

ERIE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, February 8, 2022; 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

Paul D’Orlando – DEP

1. Welcome
2. Approval of minutes
 - a. November 9, 2021—Meeting (**VOTE**)
 - i. Motion to approve—Karen Rybicki; 2nd— Sharon Ciminelli
Unanimous approval
3. Fair Housing Annual Report--was submitted to the Erie County legislature
4. Discrimination cases update
 - a. 2020-1 Dickey—Conciliation agreement finalized
 - b. 2020-2 and 2020-3—HOME still working on these
 - c. 2020-4—HOME still unable to reach complainant and will need to send a deadline to respond
 - d. 2021-1—HOME trying to work out an agreement for complainant to move into apartment when it’s available with possible reduced rent amount

- e. Cases with County Attorney
 - i. 2020-5—conflict with HOME so referred to County Attorney—working on conciliation but communication difficulties and may need to send a deadline to respond
- 5. New Cases
 - a. HOME investigating some larger housing providers
 - b. Seeing some more subtle source of income violations
- 6. Motion to adjourn—Sharon Ciminelli; 2nd Terri Flaherty; Unanimous approval

Meeting adjourned 10:20 am

Minutes submitted by Pamela Lanich 2/8/2022

Next Quarterly Meeting: May 10, 2022 at 10:00am