

Erie County Ethics Board
Draft Minutes
March 2, 2026

Conference Room (16th Floor – Rath Building

Members: Taunya Abaya, Chair
 Anne Joynt, Vice Chair
 ___ Ellen Kennedy, Secretary
 John Flynn

Staff: Aaron Rubin, Counsel
 Barb Piazza, Chief Ethics Officer

1. Meeting called to order at 8:51 a.m.
2. February Meeting Minutes: John moved, Anne seconded, to approve the minutes. Motion passed.
3. Website:
 - a. Minutes and agenda have been updated
 - b. FOIL requests – none
 - c. Other communications – communication from ECIDA secretary – new member had question about gifts. Also, communication from resident complaining about an Erie County Legislator.
4. Chief Ethics Officer Report: Barb provided us with information about Ethics presentations to various Boards.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Annual Report – Taunya presented final report.
 - b. Town of Amherst investigation update re: Lavin – discussed letter to complainant.
 - c. Possible conflict: Employees who serve on Boards – discussed preparation of correspondence to complainant.
Nepotism discussion – discussed this in terms of re-doing our Rules and Regulations.
 - d. 2026 goals – nothing further from goals already discussed.
6. New Business: none
7. Public Comments: none
8. Motion to adjourn: Anne moved, John seconded , to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m. Motion passed.
9. Next meeting changed to April 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.