

ERIE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:00am

Erie County Rath Building – Department of Environment & Planning
95 Franklin Street, Buffalo NY 14202
Call-In Meeting in response to Covid-19

Board Attendees:

Karen Rybicki – ECDSS (Chair)

Pamela Lanich – WNY Law Center (Secretary)

Sharon Ciminelli – BNAR

Karen King – Public Advocacy

Other Attendees:

Paul D’Orlando – DEP

Andrew Dearing - DEP

Kristen Walder – Erie County Attorney’s Office

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Approval of minutes
 - a. November 10, 2020—Meeting **(VOTE)**
 - i. Motion to approve—Sharon Ciminelli; 2nd—Pamela Lanich;
Unanimous approval
 - b. January 12, 2021—Board Hearing **(VOTE)**
 - i. Motion to approve—Karen Rybicki; 2nd—Sharon Ciminelli;
Unanimous approval
3. Board hearing update
 - a. Case has been sent to the county attorney
 - b. Respondent may now be willing to negotiate toward settlement
4. 2020 Annual Report update
 - a. Report has been filed with county legislature and will be seen by
Economic Development Committee

5. Discrimination cases update
 - a. HOME could not be at the meeting today
 - b. In 2020, 5 cases were brought to the Board. 1 went to a hearing and other 4 are still working toward possible conciliation
6. Motion to adjourn—Sharon Ciminelli; 2nd—Karen King; Unanimous approval

Meeting adjourned 10:17 am

Minutes submitted by Pamela Lanich 2/9/2021

Next Quarterly Meeting: May 11, 2021 at 10:00am