

## **Boards Established by the Erie County Charter**

### **1. Board of Health**

- Appointed by: County Executive
- Authority: Charter §503; operates per NY Public Health Law
- Powers: Advisory to Health Commissioner; may issue health regulations (Sanitary Code) with legislative ratification.

### **2. Audit Committee**

- Appointed by: Legislature, with nominations from Erie County Bar Association, WNY CPAs, and local banks
- Authority: Charter §2517
- Powers: Issues RFPs for audits of County and ECC; oversees implementation of audit recommendations.

### **3. Citizens' Budget Review Commission**

- Appointed by: County Legislature and County Executive
- Authority: Charter §2518
- Powers: Reviews county budget operations; issues quarterly and annual reports; helps ensure fiscal transparency.

### **4. Community Coordinating Council on Children and Families**

- Mixed appointments by Legislature and County Executive
- Authority: Charter §22-B-02, §22-B-03
- Powers: Coordinates and evaluates services for children and families; issues recommendations and annual reports.

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## **Boards Established by the Erie County Code**

### **1. County Development Coordination Board**

- Appointed by: County Executive (11 members), plus specified ex-officio members
- Authority: Code §3.08-A

- Powers: Reviews and recommends on County's comprehensive plan, capital budget, and regional planning initiatives.

## **2. Board of Health (Expanded detail)**

- Further described in Code §5.04
- Terms, composition, and function echo Charter provisions, reinforcing its role.

## **3. Fire Advisory Board**

- Appointed by: County Executive
- Authority: Code Article on Emergency Services
- Powers: Advises on fire training, mutual aid, and related emergency functions .

## **4. Civil Defense/Disaster Preparedness Advisory Board**

- Appointed by: County Executive
- Authority: Code Article on Emergency Services
- Powers: Advises on disaster preparedness plans and programs.

## **5. Homeland Security/Emergency Advisory Board**

- Appointed by: County Executive
- Authority: Alternative to Fire/Civil Defense boards
- Powers: Provides integrated emergency management and homeland security oversight.

## **6. Board of Trustees – Department of Central Police Services**

- Appointed per Charter, detailed in Code §15.03
- Powers: Internal governance of the department.

## **7. Senior Services Advisory Board**

- Appointed by: County Executive
- Authority: Code §16.03
- Powers: Advises on policy and services for seniors.

## **8. Erie County Council for Persons with Disabilities**

- Appointed by: County Executive
- Authority: Code §17.01
- Powers: Advisory to the Division for Persons with Disabilities.

## **9. Poverty Advisory Board**

- Appointed by: County Executive
- Authority: Code §12.08
- Powers: Advises on anti-poverty programs and policy.

## **10. Youth Bureau Board**

- Appointed by: County Executive
- Authority: Code §12.09
- Powers: Advises on youth programming countywide.

## **11. Mental Health Advisory Board (Community Services Board)**

- Appointed by: County Executive
- Authority: Code §13.03
- Powers: Advises on mental health policy and commissioner appointments.

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## **Notes**

- Some boards (e.g., Board of Health, Audit Committee) are rooted in both the Charter and Code, with the Code often providing additional detail.
- All of these boards are explicitly established by law, either through the Charter or the Administrative Code, and their creation, powers, and appointment processes are mandated or authorized by County law, and in some cases, state law as well (e.g., Public Health Law, Mental Hygiene Law).
- Other boards may be created by local law or resolution, but this list includes only those with an explicit statutory basis in the Charter or Code.

## **Erie County Volunteer Boards and Commissions**

### **1. Assigned Counsel Program**

- **Purpose:** Provides quality legal representation in both Criminal and Family Courts within Erie County.

### **2. Buffalo and Erie County Public Library Board**

- **Purpose:** Oversees library operations, including policy implementation, material selection, employee appointments, and property management.

### **3. Buffalo Place**

- **Purpose:** Details not specified on the portal.

### **4. Central Police Services Board of Trustees**

- **Purpose:** Sets departmental policies and advises on professional and technical services for county police agencies.

### **5. Conditional Release Commission**

- **Purpose:** Determines eligibility and conditions for the conditional release of local jail inmates.
- **Requirements:** Members must hold a four-year degree and possess at least five years of experience in fields such as criminology, criminal justice administration, law enforcement, probation, parole, law, social work, social science, psychology, psychiatry, or corrections.

### **6. Commission on the Status of Women**

- **Purpose:** Aims to eliminate gender-based discrimination and ensure women's full participation in issues affecting their lives.

### **7. Corrections Advisory Board**

- **Purpose:** Provides suggestions and advice to improve programs and services at the Erie County Correctional Facility and Holding Center.
- **Functions:**
  - Enhance jail management and correctional facility programs.
  - Facilitate public commentary on facility activities.

- Submit formal recommendations to county officials, including budget analyses and potential funding sources for new initiatives.
- Receive and refer complaints regarding correctional facilities to the appropriate officials for investigation.

#### **8. Council on People with Disabilities**

- **Purpose:** Serves as an advisory board to the Office for the Disabled.
- **Composition:** Consists of twelve voting members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Legislature, with six members being individuals with disabilities.

**Volunteer Boards the Legislature makes appointments to/has Legislators sitting on:**

- Fisheries Advisory (12 members, CE appoints 8)
  - Chair of the Legislature appoints 1
  - Majority Caucus appoints 1 by majority vote
  - Minority Caucus appoints 1 by majority vote
  - Chair of Legislature's Energy & Environment Committee appoints 1
  - Other info:
- The chairman of the Erie County legislature shall make the appointment to designate one of the four members which next become vacant by expiration of the original term after approval of this local law, which shall then and thereafter be the position to be appointed by the chairman of the Erie County legislature, with the appointee serving for a term of three years. The members of the Erie County legislature shall make the appointments to designate the two members which next become vacant by expiration of the original term after approval of this local law, which shall then and thereafter be the positions to be appointed by the members of the Erie County legislature, with each appointee serving for a term of three years.
- The Chairperson of the Erie county Legislature's Energy & Environment Committee shall make the appointment to designate the member which next becomes vacant by expiration of the original term after approval of this local law, which shall then and thereafter be the position to be appointed by the Chairperson of the Erie county Legislature's Energy & Environment Committee, with the appointee serving for a term of three years. Members shall be residents of the County of Erie, and shall include representatives of sports and recreational fishing, and of various fields of marine and aquatic sciences.
- Lake Erie Watershed Protection Agency
  - Three appointments: one soil and water conservation representative, one regional government representative, and one local government representative (I think a Legislator is eligible to be appointed, although they are required to approve – see below)

**Volunteer Boards the Legislature confirms appointments to:**

- Assigned Counsel
- Buffalo and Erie County Public Library
- Buffalo Place
- Central Police Services Board of Trustees
- Conditional Release Commission
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Corrections Advisory Board
- Council on People with Disabilities
- Erie County Cultural Resources Advisory Board
- Erie County Deferred Compensation
- Erie Community College
- Erie County Industrial Development Agency (ECIDA)
- Erie County Medical Center Public Benefit Corporation Board
- Environmental Management Council
- Ethics
- Fair Housing
- Fisheries Advisory
- Health
- Labor Management Healthcare Fund
- Lake Erie Watershed Protection Agency
- Legal Aid
- Local Early Intervention Coordinating Council
- Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA)
- Sewer District
- Visit Buffalo Niagara

- Workforce Investment Board