

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

Notes – November 16th 2022

Call to Order/Roll Call:

The Meeting was called to Order by chair Jeff Pinski via zoom at 6:03 PM.

Commission Members Present: Vice Chair Jeff Pinski, Secretary Christine Mitchell, Katrina Bird, Marc Blount.

Commission Members Not Present: *Chair Mary Jo Campbell, Kathryn DiVittorio, Dana Williams.*

County/Staff Wayne Harbison, Julie Slomski

County Council Ellen Schauerman

Advisory Board Alex Sphon Kathy Schaaf, Ken Brasinger

Minutes. No quorum

Report from county Council Ad Hoc Team. Vice Chair Pinski thanked the office for their work to ensure a very smooth election and thanked all for their commitment and hard work. Julie Slomski asked to correct the prior minutes to indicate that the PHRC materials were not received. She also discussed the reappointments and vacant appointments as many expire by the end of the year. They are working the director position and will be scheduling an adhoc meeting but it is taking time with budget and election season.

Chair Report/Commissioners Comments Advisory board Chair Sphon asked about the end of his term and Wayne will double check his reappointment if needed. **Public Comment** Alex Sphon commented that the advisory board is still meeting and working hard to assist.

Director's Report: Mr. Harbison expects to have one or two cases come for hearing before the end of the year. Two to three cases also may need to be dismissed. A few remaining ones at least one maybe two headed to a public hearing. Possible complaints coming – possible hearing by the end of the year. We have 3 panel members and two backups. Meeting dates were approved at the October meeting and Mr. Harbison will advertise after Thanksgiving. Mr. Harbison will pursue trainings with the state. Mr. Harbison to invite both groups to both meetings.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Next Commissioner meeting January 25th.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:21.