

Erie County Ethics Board

June 2014 Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2014

8:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Schwartz, Chair
Chris Trapp, Vice-Chair
Kim Bowers, Secretary
Anna Falicov
Rebecca Town

OTHERS PRESENT: Tami Burns-DiCioccio, Administrative Staff

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeremy Toth, Ex-Officio

1. Review and approval of May 2014 minutes.
 - A motion was made to approve the April meeting minutes by Rebecca Town and seconded by Chris Trapp.

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION BEING:

Steven Schwartz	AYE
Kim Bowers	AYE
Anna Falicov	Abstained
Rebecca Town	AYE
Chris Trapp	AYE

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

2. Membership Updates:
 - Asked Jeremy Toth to provide a copy of Rebecca Town’s appointment.
3. Website / Email Updates:
 - No report at this time.
4. Communications:
 - Letter with opinion was sent to County Comptroller regarding use of County Seal (Schwartz) – that the County Seal should be used only for official county business.
 - Inquiry from Legislator Burke regarding need to submit disclosure. Jeremy Toth responding to Legislator Burke that a new form would need to be completed that encompasses activity for 2013.
5. Old Business:
 - Response to Reese complaint against the County Executive regarding political fundraising (Trapp/Town) – Letter drafted by Ms. Town and reviewed by Mr. Trapp. In summary, issues related to campaign finance are governed by the Board of Elections.

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION BEING:

Steven Schwartz	AYE
Kim Bowers	AYE
Anna Falicov	AYE
Rebecca Town	AYE
Chris Trapp	AYE

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED

6. New Business: Review of Financial Disclosure Forms for 2013
 - Report on Delinquent Forms (Burns-DiCioccio) – only 10 remaining and follow-up letters will be sent.
 - The Board continued to review Disclosure Forms.
 - A special session will be held to review the remaining disclosures on Thursday, June 19th at noon in the Budget Conference Room 1601.
7. Next meeting previously scheduled for Monday July 7, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. A request was made to have the meeting be moved to July 14, 2014 to avoid July 4th weekend and absence of Chair. All approved the change. Kim Bowers will ensure the date change is made on the County's website as well.

Next meeting will be on Monday July 14, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Steven Schwartz and seconded by Chris Trapp.

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION BEING:

Steven Schwartz	AYE
Kim Bowers	AYE
Anna Falicov	AYE
Rebecca Town	AYE
Chris Trapp	AYE

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned 9:00 a.m. and reviews continued until 9:30 a.m.