



Food Policy Council of Buffalo and Erie County

Tri-Main Center

2495 Main Street, Buffalo, 14214 | Lower-Level Conference Room

July 29, 2026 · 4:00-5:00pm

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Members Attending: Mayda Pozantides, Karine Amato, Danielle Rovillo, Sarah Gatti, Rob Free, Zaque Evans, Laura Corrin, Krishna Antoine

Guests: Morgan Stewart, Ashley Jackson, Dimitri Malliaris, Madison Marquardt

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Consideration of the April and May 2026 Meeting Minutes

Zaque Evans motioned to **APPROVE** the April and May 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Danielle Rovillo; and carried by all voting members.

3. Treasurer Update

Rob Free reported no change in the balance since the May meeting.

4. Erie County Updates

a. Find Fresh Erie County

Danielle provided an update on the program noting that usage spiked after the ad campaign was launched and that information on fresh food resources had been updated.

b. Food Systems Assessment

Sarah stated there was no update and no report had been received.

c. Food System Awards

Sarah stated that 20 nominations had been received and the submissions were being reviewed.



d. Food Systems Resource Fair

Sarah stated that planning is ongoing and that 10 organizations have signed up to table.

5. Partner Organization Updates

Morgan Stewart from Big Big Table provided an overview of the organization, and its place in the community as the first “pay as you can” cafe located on the west side of Buffalo. She highlighted the services provided at the cafe and its contributions from local partners. Additionally, she explained the pay structure and the popularity of their “chore” payment program, where patrons pay for their 3-course meal by completing tasks outlined by the cafe.

6. New Business

a. CSA Event

Sarah shared that a CSA event had been discussed and would likely be held in February 2027. Planning will begin in October with the APC leading the effort.

b. Summer Social Event

Sarah shared that the event will be at Britesmith Brewing on Niagara Street in Buffalo.

7. Other Business

Sarah shared that an Erie Grown Newsletter had been started and will be released monthly. It was also shared that there will be no Harvest Roll this year.

Laura shared there may be an opportunity for the FPC to table at the “Rock the Block” event in mid-August.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43pm.