



**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  
Meeting Location: Compass House Resource Center, 1451 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14209*

**Minutes- December 8, 2025**

**Present:** LaKishia Collins, LaShawn Davis, Jamien Eutsey, Reed Giangrasso, Dr. Zaheera Hemphill, Gabrielle Kostrzewski, Tiffany Lewis, Maria Marinucci, Tyler Skretny, Jayla Williams, Ashleigh Worthy  
Kate Hillman (staff), Wanda Hillman (staff), Dinesha Scarver (staff)

**Absent:** Precious Lugo, Sue Lumadue, Wavelle Parchment, John Romanowski, Meghann Simpson

**I. Organization Overview**

- a. Lisa Freeman, Executive Director of Compass House, provided an overview of the services Compass House provides:
  - i. Emergency Shelter for youth ages 12 through 18 with access to crisis counseling
  - ii. Rapid Re-Housing Program through Coordinated Entry assists young adults aged 18 to 24 find and secure housing, with rent support for up to two years
  - iii. Transitional Independent Living Program for six women-identifying and six man-identifying individuals with case management services
  - iv. Resource Center for youth ages 14 to 24 who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness
  - v. In addition, Lisa shared that Compass House participates in the Sage Place program, where youth can use a map to go to a nearby safe place from which Compass House would connect with them and provide services. She also let the Board know about the [Coldest Night of the Year](#) fundraising event, happening on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

- a. Kate expressed gratitude to the Board and let folks know an annual report would be forthcoming. Highlights include that the Youth Bureau served 40,000+ youth across six different programs.
  - i. It is clear the work of the Youth Bureau is integral to the success of young people.
- b. Kate recently attended the Youth Bureau Directors conference, and also presented with others at another conference, and reception was positive and highlighted the fact that the work Erie County is doing is truly exemplary and leading the way for others.
- c. Next year, we are likely to add four adult members and another youth member.

**III. Holiday Celebration**



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- a. Youth Board members engaged in fellowship and connection!

**IV. Upcoming Meetings (locations TBD)**

- i. Jan 12, 2026: Best Self, 325 Manhattan Ave. Bflo. NY 14214(Buffalo United Charter School)
- ii. Feb 9, 2026
- iii. Mar 9, 2026: TRU WAY Community Center at George K. Arthur, 2056 Genesee St. Bflo. NY 14211
- iv. April 13, 2026: Peace of the City, 370 Normal Ave. Bflo. NY 14213
- v. May 11, 2026
- vi. June 8, 2026
- vii. Sept 14, 2026
- viii. Oct, to be determined by the board due to the observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day
- ix. Nov 9, 2026
- x. Dec 14, 2026