

ERIE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

Monday May 20, 2019 1pm

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

Board Attendees:

Karen Rybicki – ECDSS (Chair)
Cheryl Andolino – Belmont (Vice Chair)
Sharon Ciminelli – BNAR
Pamela Lanich – WNY Law Center (Secretary)
Karen King—Public Advocacy

Other Attendees:

Jennifer Beltre – Erie County Fair Housing Officer (DEP)

1. Introductions & Welcome to Karen King
 - a. Karen King, Erie County Commissioner of Public Advocacy, has been appointed to board
2. Approval of Minutes from meeting on February 12th **(VOTE)**
 - a. Motion to approve with correction to Sharon Ciminelli's name— Cheryl Andolino ; 2nd – Pamela Lanich; Unanimous approval
3. Board Terms
 - a. Drawing for board term lengths
 - b. Sharon Ciminelli—3 years
 - c. Cheryl Andolino—2 years
 - d. Pamela Lanich—1 year
 - e. Karen King and Karen Rybicki are on board due to their positions, as named in the law, and will remain on board as long as they remain in their positions
4. Year-end Report
 - a. Discussed the format for year-end report
 - b. Report will be for calendar year

5. Status of Discrimination Complaints

- a. Erie County law specifically states that security agreements from DSS are a source of income so discrimination against individuals using DSS security agreements instead of cash deposits is illegal; however, City of Buffalo law does not specify this
- b. HOME and NLS are working on bringing cases to state Supreme Court to establish precedent that it is discriminatory to not accept DSS security agreements
- c. No other pending cases

Meeting adjourned: 1:29pm

Minutes submitted by Pamela Lanich on 5/20/2019

Next Quarterly Meeting: August 13th at 10am