

Erie County Ethics Board
Meeting Agenda

September 11, 2023 8:30 a.m:

Budget Conference Room (16th Floor) – Rath Building

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

Staff: _X__ Aaron Rubin, Counsel
 ___ William Licata
 _X__ Barb Piazza, Chief Ethics Officer

Excused: ___ Brian Downey, Vice Chair

Others Present:

1. Meeting call to order. **8:35**
2. August meeting Minutes for review, corrections, and a approval **No Corrections Motion by Ellen, Seconded by Taunya - Approved**
3. Website / Email Updates (Piazza/Chair):
 - a. Request for opinions/actions:
 1. Town of Cheektowaga training **Chris trying to link up with the board for training**
 2. April Baskin issue with Peace Prints, Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board
 - **April had questions about appropriateness – Barb is going to look for answers**
 - **Ellen is going to invite April to the October meeting**
 - b. Updates to website: Minutes, agenda
 1. secure email – **Discussed the need**
 - c. FOIL Requests:
 - d. Other communications:
4. Old Business:
 - a. Chief Ethics Officer discussion: **Welcomed Barb officially**
 - b. Status of annual financial disclosure forms: **There are few outstanding that are needed and a few people who need to be contacted for clarification Chris and Barb will meet to complete the process**
 - c. Changes to annual financial disclosure forms, if any: **Tabled – October meeting**
5. New Business:
 - a. Town of Alden inquiry: **We do not have standing as Alden has its own Board- However if the board can't handle it due to members needing to recuse themselves, we will revisit.**
 - b. County Executive inquiry: **Discussion by the board as to whether we have the status to start an investigation. The Board concluded that the way the legislation is written the board does not have standing to investigate the inquiry**
6. Public Comments: **None**
7. Motion to adjourn: **Motion by Heather, Seconded by Ellen**
8. Next meeting October 2, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., 16th floor ECH