

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

### Notes – March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022

#### **Call to Order/Roll Call:**

The Meeting was called to Order by chair Mary Jo Campbell via zoom at 6:03 PM.

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

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

Advisory Board Members Leroy Ogelsby, Alex Sphon, Ken Brasington, Kathy Schaaf

ECHRC Staff Present: Wayne Harbison

County Council Ellen Schauerman

City Council Mo Troop, Chuck Nelson, Jasmine Flores

**Minutes** Will approve next time making minor corrections.

**Public Comment** Ellen Schauerman discussed the process with the county three options dissolve, keep and hire a new director or keep and move under the county. We believe they are leaning towards keeping it but we need a vote and the process to complete.

**Advisory Board Report** The Advisory board is meeting every other month and working advertising and public service announcements and other items. Working with Erie and Millcreek school districts.

**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. There are to three new cases being drafted/logged. One case is at the EEOC. About 10 total cases. We want to close the prior hearing at the April meeting. We will meet if necessary before hand to ensure we are complete and ready.

**Chair Report / Commissioners Comment(s):** Chair Campbell to work with Advisory Board Chair Sphon on training and communications. Mr. Harbison will also work on a binder for new members. Chair Campbell will work with the state contacts for training.

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

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.

Mr. Harbison sent notifications of trainings from the EEOC.

**New Business:** Fair Housing and Employment seminars Mr Harbison will pursue our options to provide credits. Night out for the summer and Pride picnic June 25<sup>th</sup> attendance are very possible.

Mr Harbison will send commissioners terms and we have two openings. Commissioner Pinski proposed that members and appointees need to take this very seriously and we need to be able to have a quorum.

**Next Commissioner meeting April 26<sup>th</sup>, Advisory board meeting May 17<sup>th</sup>. Since May 17<sup>th</sup> is election day they are looking to reschedule to May 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by commissioners Pinski and Mitchell adjourned at 6:43 p.m.