

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

Minutes – May 25th 2021

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, Jeff Pinski, Dana Williams, Vice Chair Kathleen DiVittorio, Caitlyn Strohmeier

Commission Members Not Present: John Steiner, Michael Martin, Marc Blount.

ECHRC Staff Present: Tony Logue, Wayne Harbison.

City Council Kathy Schaaf

County Council Ellen Schauerman

Minutes approval of Commissioners Minutes / Notes: April Minutes with second correction on vice chair nomination motion to approve by Kathleen DiVittorio and seconded by Jeff Pinski Motion Approved.

Director's Report:

Director Logue indicated case status one new case total 11. 10 cases are employment and one housing. Director Logue discussed the hearing process and concerns about training and discussed that it is similar to being on a jury where you bring common sense and powers of observation and learn the specific terminology as part of the case. Mary Jo Campbell has prior experience and commented there is a court reporter there also in addition to the panel attorney. Wayne will confirm with the panel for any conflicts. The panel will handle the legal process and any objections or legal questions. Director Logue also requested the financial interests need completed and have been requested. Those need to be returned asap. Hearing at 4 p.m. on June 30th. Panel, Campbell, Mitchell, DiVittorio, Alternates Pinski and Strohmeier. Kathy Schaaf indicated city hall will be opening as a satellite location so we may have access to that location.

Chair Report / Commissioners Comment(s): Chair Campbell indicated those interested in hearing panel training. Campbell, Mitchell, Divittorio, Pinski, Strohmeier and possibly Martin interested in training. Chair Campbell will collect availability for summer months hearings and additional state training after our first hearing. Another know your rights session planning for August/September.

Old Business: Annual report discussion. Wayne Harbison agreed to provide a draft of the material in advance of the July meeting. The Erie Black Yellow Pages will be delayed again. We are still advertising in the Erie Reader.

New Business: Mr. Harbison will update the roster for commission and advisory board.

Adjournment:

There was a motion to adjourn by commissioners Pinski and Mitchell and the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.