



**COUNTY OF ERIE  
MARK POLONCARZ  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**ERIE COUNTY YOUTH BOARD MEETING**

*Second Monday of each month from 4:30-5:30pm, unless otherwise specified  
Apple Tree Business Park, 2875 Union Rd. Cheektowaga, NY 14227 Suite #9*

**Minutes- October 6, 2025**

**Present:** LaShawn Davis, Jamien Eutsey, Dr. Zaheera Hemphill, Gabrielle Kostrzewski, Tiffany Lewis, Precious Lugo, Maria Marinucci, Meghann Simpson, Tyler Skretny, Jayla Williams

Kate Hilliman (staff), Wanda Hillman (staff), Dinesha Scarver (staff)

Reed GianGrasso (guest), Moksh Gupta (guest; virtual), Jasmine (Tiffany's guest)

**Absent:** LaKishia Collins, Sue Lumadue, Wavelle Parchment, John Romanowski, Dave Smacznak, Denise Walden, Ashleigh Worthy

**I. Welcome/Introductions- Ice Breaker**

- a. Jamien asked folks to introduce themselves, and share how they are feeling today on a scale of 0-10

**II. Youth Bureau Update-Wanda, Dinesha, and Kate**

**a. ECYB Calendar**

- i. Kate distributed calendar so Board members would be aware of upcoming key dates
- ii. February: all RFPs will be released on the 18<sup>th</sup> (due dates vary), with info sessions coming later in the month
  1. Schedule and links are all on the website so Board members can direct agencies there if needed
- iii. Kate also highlighted some workshops that support technical needs

**b. Funding Update**

- i. Juvenile Diversion Services plan was approved; offering the same services with renewed expectations (no RFPs); had an energetic meeting with agencies last week

**c. RFPs**

- i. Will be released in the beginning of the year
- ii. Kate shared there is a need to review funding priorities, especially for YDP
  1. Want to focus on the needs of the community and focus the priorities a bit more
- iii. Youth issues and juvenile justice issues are public health issues, so Kate reached out to the Office of Health Equity to help distribute RFPs and get the word out and figure out how to assist those agencies

**d. Social Media**



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- i. Like and share the Facebook page!
- e. **Fall Meetings Reminder**
  - i. Beginning in September, all members are required to attend meetings in person, unless attending school out of state (and excluding Sue)
    - 1. A link will not be provided broadly.

**III. Chair's/Vice Chair's Report**

**a. Youth Member Voting**

- i. Moksh Gupta shared pitch for joining the Board (spoke about connecting service with purpose, and about his involvements in the community; believes Youth Board is a meaningful platform to enact change; wants to help connect the voice of youth to policymakers)
  - 1. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and share feedback with Moksh
- ii. Reed GianGrasso shared pitch for joining the Board (spoke about being community-focused and being involved in the community; believes you can get better by uplifting others)
  - 1. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and share feedback with Reed
- iii. Gavin Miller shared pitch for joining the Board (spoke about parents being teachers and being in-tuned with youth needs, and wants to give back; has knowledge about appropriations process)
  - 1. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and share feedback with Gavin
- iv. Members submitted ballots

**b. Vice Chair Voting**

- i. We did not meet quorum to vote on the Vice Chair position; this continues to be a priority

**c. Tabling Opportunities**

- i. *Ran out of time to discuss.*

**d. By-Laws Revision(s)**

- i. **1 Youth of Buffalo Residence**
  - 1. *Ran out of time to discuss.*

**e. Calendar Meetings**

- i. *Ran out of time to discuss.*

**IV. Committee Updates**

- i. *Ran out of time to discuss.*



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**V. Member Discussions, Questions, Concerns**

- a. Dr. Hemphill asked about internal training; we have not yet decided on committees but will continue to explore trainings and opportunities for the Board
- b. Tiffany shared about a Day of the Girl event for girls aged 7 to 18 from 9am to 5pm on October 11<sup>th</sup> at Buff State

**VI. Remaining Meetings 2025**

- a. October 6
- b. November 10
- c. December TBD

**VII. Closing at 5:39pm**