**Erie County Human Relations Commission (ECHRC) – Commissioners Joint Meeting**

**Minutes – February 28th 2024**

**Call to Order/Roll Call:**

The Meeting was called to Order by vice chair Jeff Pinski via in person/zoom at 6:02 PM.

Commission Members Present: Jeff Pinski, Mary Jo Campbell, Christine Mitchell, Katrina Byrd.

Commission Members Not Present*:* Kathryn DiVittorio, Marc Blount. Ken Brasington.

County/Staff Kelly Ryan, Karen Chilcott, Leatrice Schoolcraft

County Council Rock Copland, Tyler Titus

**Election/Officer Discussion** From Karen Chilcott per the solicitor Tom Talarico we cannot waive the bylaws we would need to revise the bylaws and the county is strongly encouraging entire rotating or getting new board members being an officer. Vacancies discussed they are under councilman Winarski and recently opened under the county executive and one vacancy that should be opened for non attendance under Concilman Bayle. No resolution tonight we will work to resolve before the joint meeting in March.

**Minutes**. Minutes from January 24th meeting. Motion to approve by Jeff Pinski and Katrina Byrd approved with a modification to the next meeting date.

**Chair Report/Commissioners Comments**:

**Director’s Report:**  Director Ryan shared the case status report without any identifying information. They are in progress of scheduling a public hearing. It is an old case and we will be using the ordinance as of 2007 when hearing this case. Some cases will come for settlement or closure with the agreement of both parties.

**Old Business:** Director Ryan is working with council on outstanding appointments and they definitely are interested in any input on people interested in the open appointments for commission and advisory board. The recent vacancy is for Brenton Davis to replace. Councilman Winarski still has an open spot. Councilman Bayle’s appointment is also being addressed.

**New Business:**  Director Ryan is now pursuing training options with the new state director. We are keeping the office space at this time as the additional floor traffic on the floor and with the additional staff.

**Next meeting will be the combined meeting and elections on March 20th.**

**Adjournment:** Adjourned at 6:53 by commissioners Mitchell/Pinski.