy from Pittsburgh and discussed the cases and a need for a panel for an upcoming hearing.

Old Business: Ordinance review by director Ryan and the corrected bylaws have been passed. We will strongly encourage attendance for future meetings. Directory Ryan will continue to review the ordinance for changes.

New Business: Directory Ryan discussed location which had been county council chambers. Timing was also discussed with and we preferred to start in the 5-6 timeframe. Thursday May 18th was first choice among the given dates, May 19th and May 25th were backups. Commissioners Campbell, Pinski and Mitchell are commission members. Commissioners Williams and Byrd volunteered to be alternates and commissioner Brasington may also be an alternate. New member orientation for new members would be also a recommendation.

Next Commissioner meeting May 24th.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:47 by commissioners Mitchell/Pinski.