

ERIE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING

AGENDA

Tuesday, August 12, 2025; 10am

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

Board Invitees:

Dawn Brown – BNAR

Terri Flaherty – Belmont

Nico Soria – Western New York Law Center

Other Invitees:

Paul D’Orlando – DEP

Jean Bennett – DEP

Dan Corbitt – HOME

1. Welcome

2. Approval of Minutes – July 08, 2025

- Terri Flaherty raises motion to approve, approved unanimously.

3. Case Updates

- Smith vs. Dickie: Agreed to conciliation of \$3,000.00 with complainant and respondent already signed on to agreement.

Similar fact pattern to Cook vs. Dickie.

- Gopel vs. Kisch: Been in contact with attorney for the respondent in negotiating conciliation. Hearing letter is likely necessary as there hasn’t been firm commitment or indication they’re willing to conciliate.

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- Divina Bittara: No response to the complaint as indicated, hearing letter to be sent. If no response in September, hearing to be held in October.
- Cook vs. Dickie: Complainant signed for her letter, respondent did not sign for her certified letter. Has an address on Bailey where her office is located, will send to P.O. Box & Bailey address to ensure receipt.

Formal service is not required, will send via email by Jean Bennet of DEP with read-receipt requested.

Need to make formal request to Erie County Attorney for prosecution, as there's no timeline in the statute.

4. New Cases

- Was hoping to have a new case to present, but complainant has been out of contact recently and has not come to sign complaint with HOME.

5. Adjourn

- Nico Soria makes motion to adjourn, motion accepted unanimously.

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