

Erie County Human Relations Commission (ECHRC)

JULY Meeting of the Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM

AGENDA

Meeting Information:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85203796354?pwd=S09lN2pJRVNlcnRpdjZ0x0SyszQT09>

Meeting ID: 569 824 6501 Passcode: 4517065

Call To Order/Roll Call of Commission Board Members:

- Welcome and Roll Call

Guests/Public Comment(s):

- Advisory Board/Public Comment(s) with invitation for public comment three times

Approval of Advisory Board Minutes/Notes that are outstanding

- Minutes from 05/17/23

Old Business:

- Completed Events: Since last meeting the Advisory Board attended the Juneteenth event on 06/17/23 (Alex and Melissa) as well as the Erie Pride Parade and Festival on 06/24/23 (Melissa)
- ECHRC Information: QR Code, ECHRC Wall Flyer, and ECHRC Pamphlets

Staff Report:

- Remarks and updates from ECHRC Executive Director, Kelly Ryan
 - Introduction of Abdullah Washington, recent appointment for District 2
 - HRC Cases and Referrals. Updates to documentation and ECHRC website
 - ECHRC hiring Civil Rights Investigator 1:
https://careers.eriecountypa.gov/job-description/?post_id=4529
 - Support being offered by the ECHRC EC Board to the Advisory Board

Chairperson Report:

- Remarks and updates from Advisory Board Chair, Alex
 - Planning of Events to align with Board Goals, including a potential panel discussion event
 - Review of Vacancies for the ECHRC Advisory Board

Member	Appointee	Term Expiration
John Groh	County Council District 1 Rep (Terry Scutella)	12/31/26
Abdullah Washington	County Council District 2 Rep (Andre Horton)	12/31/26
Laura Schaaf	County Council District 3 Rep (Mary Rennie)	12/31/25
Camille Crenshaw	County Council District 4 Rep (Jim Winarski)	12/31/26- Board Secretary
Vacant	County Council District 5 Rep (Brian Shank)	Vacant
Ronald Susmarski	County Council District 6 Rep (Charlie Bayle)	12/31/22
Vacant	County Council District 7 Rep (Ellen Schauerman)	Vacant
Alex Sphon	City Council	12/31/26- Board Chair
Edison Nicholson	City Council	04/30/24
Kathy Schaaf	City Council	12/31/24- Board Vice Chair
Melissa Gibbons	City Council	12/31/26

 **New Business:**

- Events Planned:
 - 30th Annual Pride Picnic at Presque Isle’s Rotary Pavilion scheduled for 08/12/23 from 1 to 5 pm
- Advisory Board Goals: What are our board goals in how we would like to focus our efforts regarding Education, Research and Public Relations?
- Community Outreach and Education
 - Agency Engagement, Trainings, Meetings and Connections
- Event Ideas:
 - Possible Diversity Panel in Fall 2023
 - Possible return of the Employment Conference in 2024
 - Possible Housing Education Event in April 2024 for Fair Housing Month and Celebrate Diversity Month
 - Other Ideas, Events and formation of committees
- Open House: This will likely in several months, possibly in September

 **Adjournment:**

- Additional opportunity offered to add anything for the good of the order and final offer for anyone wishing to be heard.
- There are only two board meetings scheduled for this year- 09/20/23 and 11/15/23 (joint with Enforcement Commissioning Board). **Next Meeting for ECHRC Advisory Board Members will occur on Wednesday, September 20th.**