

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

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| <u>Members:</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Trapp, Chair       | <u>Staff:</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Aaron Rubin, Counsel                         |
|                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taunya Abaya, Vice Chair |               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barb Piazza, Chief Ethics Officer |
|                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ellen Kennedy, Secretary |               |   |
|                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Flynn               |               |   |
|                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne Joynt               |               |   |

Others Present:

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1. Meeting called to order at 8:52
2. November Meeting Minutes: John moved, Taunya seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed/
3. Website / Email Updates:
  - a. Updates to website: Minutes, agenda are up-to-date
  - b. FOIL Requests: no response regarding the Eckert request
  - c. Other communications: none
4. Old Business:
  - a. Update on financial statements: 2 have been received, one is still out.
  - b. January elections: terms of office are being checked
  - c. Town of Amherst investigation: This matter is closed. Letters have been sent to Marinucci and Sxukala. Need to clarify with Lavin whether he participated in any discussion of this matter. It should be noted that Barb recused herself from this discussion.
5. New Business:
  - a. CEO
    1. Responsibilities – training staff regarding the Code; now focusing on members of county boards.
    2. Future goals – may be incorporated the Annual Report to the Legislature
    3. Programming – successful Ethics Awareness Day

4. Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board – awaiting response from the County Attorney. It was noted that every entity in the County is required to file a financial disclosure form. Any question goes to the County Attorney.

- b. Annual Training for Ethics Board Members – the State Legislature is in the process of deciding this issue.
- c. 2026 goals – further discussion needed. Possibility of revisiting the issue of Nepotism
- d. Review of Financial Disclosure Forms – address any suggested changes at next meeting
- e. Preparation of 2025 Report – in process
- f. Training of other municipal boards – scheduled every two years
- g. Dates for 2026 submission of disclosure forms - May 15.

6. Public Comments: None

7. Motion to adjourn: Taunya moved, John seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:47

8. Next meeting: Scheduled for January 5, 2026 at 8:40 a.m., 16<sup>th</sup> floor ECH