Erie County Ethics Board

Meeting Agenda

June 5, 2023 8:30 a.m:

**Budget Conference Room (16th Floor) – Rath Building**

Members: \_\_\_Chris Trapp, Chair

\_\_\_Brian Downey, Vice Chair

\_\_\_Heather Gresham

\_\_\_Ellen Kennedy

\_\_\_Taunya Abaya, Secretary

Staff: \_\_\_Aaron Rubin, Counsel

\_\_\_William Licata

While you were out making copies the meeting was called to order at 8:35 am.

The Board approved the May meeting minutes with the caveat that the prior two meetings were approved as such:

March meeting minutes approved: 4 in favor/1 abstention.

April meeting minutes approved: 4 in favor/1 abstention.

Excused: \_\_\_

Others Present:

1. Meeting call to order. **8:35AM**

2. May meeting Minutes for review, corrections, and approval –

**The Board approved the May meeting minutes with the caveat that the prior two meetings were approved as such:**

**March meeting minutes approved: 4 in favor/1 abstention.**

**April meeting minutes approved: 4 in favor/1 abstention.**

3. Website / Email Updates (Witherspoon/Chair):

a. Request for opinions/actions:

1. April Baskin request – **(EK) will send an email asking what matters is the woman voting on? What is the connection between the Advisory Board, Sheriff’s Department and Peace Prints?**

b. Updates to website: Minutes, agenda

1. secure email

c. FOIL Requests

d. Other communications: **(AR) explained that ECMCC is a public benefit corporation and is a local authority which is different from ECIDA. In short, ECMCC Board does not have to file financial disclosures with Erie County Ethics Board. Wendy Dobbins complaint from March 27, 2023 will be sent by (WL) to the Ethics Board – 5 packets and a cover letter.**

4. Old Business:

a. Chief Ethics Officer Update and resume review -**Four resumes delivered to all five members of the Ethics Board. Everyone is to review and then comeback. June 27, 2023 the Ethics Board will interview the selected candidates.**

b. Status of annual financial disclosure forms – **(CT) to send a letter to (WL) reminding people that we have still not received their required financial disclosures.**

c. Changes to annual financial disclosure forms, if any

5. New Business:

a. Baskin attendance at future meeting

6. Public Comments – **No public comments.**

7. Motion to adjourn – **(TA) motion to adjourn – (EK) Seconded**.

8. Next meeting July 10, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., 16th floor ECH