Erie County Human Relations Commission (ECHRC) - Commissioners Joint Meeting

Notes – February 22nd 2023

Call to Order/Roll Call:

The Meeting was called to Order by chair Chair Mary Jo Campbell via zoom at 6:02 PM.

Commission Members Present: Chair Mary Jo Campbell, Vice Chair Jeff Pinski, Secretary Christine Mitchell

Commission Members Not Present: Kathryn DiVittorio, Dana Williams, Katrina Byrd, Ken Brasington.

County/Staff Julie Slomski, Kelly Ryan

County Council Ellen Schauerman

Advisory Board Alex Sphon, John Groh, Laura Schaaf

Minutes. No quorum

Chair Report/Commissioners Comments Ellen Schaurerman introduced our new executive director Kelly Ryan. Julie Slomski sent out the revised bylaws as county council had approved an incorrect version missing the hearing board was corrected and approved unanimously. The hearing board is definitely needed and other committees are available based on need from the chair. We have two very overdue cases Charles Sunwabi and deputy solicitor Jay Stranahan are working to close.

Director's Report: new director Kelly Ryan spoke and introduced herself she has over 20 years experience and is looking forward to working with us and serving the citizens of Erie County. Here official start date is March 13th.

Old Business: Ordinance review by directory Ryan shortly as that still is due and needs done. We will strongly encourage attendance for future meetings. Chair Campbell will not be at the March meeting. The advisory board will reorganize before the next March joint meeting. We will have a case update for March. We will continue to pursue hiring for a number two position in the office.

New Business: none

Next Commissioner meeting March 22nd.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:23.