

ERIE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, August 10, 2021; 10am

Erie County Rath Building – Department of Environment & Planning
95 Franklin Street, Buffalo NY 14202
Call-In Meeting (WebEx)

Board Attendees:

Karen Rybicki – ECDSS (Chair)

Pamela Lanich – WNY Law Center (Secretary)

Karen King – Public Advocacy

Terri Flaherty - Belmont

Other Attendees:

Andrew Dearing - DEP

Paul D’Orlando – DEP

Kristen Walder – Erie County Attorney’s Office

Dan Corbitt—HOME

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Approval of minutes
 - a. May 11, 2021—Meeting **(VOTE)**
 - i. Motion to approve—Terri Flaherty; 2nd—Karen Rybicki;
Unanimous approval
 - b. June 8, 2021—Hearing **(VOTE)**
 - i. Motion to approve—Karen King; 2nd— Terri Flaherty; Unanimous
approval
3. Annual report update
 - a. Report filed
4. Discrimination cases update
 - a. Cases 2020-2, 2020-3—HOME still working on conciliation
 - b. 2020-4—Conciliation moving forward—agreement waiting on signatures
 - c. Cases with County Attorney
 - i. 2021-1 Dickey—with litigation department

- ii. Croomb—conflict with HOME so referred to County Attorney—working on conciliation
 - d. HOME investigating new case
 - i. immigrant only had expired visa card to submit as ID so property manager would not proceed with application without offering any alternatives to submit an application
 - ii. immigration/citizenship status is a protected class
 - iii. HOME working on testing
- 5. DEP planning community education regarding Fair Housing Law this fall
- 6. Motion to adjourn (**VOTE**)-- Terri Flaherty 2nd—Karen King; Unanimous approval

Meeting adjourned 10:26 am

Minutes submitted by Pamela Lanich 8/10/2021

Next Quarterly Meeting: November 9, 2021 at 10:00am