

Erie County Ethics Board
Meeting Agenda

November 4, 2024 8:40 a.m:

Budget Conference Room (16th Floor) – Rath Building

Members:

☒ Chris Trapp, Chair
☒ Ellen Kennedy
☒ Taunya Abaya, Secretary
☐ Anne Joynt

Staff:

☐ Aaron Rubin, Counsel
☒ Barb Piazza, Chief Ethics Officer

Others Present:

1. Meeting call to order. Moment of silence for Brian Downey
 - **Deepest regrets from the entire Board for the loss of Brian Downey**
 - **Asking the legislature for a proclamation for him**
2. October meeting Minutes for review, corrections, and approval: **Pending Quorum**
3. Website / Email Updates (Piazza/Chair):
 - a. Updates to website: **Minutes, agenda website is updated – ethics@erie.gov**
 - b. FOIL Requests – **No foils**
 - c. Other communications:
 - Question about hotel and meals paid for training:
 - **Do the Engineers have anything to do with the (decision making process) selection of the product**
 - **Is the money for the hotel and meals because out of town**
4. Old Business:
 - a. Changes to annual financial disclosure forms, if any (hold)
 - b. Ethics Presentation Update
 - **online presentation for county employees is done.**
 - **Set for January (mandatory)**
 - **legislature have been contacted – different setup needs to be worked out**
 - c. Request to revise Ethics Code regarding definition of spouse and relative (hold)
 - d. Financial Disclosure Reviews:
 - **Discussion on how to receive and store the disclosures**
5. New Business:
6. Public Comments
7. Motion to adjourn **Ellen Moved & Taunya Seconded 9:31 am**
8. Next meeting December 2, 2024 at 8:40 a.m., 16th floor ECH