

ERIE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, November 14, 2023; 10am

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

Board Attendees:

Sharon Ciminelli--BNAR

Terri Flaherty – Belmont Housing

Other Attendees:

Jean Bennett – DEP

Paul D’Orlando - DEP

Dan Corbitt - HOME

1. Welcome
2. Approval of minutes
 - a. August 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - i. Unable to vote for approval, will be pushed to next meeting.
3. Discrimination Cases Updates—
 - a. 2021-1 Goff v. Preischel - Continuing efforts for conciliation. Property has sold.
 - b. 2020-2 Murray v. Empire - Recommend closing because Complainant moved out of town and there has been no contact.
 - c. 2020-5 Croom v. Peace Bridge - Peace Bridge has been dissolved. No ongoing communication. Recommend closing case.
 - d. 2020-4 Boulware v. Der Yaseen - Complainant moved to Atlanta and there has been no contact. Recommend closing case.
 - e. There have been a couple new complaints, but the complainants have not signed at this point. Dan spoke of their concerns over retaliation and people being desperate to find housing and stay housed because of the approaching winter season.

4. Secretary Vacancy

- a. Working with WNY Law Center and Neighborhood Legal Services to find a secretary prior to next meeting.

Motion to adjourn—Sharon Ciminelli, 2nd Terri Flaherty; Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned 10:13 am

Minutes submitted by Jean Bennett 11/14/2023

Next Quarterly Meeting: February 13, 2024 at 10:00am