

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

Minutes – October 25th 2023

Call to Order/Roll Call:

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

Commission Members Present: Dana Williams, Marc Blount, Jeff Pinski, Katrina Byrd, Mary Jo Campbell. Christine Mitchell.

Commission Members Not Present: Kathryn DiVittorio, Ken Brasington.

County/Staff Kelly Ryan

County Council Ellen Schauerman

Minutes. Minutes from September 27th meeting Motion to approve by Marc Blount and Dana Williams approved.

Chair Report/Commissioners Comments: Chair Campbell is very pleased with attendance and quorums and the case report.

Director's Report: Public Director Ryan discussed membership and a quorum. Director Ryan shared the case status report without any identifying information. There are 14 cases in process. The new Staff member will be joining on November 1st and should join the November meeting. There will be an open house earlier in the day of our next joint meeting on the 15th. Director Ryan is considering alternative spaces since our lease is up March 2024. We have a ring doorbell for security and convenience at our current office. The board requested a budget summary. There is a new county clerk hired Karen Chillcott. The old case will be scheduled for a hearing likely in January to ensure we have all the information. It is an old case and we will be using the ordinance as of 2007 when hearing this case.

Old Business:

New Business: Open house will be November 15th 11-3. It is intended for agencies and stakeholders and community. We discussed having an evening event in the spring. Director Ryan is still pursuing dates for commissioner training either in person or via zoom with the state HRC and all their available contacts. Our primary request is for training in the public hearing process. Commissioner Pinski requested follow-up on the one member who has not attended and the one opening. Chair Campbell discussed training which will likely be in the spring and Director Ryan is following up with the state HRC in the spring. The elections for officers will be in January and we will vote on meeting dates for advertising in November.

Next meeting will be the joint meeting on November 15th.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:50 by commissioners Pinski/Williams.