

ERIE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024; 10am

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

Board Attendees:

Karen Rybicki – ECDSS (Chair)

Terri Flaherty – Belmont Housing

Nico Soria – WNY Law Center

Other Attendees:

Paul D’Orlando – DEP

Jean Bennett – DEP

Dan Corbitt – HOME

Richard E. Stanton – Erie County Attorney’s Office

1. Welcome
2. Approval of minutes
 - a. May 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - i. Motion to approve – Karen Rybicki; 2nd – Terri Flaherty;
Unanimous approval
3. Discrimination Case Updates —
 - a. Swain v. Dasa
 - i. Letter of determination regarding housing discrimination dated 8/8/2024 was sent to the Erie County Attorney and copies were sent to the complainant and defendant.
 - ii. HOME working with complainant to find appropriate housing as she is currently homeless.
 - b. DiMartino v Standard Management

- i. Original letter dated May 14, 2024 was sent to Standard Property Management, LLC and provided the complaint, Fair Housing Law and Investigation Report.
 - ii. HOME anticipated conciliation but complainant was evicted on July 16, 2024 and is currently homeless, staying in a hotel.
 - iii. HOME assisting complainant to find appropriate housing.
 - iv. Letter will be sent out providing information on next step which would be a hearing.
- c. Smith v. Dickey
 - i. Case and investigation ongoing.
 - ii. Letter will be sent out including complaint and Fair Housing Law.
 - iii. Will wait to see if there is a response within 30 days.
- d. Adding Walker v. Batara to agenda (new complaint)
 - i. Provided with case information and complaint. Investigation is ongoing.
 - ii. Letter will be sent out including complaint and Fair Housing Law.
 - iii. Will wait to see if there is a response within 30 days.

Meeting adjourned 10:37

Minutes submitted by Nico Soria, September 3, 2024

Next Quarterly Meeting: November 12, 2024 at 10:00 am