

Erie County Human Relations Commission (ECHRC) – Commissioners Meeting

Minutes– February 22nd 2022

Call to Order/Roll Call:

The Meeting was called to Order by chair Mary Jo Campbell via zoom at 6:05 PM.

Commission Members Present: Chair Mary Jo Campbell, Secretary Christine Mitchell, Jeff Pinski, Marc Blount, Dana Williams.

Commission Members Not Present: Kathryn DiVittorio, Katrina Byrd, John Steiner.

ECHRC Staff Present: Wayne Harbison, Nicole Iman.

County Council Ellen Schauerman

City Council Chuck Nelson, Jasmine Flores

Officer Elections Jeff Pinski and Christine Mitchell nominated Mary Jo Campbell for Chair. Commissioner Campbell elected by acclamation. Mary Jo Campbell and Christine Mitchell nominated Jeff Pinski for Vice Chair. Commissioner Pinski elected by acclamation. Jeff Pinski and Mary Jo Campbell nominated Christine Mitchell for Secretary. Commissioner Mitchell elected by acclamation.

Minutes Motion to approve November 23th minutes Mary Jo Campbell and Jeff Pinski approved.

Public Comment Nicole Iman apologized for the lack of notice regarding Director Logue's resignation and they are all available to help.

Director's Report: Wayne Harbison reported 2-3 cases heading to a public hearing in the next few months. Three ongoing older cases being worked. Two to three cases ready for dismissal. One case is at the EEOC. About 10 total cases.

Chair Report / Commissioners Comment(s): Director Logue resigned and we met with county council to discuss the future of HRC. Three options were proposed this first option is to disband and we are not planning on that option. The second option is to hire a new director and continue as is. The third option is to go under the administration. There are still three long outstanding cases we are working to close. Chair Campbell will be in Florida the month of March but will be reachable.

Hearing ran about 3 hours just received. We will meet with the panel and attorney early April to review and close report giving everyone time to review.

Old Business: Mr Harbison sent the annual report from 2020. We discussed the budget. In 2020 we had about 4,000 left at the end of the year. Commissioners Blount and Williams motion to approve 2020 annual report. Approved unanimously.

Please complete the statement of financial interests for 2021 Mr Harbison will send out the form to everyone.

We discussed zoom meetings and will revisit and target May to have in person available again. We will revisit and target for every other month in 2022.

March 22nd meeting is joint meeting with the advisory board.

Mr. Harbison sent notifications of trainings from the EEOC.

Mr Harbison will send commissioners terms and we have two openings. Commissioner Pinski proposed a new member orientation to help new members get involved and understand the commission. We can possibly print new filers when needed.

Chair Campbell will pursue state for additional training.

New Business:

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by commissioners Blount and Mitchell adjourned at 6:42 p.m.