

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

### Minutes – June 28<sup>th</sup> 2022

#### **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, Secretary Christine Mitchell, Vice Chair Jeff Pinski, Kathryn DiVittorio, Katrina Byrd.

Commission Members Not Present: John Steiner, Dana Williams Marc Blount.

County/Staff Julie Slomski

City Council Mo Troop

County Council Ellen Schauerman, Andre Horton

**Minutes** May 24<sup>th</sup> Minutes Kat DiVittorio, Jeff Pinski approved.

**Chair Report/Commissioners Comments** Chair Campbell addressed the ongoing discussions about the future of the HRC as the purpose of our meeting. Councilman Horton updated us that council will be continuing the HRC and we will be hiring a new executive director and thanked everyone. Councilwoman Schauerman addressed that it was a unanimous decision to continue and we need the right person to move this forward and also to activate the advisory board so that we increase visibility. Julie Slomski addressed day to day operations. With Wayne on vacation we have trained others on how to handle the calls and messages that come in and we want to increase visibility. The office is still open and phones are forwarded. Commissioner Mitchell mentioned that we have vacancies Mary Rennie's appointment that is empty and Jim Winarski's (John Steiner) who has not attended and we want to fill those spots. We will review the by-laws and ordinance and work to increase visibility. Chairwoman Campbell will be talking to the paper about the commission for a how does county government work series. Chairwoman Campbell also stressed that the complainants need to provide their own attorney and we will research options. Commissioner Pinski mentioned as soon as we are running as a full commission again we should have sub committees to pursue different items like communications where he would volunteer and working with the advisory board. We will go over the ordinance and bylaws.

**Public Comment** none.

#### **Director's Report:**

**Old Business:** Statements of financial interests for commissioners due by May 1<sup>st</sup> please complete per Wayne's instructions and sent to the county clerk.

Mr. Harbison sent notifications of trainings from the EEOC. Chair Campbell and Mr. Harbison to pursue additional training.

**New Business:** none

**Next Commissioner meeting August 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Adjournment:** Adjourned by commissioners Pinski and Mitchell at 6:41 p.m.