

Erie County Ethics Board
Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2022 8:35 a.m:

Budget Conference Room (16th Floor) – Rath Building

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

Staff: ___ Aaron Rubin, Counsel
 ___ Kayla Witherspoon

Excused: ___ Brian Downey, Vice Chair

Others Present: _____

1. Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m.
2. August meeting Minutes for review, corrections and approval – Motion to accept August meeting minutes by Abaya, seconded by Kennedy
3. Website / Email Updates (Witherspoon/Chair):
 - a. Request for opinions/actions: DCE Maria Whyte attending The Dale Carnegie Women’s Leadership Academy – The Board did not find reason for ethical conflict with attendance; requires tuition payment be disclosed in the 2022 Financial Disclosure
 - b. Updates to website: Minutes, agenda
 - c. FOIL Requests: NONE
 - d. Other communications:
 1. The International Institute of Buffalo is hosting a group of visitors from Moldova from September 16th-24th- request for a Board member to meet with the visitors- Trapp will meet with International Institute on Wed. Sept. 21st
4. Old Business:
 - a. Chief Ethics Officer Update – CE’s office is negotiating the position pay grade and scale
5. New Business:
 - a. Next meeting scheduled for Monday October 3, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.
6. Public Comments - NONE
7. Motion to adjourn – Gresham motioned, Abaya seconded motion to adjourn meeting at 8:49 a.m.