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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 1, 2019

The Honorable  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Appointment of Member of Erie County Board of Ethics**

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Section 19.01 of the County Administrative Code, I do hereby appoint and submit for your confirmation the following individual to the Erie County Board of Ethics for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

Appointee

**Ms. Ellen T. Kennedy**  
61 Anderson Place  
Buffalo, New York 14222

Thank you in advance for your courtesies.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/ks

cc: Steven Schwartz, Chair, Erie County Board of Ethics  
Ellen T. Kennedy

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Born and raised in Buffalo; P.S. 71 and Kensington High School

Cornell University, B.S. (major in Child Development & Family Relations)  
NY School of Social Work, 1 year of graduate study  
SUNY at Buffalo, MSW

Commissioned as a missionary by the United Church of Christ. Served in Honduras, Central America for two years.

Began social work career at Children's Aid and Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (now Child & Family Services). Began in the Child Protection Department. Director of a Child Abuse Project for 3 years; published *Child Abuse: A Community Challenge*. Later became Social Work Supervisor at the agency's residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed boys (ages 6-12), now called Connors Children's Center.

After 17 years at the agency, left to become an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Buffalo State College. Taught for 25 years; chair of the department for 6 years. Retired as Associate Professor Emerita.

Active in a variety of community organizations throughout the years, including Board of Directors of Concerned Ecumenical Ministries, Child & Family Services, Citizens Committee for Children, NYS Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Presbyterian Homes; member of Erie County Mental Hygiene Community Services Board, Erie County Task Force on Child Abuse, William B. Hoyt Children & Family Trust Fund Advisory Board and served as state board president of Citizen Action of NY for 25 years.

Currently board member of Transitional Services (past president), board member of the Public Policy and Education Fund (the 501(c)(3) affiliated with Citizen Action of NY), chair of WNY Citizen Review Panel (citizen oversight of child protection services).

Member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Ordained as an Elder, and currently chair of the Racial Justice Committee.