Erie County Human Relations Commission Advisory Board Meeting Wednesday July 19, 2023

Call to Order/Roll Call:

The Meeting was called to Order by chair Alex Sphon at 6:25 PM

Member Present: John Groh, Abdullah Washington, Camille Crenshaw, Alex Sphon, Edison Nicholson, Kathy Schaaf, Ellen Schauerman, Kelly Ryan

Minutes: No minutes from previous meeting

Chair Report Alex Sphon: Presented the following information.

- Planning of Events to align with Board Goals, including a potential panel discussion event.
- Review of Vacancies for the ECHRC Advisory Board

Director's Report Kelly Ryan: Public. Presented a verbal report with the following information:

- Wall flyers and pamphlets are being distributed.
 - Looking into getting QR code created for discretion.
 - Requested if there were any changes, we feel we need to make to let her know.
- Reviewed vacancy changes
- Abdullah appointment brought us to two vacancies.
- Need 6 out of 11 members to have quorum.
- Job position posted for civil rights investigator.
- Working on electronic file system

Old Business:

- Completed Events: Since last meeting the Advisory Board attended the Juneteenth event on 06/17/23 (Alex and Melissa) as well as the Erie Pride Parade and Festival on 06/24/23 (Melissa)
- ECHRC Information: QR Code, ECHRC Wall Flyer, and ECHRC Pamphlets
- Support being offered by the ECHRC EC Board to the Advisory Board

New Business:

- Discussion was held about holding an open house and getting our name out there.
 - o Potential partnership with Radius
- Discussion held around forming committees.
- Discussion was held about hold a diversity panel

Next meeting will be the joint meeting on September 20, 2023.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:15 PM by Chair Alex Sphon

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Crenshaw, Secretary