

ERIE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 10am

Erie County Rath Building – Department of Environment & Planning

95 Franklin Street, Buffalo NY 14202

Call-In Meeting Due 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

Kristen Walder – Erie County Attorney’s Office

1. Approval of Minutes – November 12, 2019 meeting **(VOTE)**
  - a. Motion to approve—Sharon Ciminelli; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Karen King; Unanimous approval
2. Status of discrimination complaints
  - a. HOME has been working on cases in state supreme court
  - b. Two cases have come to board and we are proceeding with those. A letter has to go out to parties involved, giving parties 30 days to respond to HOME. Letter will be going out this week. If the parties can’t work out the cases with HOME, cases are referred to Board. Board may be hearing those cases in July.
  - c. No other new cases ready—due to PAUSE order
3. Revisit board terms and appointments **(VOTE)**
  - a. Pamela’s one-year term ending

b. Motion to approve Pamela for a new three-year term—Karen Rybicki; 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen King; Unanimous approval

Meeting adjourned: 10:19AM

Minutes submitted by Pamela Lanich on 5/12/2020

Next Quarterly Meeting: August 11, 2020 at 10am