

Erie County Ethics Board  
Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2022 8:30 a.m:

**Dept. of Social Services Conference Room (7<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:                       \_\_\_ Kayla Witherspoon

Excused:                   \_\_\_ Heather Gresham  
                                  \_\_\_ Richard Stanton, Counsel

Others Present: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m.
2. July meeting Minutes for review, corrections and approval: motion to accept by Downey; Abaya seconded to accept the meeting minutes with one correction; abstained by Trapp
3. Website / Email Updates (Witherspoon/Chair)
  - a. Request for opinions/actions:
  - b. Updates to website: Minutes, agenda: The website has been updated to list all the current board members
  - c. FOIL Requests: NONE
  - d. Other communications: NONE
4. Old Business:
  - a. Chief Ethics Officer Update
  - b. Response to Hartman's team: Trapp will send letter notifying Hartman that the issue of nepotism does not come under the purview of this Board.
  - c. Annual Report: Trapp will file the Annual Report with the County
5. New Business:
  - a. Review of Law 2 (2018) and Board of Ethics Rules and Regulations: Trapp will prepare a document with the suggested changes in the Ethics Rules and Regulations for review at the next meeting
  - c. Next meeting scheduled for Monday September 12, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.
6. Public Comments: NONE
7. Motion to adjourn: motion to adjourn by Abaya, seconded by Downey. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.