

October 10, 2002

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT
COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 13

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, that the following items are hereby received and filed.

	Item	Page	-2002	(Comm. 11E-3)
a.	COMPTROLLER: Copy of Letter to ECC Re: Payroll Audit of ECC for Period 9/1/00 – 8/31/01.			
	(5-0)			

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b.	COMPTROLLER: Audited Financial Statements & Management Letter for ECC.			
	(5-0)			

AS AMENDED

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2.	CUSACK, DeBENEDETTI, WEINSTEIN & MARINELLI			

WHEREAS, Erie Community College (ECC) serves Erie County and the surrounding region as

two-year public educational institution providing associates degrees and certificate programs; and

WHEREAS, the operation and administration of ECC is a cooperative venture between Erie County, through the Erie County Legislature, and the administration of ECC, through the Board of Trustees and the President of ECC; and

WHEREAS, Article 126 of the N.Y. Education Law, sections 6301 through 6310, governs the relationship between a community college and its county sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the above referenced sections of law require that community colleges in New York State exercise a fair degree of autonomy in the areas of fiscal management and personnel; and

WHEREAS, the above referenced sections of law also require that a county sponsor provide its community college with its entire budget at the beginning of the college's fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, ECC's accreditor, feels that ECC must begin to exercise the autonomy allowed to it under Article 126 of the N.Y. Education Law; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature desires to provide ECC with the necessary autonomy provided for under the Article 126 of the N.Y. Education Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby urges the County Executive to authorize the Office of Budget, Management & Finance to provide ECC with its entire remaining 2002-2003 budget by January 1, 2003; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby requests that the ECC Board of Trustees and the County Executive's Office continue meaningful discussions regarding the exercise of autonomy by ECC pursuant to the strictures of N.Y. Educational Law, sections 6301 through 6310, and the provisions in the draft agreement provided by the ECC Board of Trustees for the future operation and administration of ECC; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature will require that the County Executive and ECC provide a report to the Chairperson of the Community Enrichment Committee, Elise M. Cusack, regarding the progress of their discussions concerning autonomy for ECC within forty-five (45) days of passage of this resolution and every forty-five (45) days thereafter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to County Executive Giambra, Budget Director Passafiume, Chairman of the ECC Board of Trustees DiVincenzo, ECC President, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, the County Attorney Frederick Wolf, Constance Kruger, Administrators Association of Erie Community College (4041 Southwestern Boulevard, Orchard Park, New York 14127), Diane Zych, FFECC (6205 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221), Gary Ghosen, CSEA (6205 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221), William Kemp, AFSCME (6205 Main Street, Willimasville, New York 14221).

Fiscal Impact: None for the Resolution
(5-0)

3. Item Page -2002 (Comm. 18E-10)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

RESOLVED, that the Community Enrichment Committee does hereby recommend that the full Legislature confirm the appointment and reappointment of the following people to the Erie County Community Coordinating Council on Children and Families.

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Nancy Blaschak
8822 Violet Parkway
Eden, New York 14057

Ms. Jacqueline Paone
543 Harris Hill Road
Lancaster, New York 14086

Mr. Albert Howard
152 Lincoln Pkwy.
Buffalo, New York 14222

Ms. Dorothy L. Brown
521 Cambridge Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14215

REAPPOINTMENTS

Mr. George Alexander
73 Parkside Avenue

Dr. Anthony Billitter, IV
6 Hemlock Lane

Buffalo, New York 14214

Lancaster, New York 14086

Ms. Deborah Merrifield
342 Middlesex Road
Buffalo, New York 14216

Mr. Michael Weiner
26 Dorchester Road
Buffalo, New York 14222

Ms. Emily Kaznica
161 Hillpine Road
Cheektowaga, New York 14227
(5-0)

Mr. Frank Boccio
One Niagara Plaza
Buffalo, New York 14202

**ELISE M. CUSACK
CHAIRPERSON**