

ERIE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024; 10am

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

Board Attendees:

Karen Rybicki - ECDSS (Chair)

Sharon Ciminelli - BNAR

Karen King – Public Advocacy

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 – August 13, 2024
 - a. Motion to approve – Sharon Ciminelli; 2nd – Karen Rybicki; Unanimous Approval
3. Discrimination Case Updates —
 - a. Swain v. Dasa
 - i. Still with the County Attorney, no update.
 - b. DiMartino v Standard Management
 - i. Resolved
 - c. Smith v. Dickey
 - i. HOME received written response.
 - ii. Working on conciliation.
 - d. Walker v. Batara
 - i. HOME received written response.

- ii. Dan Corbitt from HOME has had conversations with the owner and is currently waiting for a 2nd written response from the owner and her lawyer.
 - iii. The investigation report will be provided by HOME.
 - iv. Hearing letter will be sent out with the investigation report.
 - v. Walker found a suitable place to live.
- e. Andrade v. Barbosa
 - i. HOME received a written response and denied discrimination.
 - ii. The investigation report will be provided by HOME.
 - iii. No further action at this time, working on conciliation.
 - iv. Andrade found a suitable place to live.
- f. Golpl v. Kish
 - i. HOME received a written response and denied discrimination.
 - ii. The investigation report will be provided by HOME.
 - iii. Willing to conciliate, Dan Corbitt is working on conciliation agreement.
 - iv. No further action at this time.
- g. Cook v. Dickey
 - i. HOME received written response.
 - ii. Working on conciliation.
- h. Leon v. Peto
 - i. HOME has not received a written response from the letter sent 10/15.
 - ii. HOME will provide investigation report.
 - iii. Letter to schedule hearing will be sent out after 30 day window is exhausted.
- i. Motion to adjourn - – Karen Rybicki; 2nd – Sharon Ciminelli; Unanimous Approval
 - i. Meeting adjourned at 10:40

Minutes submitted by Jean Bennett, November 12, 2024

Next Quarterly Meeting: February 11, 2025 at 10:00 am