



Food Policy Council of Buffalo and Erie County

Tri-Main Center

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

September 30, 2026 · 4:00-5:00pm

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Members Attending: Sarah Gatti, Danielle Rovillo, Karine Amato, Rob Free, Mayda Pozantides, Eric Tower, Michelle Roberts, Laura Corrin, Mallory Hohl

Staff Attending: Madison Marquardt, Dimitri Malliaris

Guests: Natalie Pax

1. Welcome

2. Consideration of the July 2026 Meeting Minutes

Danielle Rovillo motioned to **APPROVE** the July 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Laura Corrin, and carried by all voting members.

3. Treasurer Update

Rob Free reported a balance of \$1,472.94 in funds.

4. Erie County Updates

1. Find Fresh Erie County

Danielle reported that today was the final day of the Find Fresh grant year. The direct mail campaign associated with the grant was much larger than expected, reaching over 75,000 Erie County residents in three ZIP codes of focus. The campaign was a collaboration with 211 WNY with the aim of improving awareness of fresh food resources in Erie County. The Find Fresh resources will remain part of 211 WNY's information system and will be updated annually to reflect any changes in market locations, etc.

2. Food Systems Assessment

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



3. Food System Awards

Sarah reported the awards went well and there is interest in doing the event in the future. She thanked Rob Free and the Bisons for hosting.

4. Food Systems Resource Fair

Sarah stated that 17 organizations tabled at the event. Vendor feedback was primarily positive. Karine noted that vendors on the lower level did not have the same visibility as those on the main level.

5. Partner Organization Updates

1. Good Food Buffalo Coalition Update

Mayda Pozantides informed the Council about the Buyer–Supplier Conference in Syracuse and will send a link for anyone looking to attend.

2. GBUG Update

Mallory has not received any information on future meetings.

3. Other

Michelle Roberts shared that the Bills Foundation and Highmark Foundation are teaming up for a mobile food truck offering both cold and hot meals to the community called Victory Table.

6. Old Business

1. CSA Event

Danielle stated that work continues in organizing a downtown CSA pick-up location, Danielle has discussed a pilot program at the Rath Building as a potential option.

7. Other Business

Sarah shared that the Erie County Food Drive will be underway in the next few weeks. Sarah also shared that Councilmember Betsy Anderson hosted a cooking class for a local senior center. Participants prepared recipes from the FPC Emergency Eats Cookbooks in the dark using headlamps to simulate a power outage.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38pm.