

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATOR MEYERS**

**Re: Appointment to the Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board was created in 2019 via Local Law 3-2019; and

WHEREAS, the law established a variety of appointing authorities for candidates seeking to serve on the Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Majority Leader of the Legislature has a recommendation for one of the seats on the advisory board, and the previous term expired at the end of 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that based on the recommendation of the Majority Leader of the Legislature, Mr. Orlando Dickson is appointed to fill the position of Member of the Corrections Specialist Advisory Board as a member with demonstrated experience in criminal justice, for a three-year term; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board and Mr. Orlando Dickson.

# Orlando Dickson

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## EDUCATION

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### University at Buffalo School of Law, The State University of New York

May 2019

Juris Doctor '19  
President of the Black Law Student Association '18  
Student Bar Association Class Representative '16- '19  
Law School Ambassador '17- '19  
Steinberg Scholar Award '16

### University of Massachusetts, UMass Global System

July 2022

Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership (*Magna Cum Laude*)

### Cornell University, Professional Certificates

January 2023

Business Communications '23, Business Strategy '23, Financial Management '22, Marketing Strategy '22  
Persuasive Communication '22, Corporate Communication '22, Communications 360 '22, PR Strategy '22

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice

#### Medaille University, Buffalo, NY

January 2021 - Present

Develop curricula that explores the concepts, theories, and perspectives of criminal justice, social justice, US Government, and U.S. Politics; deliver course material online and in-person; manage fieldwork; assist in student and faculty recruitment; prepare course syllabi; provide student advisement and assessment; serve the university; participate in professional development; present lectures; create supplemental instructional materials; and accurately evaluate student progress; Served as Black Student Union Advisor; Runner-up for Professor of the Year 21-22.

### Civic Educator

#### Partnership for the Public Good, Buffalo, NY

June 2018 – Present

Educate partners, community groups, residents, and underrepresented young adults about active self-government, advocacy, construction of public policy, and how local and state government works; forge a civically active community through instruction on effective group and self-advocacy; boost resident awareness of their power to increase access to laws, policies, and programs that meet their economic, health, cultural, and educational needs; create and improve reports on incarceration, civil violation, law enforcement, lead safety, and eviction policy; monitored bail hearings to validate district attorney's commitment to reduced requests for money bail on low-level offenses; and drafted policy briefs for legislative proposals to install clean hands eviction in the City of Buffalo.

### Emergency Action Cell Shift Supervisor

March 2012 – July 2013

#### U.S. Army, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI

Rated "Superior" in 2012 maintenance excellence awards for 100,000-member organization; Certified two subordinates in Security Plus Network Administration; Maintained accountability for equipment valued at over \$2 Million; Trained four commissioned officers to certification as Shift Leaders; Tracked serious incident, deployment, weather, and operational reports for 100,000-member organization.

### Solutions Specialist

October 2009 - March 2012

#### U.S. Army, Fort Drum, NY

Created Standard Operating Procedure for a 400-member recon organization; Graduated Army Advanced Leadership Course in the top 10% with Honors; Provided Cybersecurity Customer Service while deployed for 12 months in Afghanistan in a hostile environment; Maintained accountability for automations equipment valued at over \$150,000.

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## **SPECIAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **Buffalo Police Advisory Board – Board Member**

**City of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY**

**February 2020 – January 2022**

Manage police and community-police relations; Consult with residents on police practices; Advocate on behalf of residents by making recommendations to the Common Council and Buffalo Police Department.

### **Community Health Worker**

**CoNECT Buffalo/CHWNB, Buffalo, NY**

**July 2019 – January 2021**

Provide education, networking, and support to ensure all people and communities have the resources and power they need to realize their full potential for health and well-being, with a focus on cultural competency, diversity, inclusion, and equity; foster “bottom-up” strategies to improve community health in Buffalo and beyond; empower community members to define their own challenges and opportunities and act to self-determine their future.

### **Breaking Barriers Group Leader**

**Say Yes/My Brother’s Keeper, Buffalo, NY**

**February 2019 – Present**

Civics leader for a subsection of the Youth Leadership Council; teach Black youth of color, ages 12-24, how to advocate for racial equity, social justice, and policy change; train to strengthen both personal and collective leadership skills to improve their life outcomes.

### **Supportive Housing Chair/ Legal Committee – Board Member**

**Plymouth Crossroads Transitional Housing, Lancaster, NY**

**July 2018 – July 2019**

Manage up to \$10 million-dollar purchase grant; create de novo budget for establishment of first ever supportive housing program; manage five-person supportive housing committee; develop funding, marketing, and grant strategies; Ensure board compliance with relevant non-profit operational and employment laws.

### **Above Top-Secret Security Clearance (SCI)**

**U.S. Army, Fort Shafter, HI**

**2012 – Present**

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Poverty in Buffalo: Causes, Impacts, Solutions**

**Partnership for the Public Good, Publisher: Cornell University ILR School**

**April 10, 2018**

Examines the scope of poverty and inequality in Buffalo-Niagara, the causes of poverty, and its impacts across health, homelessness, and education. Features the insights of Buffalo Truth Commission on Poverty testifiers and commissioners, convened January 25, 2018, by Coalition for Economic Justice, WNY Poor People’s Campaign, and the New York State Truth Commission on Poverty. The report concludes with both local and federal solutions.

### **Evicted in Buffalo: The High Costs of Involuntary Mobility**

**Partnership for the Public Good, Publisher: Cornell University ILR School**

**March 4, 2020**

Examines Buffalo’s eviction crisis as the result of Buffalo’s rising poverty rate, higher local rents, and wage stagnation. Buffalo’s housing stock for low-income renters is exceptionally old, badly maintained, and scarce. Involuntary mobility causes children to perform poorly in school, while adults are more likely to lose their jobs, and services such as medical care are likely to suffer. This report shows how the entire community’s safety and social fabric can be damaged.