

Erie County Ethics Board  
Meeting Agenda

August 7, 2023 8:30 a.m:

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

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

Staff:                         \_X Aaron Rubin, Counsel  
                                      \_X William Licata  
                                      \_X Barb Piazza, Chief Ethics Officer

Excused:                    \_X Heather Gresham

Others Present:

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1. Meeting call to order. **8:33AM. Ellen Kennedy Moves to call Meeting to Order. Taunya Abaya Seconds motion.**
2. June and July meeting Minutes for review, corrections, and approval – **Change exist to “exit’ omit “.”**
3. Website / Email Updates (Licata/Chair):
  - a. Request for opinions/actions:
    1. Town of Cheektowaga training – **The Town of Cheektowaga Ethics Board would like policies and procedures to conduct meetings. They meet once a month at 3PM. (CT) will handle the response.**
    2. April Baskin issue with Peace Prints, Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board – **April Baskins sent two pages concerning Peaceprints. Barbara Piazza to review and report.**
    3. Wendy Dobbins – **She has made several requests of Village of Depew concerning traffic calming and a demand that her tax bill be marked paid under protest. There has been no response. She is asking for help from Erie County Ethics Board. (CT) will contact Ms. Dobbins by letter.**
  - b. Updates to website: Minutes, agenda
    1. secure email – **Joseph Nowicki asked is there a way to create a more secure email. Aaron Rubin will discuss with DISS about secure emails and the website.**
  - c. FOIL Requests – **If citizen sends a request for all information, are personal emails included. Should a new set of email addresses be created or is this unnecessary. Aaron Rubin will research this with DISS as well.**
  - d. Other communications:
4. Old Business:
  - a. Chief Ethics Officer introduction and discussion – **Barbara Piazza given job description by (CT).**
  - b. Status of annual financial disclosure forms – **Personnel does not have a directory of forms. (CT) will send over all forms he has accumulated over last 13 years to Barbara Piazza.**
  - c. Changes to annual financial disclosure forms, if any
5. New Business:
  - a. Baskin attendance – **Ellen Kennedy will reach out to Legislator Baskin to have her appear in October 2023 to discuss nepotism. Aske her to come at 9AM.**
6. Public Comments
7. Motion to adjourn - **Brian Downey makes motion to adjourn at 9:44AM. Taunya Abaya seconds motion.**
8. Next meeting September 11, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., 16<sup>th</sup> floor ECH