

ERIE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES

Tuesday, May 13, 2025; 10am

Erie County Rath Building – Department of Environment & Planning  
95 Franklin Street, Buffalo NY 14202

Board Attendees:

Karen Rybicki - ECDSS (Chair)

Sharon Ciminelli - BNAR

Karen King – Public Advocacy

Terri Flaherty – Belmont

Other Attendees:

Paul D'Orlando – DEP

Jean Bennett – DEP

Dan Corbitt – HOME

Richard E. Stanton – Erie County Attorney's Office

Dawn Brown - BNAR

Dan Szewc - ECDSS

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2024
  - a. Motion to approve – Karen Rybicki; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sharon Ciminelli; Unanimous Approval
3. Introduction to new members, acknowledge the efforts of Karen Rybicki and Sharon Ciminelli.
4. Annual report discussion, it is in the hands of the Erie County Legislature.
5. Discrimination Case Updates –
  - a. Swain v. Dasa
    - i. Still with the County Attorney, no update, Rich Stanton will look into.
  - b. Smith v. Dickey
    - i. Conciliation agreed to.

- c. Walker v. Batara
  - i. Conciliation still possible.
  - ii. The investigation report will be provided by HOME.
  - iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter will be sent out due to delay
- d. Andrade v. Barbosa
  - i. No further action at this time, working on conciliation.
- e. Golpl v. Kish
  - i. Willing to conciliate, Dan Corbitt is working on conciliation agreement.
  - ii. No further action at this time.
- f. Cook v. Dickey
  - i. HOME had conversation with Dickey and conciliation is not possible.
  - ii. Send hearing letter and schedule for June 8.
- g. Leon v. Peto
  - i. HOME will provide investigation report.
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter will be sent with investigation report.

6. Rich Stanton will look into the possibility of distinguishing chronic violators of the Erie County Fair Housing Law and look at if the Board can go past conciliation and impose a fine.

- a. Motion to adjourn -- Karen Rybicki; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sharon Ciminelli; Unanimous Approval
  - i. Meeting adjourned at 10:55

Minutes submitted by Jean Bennett, May 13, 2025

Next Quarterly Meeting: August 12, 2025 at 10:00 am