

ERIE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, November 9, 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)

Terri Flaherty – Belmont

Sharon Ciminelli—BNAR

Karen King—Public Advocacy

Other Attendees:

Andrew Dearing - DEP

Kristen Walder – Erie County Attorney’s Office

Dan Corbitt—HOME

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Approval of minutes
 - a. August 10, 2021—Meeting (**VOTE**)
 - i. Motion to approve—Sharon Ciminelli; 2nd—Karen Rybicki;
Unanimous approval
3. Discrimination cases update
 - a. 2020-2 and 2020-3—HOME still working on conciliation
 - b. 2020-4—HOME unable to reach complainant; Respondents willing to enter into conciliation agreement
 - c. Cases with County Attorney
 - i. 2020-1 Dickey—with litigation department—looking into whether settlement is an option
 - ii. 2020-5—conflict with HOME so referred to County Attorney—working on conciliation
4. New Case Updates

- a. Goff v. Preischel—source of income complaint, Section 8 voucher not accepted because owner will not make repairs and provider claims property wouldn't pass inspection and HOME's testing corroborates
 - i. Motion to send notice to respondent with 30 days to respond to HOME **(VOTE)**—Karen King; 2nd—Sharon Ciminelli; Unanimous approval
- 5. Motion to adjourn—Sharon Ciminelli; 2nd Terri Flaherty; Unanimous approval

Meeting adjourned 10:25 am

Minutes submitted by Pamela Lanich 11/9/2021

Next Quarterly Meeting: February 8, 2022 at 10:00am