

Erie County Ethics Board
Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2020 8 a.m. via Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87395486028?pwd=bldjN2lHZ1RMRnVWY0xZL1RxRzRtZz09>

MEMBERS: Steven Schwartz, Chair
Chris Trapp, Vice-Chair
Rebecca Town, Secretary
Brian Downey
Ellen Kennedy

STAFF: Leslie Ortiz-Fogg, Counsel

ABSENT: David Bojanowski

OTHERS PRESENT: Ross Kostecky, Legislature Office (recording)

1. Meeting call to order at 8:04.
2. The Board is empowered under the Executive Orders of the Governor to conduct the meeting over Zoom because of the requirement for social distancing. The recording will be transcribed and posted as required by the law.
3. March 2020 meeting minutes reviewed and approved on motion of Trapp and seconded by Kennedy.
4. Website / Email Updates
 - i. Request for opinions/actions:
 - i. Request from Erie Community College for extensions of deadline to file financial disclosures.
 - ii. Updates to website: Fillable Financial Disclosure Form for 2019 has been posted. The March minutes and Zoom notice have also been posted on the website. (Notices also distributed to local media.)
 - iii. No new FOIL Requests have been received.
5. Old Business:
 - i. The distribution of the Financial Disclosure Form for 2019 has been delayed as much of the county's business has been paused to address COVID 19. Form was sent to publisher and sent back on the March 30th but has not been mailed out. The Commissioner of Personnel will send an email to staff on the required list to fill the disclosure out online, sign it and mail it back in. Some Board members have already done this.
 - ii. (Schwartz) Annual Report to Legislature and County Executive was submitted on April 7, 2020. It will be posted online.
5. New Business:
 - i. The deadline for submission of Disclosure Forms originally due May 15, 2020 has been extended to June 15, 2020. Motion made by Trapp seconded Kennedy.

ii. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2020 at 8 a.m.

6. Public Comments by Ross Kostecky “Stay safe everyone”

7. Motion to adjourn at 8:30 am.. by Trapp, seconded Town

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