

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

Minutes – May 24th 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, Ken Brasington, Katrina Byrd, Marc Blount

Commission Members Not Present: Kathryn DiVittorio, Christine Mitchell, Dana Williams

County/Staff Kelly Ryan

County Council Ellen Schauerman

Minutes. Minutes from April 26th Motion to approve by Ken Brasington and marc Blount.

Chair Report/Commissioners Comments: We were anticipating a hearing in early June but that will likely not happen as the case was negotiated and they did reach a settlement and they are waiting for the official withdrawal of case to confirm. Meeting attendance was discussed and we are glad for the increased attendance. Pamphlet distribution and presence was also discussed. The advisory board is working on attendance at Junetenth and the Pride events in June.

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. Director Ryan has been connecting with other directors throughout the state including Pittsburgh. Director Ryan is working with a panel attorney and is updating our forms and case intake process. Director Ryan is working on ideas from safety assessment to ensure security. Director Ryan is also working with the IT department on IT capabilities and we hope to offer the next meeting in person and zoom. Director Ryan is also pursuing adding a staff member.

Old Business:

New Business: Directory Ryan discussed location which had been county council chambers. We also discussed timing with the ask due to sheriff security schedule to try to start earlier. Commissioner Pinski raised the question do we have to reimburse the sheriff's department for this accommodation. There was someone there last time to ensure safety and return phones.

Next Commissioner meeting June 28th.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:31 by commissioners Brasington/Pinski.