

Erie County Ethics Board  
Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2022 8:30 a.m.

**Budget Conference Room (16<sup>th</sup> Floor) – Rath Building**

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Members:                   \_\_\_ Chris Trapp, Chair  
                                  \_\_\_ Brian Downey, Vice Chair  
                                  \_\_\_ Heather Gresham  
                                  \_\_\_ Ellen Kennedy  
                                  \_\_\_ Taunya Abaya

Staff:                     \_\_\_ Leslie Ortiz-Fogg, Counsel  
                                  \_\_\_ Kayla Witherspoon

Excused:                 \_\_\_ Heather Gresham, work

Others Present:       \_\_\_ Richard Stanton, Counsel

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1. Meeting called to order at 8:47a.m.
2. Approval of May minutes was tabled for the next meeting, due to lack of quorum for passage.
3. Website / Email Updates (Witherspoon/Chair):
  - a. Request for opinions/actions:
  - b. Updates to website: Minutes, agenda
  - c. FOIL Requests: one received which included requests for a variety of information; only one request was for a form which the Board is able to provide.
  - d. Other communications:
    1. a personnel issue in the Hamburg Recreation Department will be referred to the Hamburg Board of Ethics.
4. Old Business:
  - a. Chief Ethics Officer Update: No word regarding the recommendation for a Chief Ethics Officer. We will periodically check on the status of this request.
  - b. Date for return of completed Disclosures: All but a few (10) Disclosures have been returned
  - c. Annual Report: The Annual Report will be reviewed at the July meeting. Copies will be e-mailed to the Board.
  - d. ECSO – solicitation: Abaya moved and Kennedy seconded that the Board has no objections to the revised letter from the National Child Safety Council. Motion carried.
  - e. Williamsville ethics complaint: The Board will send a letter recommending that Williamsville appoint an Ethics Officer to address local complaints
5. New Business:
  - a. Review of Law 2 (2018) and Board of Ethics Rules and Regulations: The Board will review the Rules & Regulations periodically
  - b. Next meeting scheduled for Monday July 11, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.
  - c. Content of minutes: name protection for FOIL requests in meeting minutes-names will be redacted
6. Public Comments: None
7. Motion to adjourn: motion to adjourn by Downey, seconded by Abaya at 9:28 a.m.
8. Review of Disclosure Forms that have been received