

ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MEETING NO. 6
MARCH 27, 2025

The Legislature was called to order by Chair Meyers.

All members present, except Legislator Greene.

An Invocation was held, led by Ms. Lorigo, who requested a moment of silence.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Dupre.

Item 1 – No tabled items.

Item 2 – No items for reconsideration from previous meeting.

Item 3 – MR. GILMOUR moved for the approval of the minutes for Meeting Number 5 from 2025. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 4 – No Public Hearings.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

Item 5 – Miscellaneous Resolutions were offered, as follows:

DUPRE	Honoring Ari Moore On the Occasion of International Transgender Day of Visibility
ST. JEAN TARD	Honoring Eight NY Women during Women's History Month
KOOSHOIAN	Celebrating and Honoring The Buffalo Zoo - Erie County Citizen of the Month (March 2025)
KOOSHOIAN	Celebrating and Honoring Polish Hungarian Friendship Day - 2025
KOOSHOIAN & GILMOUR	Congratulating Canisius High School Varsity Basketball Program Earning Their 20th Manhattan Cup Title
KOOSHOIAN & BARGNESI	In Remembrance of Fred Charles Vincent
KOOSHOIAN	Honoring Ristorante Lombardo on National Ravioli Day
BARGNESI	Honoring and Recognizing Debra Feary on a Phenomenal Career

BARGNESI	Honoring Christine Hausrath during Women’s History Month
VINAL	In Remembrance of James “Jim” Killeen
VINAL	Honoring Bridget Niland during Women’s History Month
GREENE	Honoring Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village for Maple Weekend
GREENE	Recognizing and Honoring Kowalski and Daughters Farm for Maple Weekend
GREENE	Recognizing and Honoring Joseph J. Halleck on His 70th Birthday
GREENE	Recognizing and Honoring Phoenix Rising Equine Rescue & Rehabilitation
MEYERS	Honoring Christine Ziemba during Women’s History Month
TODARO	Recognizing and Honoring Julie Sentiff as Recipient of the Senior Wishes Volunteer of the Year
TODARO	In Memory of Richard Young
TODARO	Congratulating Depew Girls 4x200 Indoor Relay on Winning the New York State Title
TODARO	Celebrating Estelle Glegota on the Occasion of Her 105th Birthday
GILMOUR	Honoring Mulberry Italian Ristorante on National Ravioli Day
GILMOUR	Celebrating Ilio DiPaolo’s Restaurant & Banquet Facility on National Ravioli Day
GILMOUR	Honoring Annette Iafallo during Women’s History Month
LORIGO	Celebrating “National Therapy Animal Day” in Erie County
LORIGO	Recognizing Sydney Hanley on World Down Syndrome Awareness Day
LORIGO	Honoring Christopher Richard Agle on Earning the Rank of Eagle Scout
MILLS	Honoring Smith’s Maple Farm on Maple Weekend
MILLS	Honoring Maple Glen Sugar House On Maple Weekend
MILLS	Honoring Kist Maple Syrup on Maple Weekend
MILLS	Honoring Kwilos Farms on Maple Weekend

MILLS Honoring Kristin Heltman-Weiss for Agricultural Equity

MILLS Honoring Carolynn Welch as we Celebrate Women's History Month

MR. GILMOUR moved for consideration of the above thirty-two items. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved to amend the above thirty-two items by including Et Al Sponsorship. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved for approval of the above thirty-two items as amended. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LOCAL LAWS

Item 6 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 2 (Print #1) 2024 remain on the table and in the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 7 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 3 (Print #1) 2024 be received and filed.

GRANTED.

Item 8 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 5 (Print #2) 2024 remain on the table and in the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 9 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 7 (Print #1) 2024 remain on the table and in the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 10 – MR. MEYERS moved to take Local Law No. 3 (Print #2) 2025 from the table. MS. LORIGO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved to approve Local Law Intro. No. 3 (Print #2) 2025. MS. LORIGO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 50

LOCAL LAW TO BE ENACTED BY THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE IN THE COUNTY
OF ERIE

LOCAL LAW INTRO.- NO. 3-2-2025

LOCAL LAW- NO. __ - 2025

A LOCAL LAW requiring meetings of the Erie County Boards and Advisory Committees to provide access to information to the public.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Title

This law shall be entitled and known as "The Meetings Transparency Act"

SECTION 2. Legislative Intent

The Erie County Legislature recognizes that taxpayers should have easy access to details discussed and acted upon at public meetings. The Erie County Legislature prepares an agenda, which it posts before legislative sessions, records videos of meetings available for replay, and posts the minutes of meetings for review. Boards should use available technology to increase access to similar discussions and actions of commissions and boards empaneled by the County.

SECTION 3. Definitions

BOARD: Any government board, commission, council, committee, advisory committee, panel, or similar group created pursuant to the Erie County Charter, Code, or Local Law.

SECTION 4. Meeting Minutes

Boards shall keep written minutes summarizing all official actions, discussions, public comments, and votes at each meeting. Draft minutes shall be made available to the public within 10 business days after each meeting.

The minutes shall be officially approved at the board's next public meeting, and a final version shall be posted publicly online within five business days after approval. The minutes must also be submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature to be included in the official record.

SECTION 5. Notice and Agendas

Boards shall give public notice at least seven calendar days before any regular meeting by prominently posting the date, time, location, and agenda on the general Erie County website and the website of the Erie County Legislature.

For special or emergency meetings, notice should be provided as soon as is practicable.

Meeting agendas shall include a list of topics to be discussed, a list of invited speakers, and an indication of whether any votes or official actions are anticipated.

SECTION 6. Broadcast and Recording of Meetings

To the extent feasible and otherwise required by law, boards should also provide a live stream of meetings for public viewing. Erie County is required to make appropriate accommodations for each board to make this possible. If a live stream is not possible, meetings should, at minimum, be video recorded, and the recording should be posted on the general Erie County website.

SECTION 7. Public Access to Records

Boards shall maintain information to be posted on Erie County's website, which will provide access to board member information, past meeting minutes, agendas, recordings, reports, resolutions, and other official documents.

Upon public request, boards shall provide copies or electronic access to such records promptly as allowed by public record laws.

SECTION 8. Public Comment

Boards should provide reasonable opportunities for public comment at each meeting.

Any restrictions on public comment shall be viewpoint-neutral and clearly stated in the board's policies.

SECTION 9. Directory of Boards

Erie County shall compile and maintain a directory of all Boards and Advisory Committees as defined in Section 3 of this Law on Erie County's website. The directory shall contain hyperlinks to a webpage on Erie County's website for each specific board or committee and provide the relevant information about that board or committee as required by this Local Law.

SECTION 10. Compliance

Originating governmental bodies shall establish procedures to monitor and ensure compliance with this law.

SECTION 11. Severability

If any part of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remained of this chapter or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances. The County of Erie hereby declares that it would have passed this chapter or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

SECTION 12. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately following its filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

Sponsor: Legislator Lorigo and Legislator Gilmour

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 11 – MR. DUPRE presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 51

March 20, 2025	MINORITY & WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, all items are hereby tabled.

LAWRENCE J. DUPRE
CHAIR

Item 12 – MR. BARGNESI presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 52

March 20, 2025	ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
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REPORT NO. 4

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM 5E-17 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “ECSD No. 2 - Engineering Term Contract Agreement (Work Order: WNDL-6)”
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 5E-13 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the County of Erie must conduct a review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) in conjunction with the Erie County Sewer District No. 1 Increase and Improvements of Facilities (2024) Project; and

WHEREAS, in this instance, the County is the Lead Agency pursuant to SEQRA, as it is the only agency that has discretionary approval authority over this Action; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that both Type II Actions and Unlisted Actions are associated with projects to be funded in this bond; and

WHEREAS, the County has duly considered the Actions, the short Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria for determining significance set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.7(c), the draft Negative Declaration, and such other information deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the County has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, has taken a hard look at these areas, and has made a reasoned elaboration of the basis for its determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature declares itself Lead Agency; and be it further

RESOLVED, that based upon a thorough review and examination of the known facts relating to the Actions and its careful review of all potentially adverse environmental impacts, and the entire record and proceedings relating to the Actions, the County finds that the Actions will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and that a draft environmental impact statement will not be prepared; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the attached negative declaration, incorporated herein by reference, is issued and adopted for the reasons stated in the determination of non-significance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive’s Office, Comptroller’s Office, Department of Law, Division of Budget and Management, and Division of Sewerage Management.

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3. COMM. 5E-14 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, pursuant to proceedings heretofore had and taken in accordance with the provisions of Article 5-A of the County Law, including approving orders of the State Comptroller, County Sewer District No. 1 (the "Sewer District") of the County of Erie, New York (the "County"), has heretofore been established; and

WHEREAS, this County Legislature (the "Legislature") has heretofore duly directed that there be prepared a report and estimate of cost by the County Engineers (Erie County Department of Environment and Planning) relating to a proposed increase and improvement of the facilities of the Sewer District (the "Report"), which Report has been approved by the Board of Managers of the Sewer District on October 11, 2024, and filed with the Legislature pursuant to Section 268 of the County Law; and

WHEREAS, the Report describes a proposed increase and improvement of the facilities of the Sewer District, consisting of improvements to the existing pumping stations and the sanitary sewer collection system of the Sewer District, all as more fully described in the Report; and

WHEREAS, the total maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid increase and improvement of the facilities of the Sewer District is \$22,100,000, which includes the expenditure of \$6,200,000 from the Sewer District's reserve fund and the issuance of serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15,900,000, such amount to be offset by any State, Federal, and/or local funds received, which will be apportioned in accordance with applicable flat charges and charges based on units, assessed value and footage specified in the Sewer District's Benefit and User Charge formulas, as such formulas currently exist and as the same may be amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable provisions of Section 268 of the County Law, as amended by Chapter 397 of the Laws of 1995, the consent of the State Comptroller is not required prior to the expenditure of funds for such increase and improvement because the estimated \$48.08 cost thereof to the Typical Property (as defined in the County Law) does not exceed the applicable threshold for Average Estimated Cost for County Districts on similar types of expenditures, which was computed by the State Comptroller to be \$63.00 for calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has given due consideration to the impact that the Project may have on the environment and, on the basis of such consideration, the County Legislature found that no substantial adverse environmental impact will be caused thereby; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature and the County have complied in every respect with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding environmental matters, including compliance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, comprising Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and, in connection therewith, duly issued a negative declaration and/or other applicable documentation concerning the project, which has been filed in the office of the County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature adopted a Resolution pursuant to Legislative Comm. 19E-21 (2024) on November 21, 2024, calling a meeting of the County Legislature for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the proposed Project in accordance with the Report and Estimate (the “Public Hearing”); and

WHEREAS, such Resolution adopted pursuant to Legislative Comm. 19E-21 (2024) authorized and directed the Clerk of the County Legislature to publish the notice of the Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing was duly held at County Hall, in Buffalo, New York, on December 16, 2024, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time; and

WHEREAS, notice of the Public Hearing was duly published in the manner provided by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Upon the evidence given at the Public Hearing, it is hereby found and determined that it is in the public interest to proceed with the Project and its proposed plan of financing, all as more fully described in the preambles hereto, and the Project is hereby authorized.

Section 2. It is hereby found and determined that all of the parcels and lots of the District shall be benefited by the Project.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that the maximum estimated cost of the Project is \$22,100,000, which includes the expenditure of \$6,200,000 from the Sewer District’s reserve fund and the issuance of serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15,900,000, and unless paid for from other sources or charges, such cost to be to be apportioned among the benefitted real properties in the District in accordance with charges based on usage and/or special assessments based on units, assessed value and/or footage, as these or other applicable cost apportionment standards may be specified in the District's Benefit and User Charge formulas (as those currently exist or as they may be amended from time to time in accordance with the County’s sewer rents local law and the rules and procedures adopted by the Board of Managers of the District).

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that the cost of the Project shall be financed by the issuance of serial bonds of the County (to be issued pursuant to one or more bond resolutions that are to be adopted by the Legislature in the future) at a maximum estimated cost of \$22,100,000, which includes the expenditure of \$6,200,000 from the Sewer District’s reserve fund and the issuance of serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15,900,000.

Section 5. It is hereby found and determined that this resolution shall constitute the declaration (or reaffirmation) of the County’s “official intent” to reimburse (to the extent permitted) expenditures toward the Project with the proceeds of bonds, notes or other obligations, as required by United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that the County Legislature has directed that the Project (and its proposed plan of financing) for which approval is being sought is in the public

interest and will not constitute an undue burden on the properties which will bear the cost thereof, and if the cost of the proposed improvements is to be assessed in whole or in part against a benefited area, that all real property to be so assessed will be benefited by the proposed improvements and that no benefited property has been excluded.

Section 7. It is hereby directed that within ten (10) days after adoption of this Resolution, the Clerk of the County Legislature shall record with the Clerk of the County a copy of this Resolution, certified by the Clerk of the County Legislature.

Section 8. It is hereby directed that this resolution shall take effect immediately.
(6-0)

4. COMM. 5E-15 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the County of Erie must conduct a review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") in conjunction with the Erie County Sewer District No. 8 Increase and Improvements of Facilities (2024) Project; and

WHEREAS, in this instance, the County is the Lead Agency pursuant to SEQRA, as it is the only agency that has discretionary approval authority over this Action; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that both Type II Actions and Unlisted Actions are associated with projects to be funded in this bond; and

WHEREAS, the County has duly considered the Actions, the short Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria for determining significance set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.7(c), the draft Negative Declaration, and such other information deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the County has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, has taken a hard look at these areas, and has made a reasoned elaboration of the basis for its determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature declares itself Lead Agency; and be it further

RESOLVED, that based upon a thorough review and examination of the known facts relating to the Actions and its careful review of all potentially adverse environmental impacts, and the entire record and proceedings relating to the Actions, the County finds that the Actions will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and that a draft environmental impact statement will not be prepared; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the attached negative declaration, incorporated herein by reference, is issued and adopted for the reasons stated in the determination of non-significance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Law, Division of Budget and Management, and the Division of Sewerage Management.

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5. COMM. 5E-16 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, pursuant to proceedings heretofore had and taken in accordance with the provisions of Article 5-A of the County Law, including approving orders of the State Comptroller, County Sewer District No. 8 (the “Sewer District”) of the County of Erie, New York (the “County”), has heretofore been established; and

WHEREAS, this County Legislature (the “Legislature”) has heretofore duly directed that there be prepared a report and estimate of cost by the County Engineers (Erie County Department of Environment and Planning) relating to a proposed increase and improvement of the facilities of the Sewer District (the “Report”), which Report has been approved by the Board of Managers of the Sewer District on October 8, 2024, and filed with the Legislature pursuant to Section 268 of the County Law; and

WHEREAS, the Report describes a proposed increase and improvement of the facilities of the Sewer District, consisting of improvements to the East Aurora Water Resource Recovery Facility and the sanitary sewer collection system (including pumping stations), all as more fully described in the Report; and

WHEREAS, the total maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid increase and improvement of the facilities of the Sewer District is \$8,600,000, which includes the expenditure of \$2,700,000 from the Sewer District’s reserve fund and the issuance of serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,900,000, such amount to be offset by any State, Federal, and/or local funds received , which will be apportioned in accordance with applicable flat charges and charges based on units, assessed value and footage specified in the Sewer District’s Benefit and User Charge formulas, as such formulas currently exist and as the same may be amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable provisions of Section 268 of the County Law, as amended by Chapter 397 of the Laws of 1995, the consent of the State Comptroller is not required prior to the expenditure of funds for such increase and improvement because the estimated \$62.77 cost thereof to the Typical Property (as defined in the County Law) does not exceed the applicable threshold for Average Estimated Cost for County Districts on similar types of expenditures, which was computed by the State Comptroller to be \$63.00 for calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has given due consideration to the impact that the Project may have on the environment and, on the basis of such consideration, the County Legislature found that no substantial adverse environmental impact will be caused thereby; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature and the County have complied in every respect with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding environmental matters, including compliance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, comprising Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and, in connection therewith, duly issued a negative declaration and/or other applicable documentation concerning the project, which has been filed in the office of the County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature adopted a Resolution pursuant to Legislative Comm. 19E-20 (2024) on November 21, 2024, calling a meeting of the County Legislature for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the proposed Project in accordance with the Report and Estimate (the “Public Hearing”); and

WHEREAS, such Resolution adopted pursuant to Legislative Comm. 19E-20 (2024) authorized and directed the Clerk of the County Legislature to publish the notice of the Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing was duly held at County Hall, in Buffalo, New York, on December 16, 2024, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time; and

WHEREAS, notice of the Public Hearing was duly published in the manner provided by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Upon the evidence given at the Public Hearing, it is hereby found and determined that it is in the public interest to proceed with the Project and its proposed plan of financing, all as more fully described in the preambles hereto, and the Project is hereby authorized in concept.

Section 2. It is hereby found and determined that the parcels and lots of the District shall be benefited by the Project.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that the maximum estimated cost of the Project is \$8,600,000 and the plan of financing includes the expenditure of \$2,700,000 from the Sewer District’s reserve fund and the issuance of serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,900,000, and unless paid for from other sources or charges, such cost to be to be apportioned among the benefitted real properties in the District in accordance with charges based on usage and/or special assessments based on units, assessed value and/or footage, as these or other applicable cost apportionment standards may be specified in the District's Benefit and User Charge formulas (as those currently exist or as they may be amended from time to time in accordance with the County’s sewer rents local law and the rules and procedures adopted by the Board of Managers of the District).

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that the cost of the Project shall be financed by the issuance of serial bonds of the County (to be issued pursuant to one or more bond resolutions that are to be adopted by the Legislature in the future) at a maximum estimated cost of \$8,600,000. The plan of financing also includes the expenditure of \$2,700,000 from the Sewer District’s reserve fund.

Section 5. It is hereby found and determined that this resolution shall constitute the declaration (or reaffirmation) of the County’s “official intent” to reimburse (to the extent permitted) expenditures toward the Project with the proceeds of bonds, notes or other obligations, as required by United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that the County Legislature has directed that the Project (and its proposed plan of financing) for which approval is being sought is in the public interest and will not constitute an undue burden on the properties which will bear the cost thereof, and if the cost of the proposed improvements is to be assessed in whole or in part against a benefited area, that all real property to be so assessed will be benefited by the proposed improvements and that no benefited property has been excluded.

Section 7. It is hereby directed that within ten (10) days after adoption of this Resolution, the Clerk of the County Legislature shall record with the Clerk of the County a copy of this Resolution, certified by the Clerk of the County Legislature.

Section 8. It is hereby directed that this resolution shall take effect immediately.
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6. COMM 5E-18 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, Erie County has a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program to provide residents with a safe, effective, and cost-free opportunity to dispose of household generated hazardous waste; and

WHEREAS, every year, Erie County hosts periodic HHW events to properly dispose of chemicals that pose a health and safety hazard and might otherwise contaminate our water, land, or air; and

WHEREAS, beginning in June of 2020, the HHW Voucher program has provided service to over 1,000 Erie County residents on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, these two services combined service approximately 2,000 households per year; and

WHEREAS, Erie County would realize a fiscal benefit from partial, up to fifty percent, State reimbursement for expenses associated with the collection and disposal of HHW; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature authorized the County Executive to enter into contracts with MXI Environmental Services, LLC (MXI) and The Environmental Service Group (ESG) with the passage of Resolution COMM. 4E-11(2023) and a one-year extension was authorized with passage of Resolution COMM. 12E-21 (2024); and

WHEREAS, the contract provides for two, one-year extensions of the contracts at the discretion of the Department and Planning; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Planning and the contractors, MXI and ESG, wish to extend the contracts for an additional year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive to extend the existing contracts with MXI Environmental Services, LLC (MXI) and The Environmental Service Group (ESG) to provide Erie County with HHW and CESQG Collection and Management Services for one additional year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funding exists to cover the costs of these contract extensions within the Department of Environment and Planning's 2025 General Fund Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 16200) Accounts 517629 – Hazardous Waste Days and Account 517577 for Hazardous Waste – Community Generators (CESQG); and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, Department of Law, Department of Environment and Planning, and Division of Budget and Management.

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JOHN A. BARGNESI
CHAIR

Item 13 – MR. DUPRE presented the following report and moved to separate Item No. 6 and approve the balance. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. DUPRE moved to approve Item No. 6 from the report. MS. VINAL seconded.

CHAIR MEYERS directed that a roll call vote be taken.

AYES: MR. BARGNESI, MR. DUPRE, MR. GILMOUR, MR. KOOSHOIAN, CHAIR MEYERS, MS. ST. JEAN TARD and MS. VINAL. NOES: MS. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, and MR. TODARO. (AYES: 7; NOES: 3)

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 53

March 20, 2025	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 4D-4 (2025)
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES "Comm. 12E-34 Compliance Report"
(Chair's Ruling)

- b. COMM. 5E-23 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE “Appointments to the Mental Health Hygiene Community Services Board”
(Chair’s Ruling)
- c. COMM. 5D-3 (2025)
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES “Comm. 12E-34 Compliance Report”
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 5E-6 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, in 2023, the Erie County Legislature introduced the Public Art Act of Erie County, providing a funding mechanism for public art related to certain Erie County capital construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the County has allocated 1% of the cost of a building construction project, up to a maximum of \$10,000, for the acquisition, maintenance, and management of public art; and

WHEREAS, the Arts in Public Places Committee, which supports this program, is composed of five (5) local volunteers (three (3) appointed by the County Executive, one (1) appointment each for the Majority and Minority Caucuses of the Legislature), who are experts in the fields of art, art history, architecture, or architectural history, and is responsible for commissioning, selecting, placing, and preserving works of art in various media; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the five (5) appointed members, the County Executive, the Chairperson of the Legislature, the Chairperson of the Legislature's Community Enrichment Committee, the Minority Leader, and the Commissioner of Public Works or their designees, serve as ex-officio non-voting members of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Committee prepared an Annual Master Plan in accordance with Local Law 2024-3 to ensure a coherent acquisition program and implementation guidelines, which must be approved by the Erie County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, a call for artists was publicly released by Erie County on October 15, 2024, inviting submissions for creative projects to be considered for funding and development; and

WHEREAS, the selection committee has thoroughly reviewed the submitted proposals in accordance with the guidelines and objectives outlined in the call for artists, and the committee has determined that the below listed projects meet the criteria and align with the goals set forth by Erie County for public engagement, artistic expression, and community benefit; and

WHEREAS, Erie County desires to approve the Master Public Art Plan and fund the installation/application of public art on previously identified Erie County properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby approves the 2025 Erie County Public Art Master Plan as submitted by the Arts in Public Places Committee in accordance with Local Law 2023-4; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract, easement and/or agreement with the selected artist, Cassandra Ott, in an amount not to exceed a total of \$155,400 for the purpose of completing the Buffalo Convention Center Mural as described in the Master Public Art Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract, easement and/or agreement with the selected artist, Ellen Steinfeld, in an amount not to exceed a total of \$ 49,500.00 for the purpose of completing the Flora & Fauna Sculpture at Ellicott Creek Park as described in the Master Public Art Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract, easement and/or agreement with the selected artist, Laura Valkwitch, in an amount not to exceed a total of \$22,152.96 for the purpose of completing the Erie County Health Mall Mural as described in the Master Public Art Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funding exists within the Department of Environment and Planning's (Fund 410, Funds Center 16200) Capital Project A.24067 - Public Art Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is given to the Director of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustment necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the County Executive's Office. Comptroller's Office; Department of Environment and Planning, Department of Law and Division of Budget and Management.
(6-0)

3. COMM. 5E-7 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Article 13, Section 1301 of the Erie County Charter, I hereby submit for your confirmation Sarah A. Bonk, LMSW to the position of Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact my Chief of Staff, Benjamin Swanekamp. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Mark C. Poloncarz
Erie County Executive

MCP/nn
(6-0)

4. COMM. 5E-19 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, federal funds have become available through the Grants to Enhance Adult Protective Services to respond to a survey performed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) of Local Districts as well as their staff's needs which are administered by the Administration for Community Living (ACL); and

WHEREAS, services are to be provided to Adult Protective Services (APS) Clients to enhance, improve, and expand the ability of APS to investigate allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, these funds may not be used to supplant any New York State APS funds they must be used to supplement existing state and local district APS resources; and

WHEREAS, the Adult Protective Services (APS) division would like to expand overtime in the amount of \$4,738, perform additional upgrades to the Dionna System in the amount of \$70,000, and offset salaries in the amount of \$18,233.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$92,971 in Federal Aid from Administration for Community Living (ACL) for Adult Protective Services enhancements and amend the Department of Social Services' 2025 General Fund Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 120) as follows:

Department of Social Services
Fund 110, Funds Center 120

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>CHANGE</u>
414010	Federal Aid Revenue - Other	\$92,971
	TOTAL	<u>\$92,971</u>
<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		<u>CHANGE</u>
500000	Full Time - Salaries	\$18,233
501000	Overtime	\$4,738
516020	Professional Services, Contracts & Fees	\$70,000
	TOTAL	\$92,971

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with Diona (US), Inc. in the amount of \$70,000 for additional upgrades, waiving the procedures in Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive’s Office, Comptroller’s Office, Department of Social Services, and Division of Budget and Management.
(5-0) Chair Meyers not present for vote.

5. COMM. 5E-20 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health’s Office of Health Equity (OHE) works to address health disparities among different marginalized populations in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, OHE is requesting authorization to carry-forward \$322,891.30 in 2024 funds to the 2025 operating budget to carry out different public health programs; and

WHEREAS, OHE will use part of the funds to continue its partnership of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County to prepare and distribute emergency preparedness kits to residents in need; and

WHEREAS, OHE will use funds to begin its Health to Your Home program which provide medical supplies and training to residents to address health disparities by helping to treat often preventable diseases such as diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the remaining funds will be used to purchase office technology and equipment for OHE staff to use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the re-appropriation of \$322,891.30 in available funding within the Erie County Department of Health’s Office of Health Equity’s 2024 General Fund Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 1271300, Reservation #s: 100001330 & 100001313) into 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to amend the Office of Health Equity’s 2025 General Fund Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 1271300) as follows:

Department of Health
Office of Health Equity
Fund 110, Funds Center 1271300

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		<u>CHANGE</u>
505800	Medical & Health Supplies	(\$ 1,034.70)
516020	Professional Services, Contracts & Fees	(\$25,065.30)
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	\$8,000.00
561420	Office Equipment, Furniture & Fixtures	\$18,100.00
	Net Change	\$0.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Department of Health and Division of Budget and Management.
(5-0) Chair Meyers not present for vote.

6. COMM. 5E-21 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health participated in the NYS Department of Health's ongoing Local Health Department (LHD) Performance Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS, for the year 2024, 46 LHD's were awarded; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has been awarded \$24,486 to be used to support costs associated with promoting physical activities to prevent chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, ECDOH will purchase 200 plus accessible bookbags to promote self-sufficiency, community, and wellness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$24,486 in additional State Aid funding from their participation in NYS Health Department's LHD Performance Incentive Program and to amend the Division of Health's 2025 General Fund Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 12700) as follows:

Department of Health		
Fund 110, Funds Center 12700		
<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>CHANGE</u>
405540	State Aid – Art VI Public Health Work	\$24,486
	TOTAL	\$24,486
<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		<u>CHANGE</u>
516020	Professional Svcs, Contracts & Fees	\$24,486
	TOTAL	\$24,486

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to implement any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Department of Health, and Division of Budget and Management.
(4-2)

7. COMM. 5E-22 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, Erie County's Office of Health Equity (OHE) was created in 2021 to evaluate a wide variety of specific health outcomes among diverse populations to fully understand the depth of health disparities in Erie County and to partner with community members, healthcare providers, faith and philanthropic leaders, and organizations to enact programs that help disadvantaged, marginalized, and diverse populations in Erie County achieve maximum health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the OHE was awarded a grant by New York State's Department of Health to create its Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs (CYSHCN) program. This program assists children and youth with special healthcare needs by providing timely and appropriate information, referrals and linkage to community resources; and

WHEREAS, as required by the grant, a Project Coordinator position was created to oversee program and has identified both residents and resources that need to be connected to improve health outcomes in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, it is requested to create 1 part-time Outreach Aide – Health Equity (JG 7) to make those connections between residents and community resources to help disadvantaged Erie County residents and improve health outcomes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive the creation of one (1) regular part-time Outreach Aide – Health Equity, Job Group 7, CSEA (B-100 #14803) effective April 5, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funds for this position exist within the Office of Health Equity's Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs Grant Program (Fund 281, Funds Center 1271300, 127CYSHCN2425); and be it further

RESOLVED that the Director of Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to implement any budget adjustments as required to comply with the grantor funding requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Health, and the Department of Personnel.
(6-0)

LAWRENCE J. DUPRE
CHAIR

Item 14 – MS. ST. JEAN TARD presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 54

March 20, 2025	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 4
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 5D-4 (2025)
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS “Erie County DPW – 2025 Road Program”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - b. COMM. 5M-1 (2025)
NFTA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER “NFTA Capital Expenditure Reports”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - c. COMM. 5M-4 (2025)
ASSEMBLYMEMBER MOLITOR “Acknowledgment of Receiving INTRO 3-5 (2025)”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - d. COMM. 5M-5 (2025)
NYS DOT “Acknowledgment of Receiving INTRO. 3-1 (2025)”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - e. COMM. 5M-6 (2025)
ASSOCIATION OF ERIE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS “Association of EC Governments -
Resolution of Support to Amend The Salt Act”
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 5E-12 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the general classrooms, lecture halls, corridors, and student spaces at North Campus Kittinger Hall is original to the 1958/1967 construction, are poorly utilized due to outdated furnishings and configuration, lack of technology, and poor acoustics; and

WHEREAS, renovating classrooms is an important strategy for improving utilization, and will increase student station sizes to a minimum of 22 sf per SUNY guidelines to support active learning and contribute to the College’s Comprehensive Academic and Facilities Master Plan by JMZ Architects, September 2021; and

WHEREAS, this project is part of a larger multi-phased Classroom Infrastructure improvements project at North Campus as capital funds are secured and become available; and

WHEREAS, the project may be eligible for rebates and incentives from various agencies such

as National Grid, NYSERDA and/or utility companies; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie received bids in accordance with General Municipal Law 103 for the SUNY Erie Community College (ECC) North Campus Kittinger Hall Classroom Infrastructure Phase 1 Improvements project on Tuesday, February 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder for the General Construction Work is DMyles Inc.; Mechanical/Plumbing Construction Work is John W. Danforth Company, and Electrical Construction Work is Frey Electric Construction Co., Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the County will receive 50% reimbursement from New York State for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works (“DPW”) and Ashley McGraw Architects DPC are recommending award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidders; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie previously entered into an Agreement with Ashley McGraw Architects DPC for design and construction administration services for classroom infrastructure at Breschger and Kittinger Halls (COMM. 9E-10 on May 26, 2022), and additional professional services in the amount of \$55,000; inclusive of A/E design fee of \$37,921.14 for design and bidding services necessary to complete Phase 2 design of this project as well as additional A/E design contingency in the amount of \$17,078.86 to address unforeseen conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with the lowest responsible bidders for the SUNY ECC North Campus Kittinger Hall Classroom Infrastructure Phase 1 Improvements project for an amount not to exceed as follows:

General Construction Work
DMyles Inc.

Base Bid:	\$1,486,000.00
Add Alternate No G-01	\$153,700.00
Add Alternate No G-02	\$49,700.00
Add Alternate No G-03	\$30,700.00

Total Award of General Construction Contract:	\$1,720,100.00
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Mechanical/Plumbing Construction Work

John W. Danforth Company

Base Bid:	\$656,800.00
Add Alternate No M-01	\$43,500.00

Total Award of Mechanical/Plumbing Construction Contract:	\$700,300.00
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Electrical Construction Work

Frey Electric Construction Co., Inc

Base Bid:	\$630,000.00
Add Alternate No E-01	\$25,000.00
Add Alternate No E-02	\$0.00
Add Alternate No E-03	\$0.00

Total Award of Electrical Construction Contract: \$655,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the sum of \$224,600.00 to be allocated to a Construction Contingency Fund with authorization for the County Executive to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed the Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that change order deductions will result in these funds being returned to the Construction Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management and the Comptroller's Office to accept any rebates and incentives and deposit them into E.24051 – 2024 SUNY Erie Facility Master Plan Phase 3, Fund 480, Funds Center 122; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into an Agreement Amendment with Ashley McGraw Architects DPC for additional A/E design fee and design contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 to address unforeseen conditions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funding for all of the above is available from the following Capital Projects managed by the Division of Buildings & Grounds (Funds Center 122, Fund 480) as follows:

E.16004 ECC Infrastructure Improvements and Construction of South Campus Student Center (Collegewide)	\$583,940.52
E.17004 ECC Collegewide Infrastructure Improvements and Construction of South Campus Student Center (Collegewide)	\$2,000,000.00
E.18004 ECC Collegewide Infrastructure Improvements/Renovations	\$189,047.78
E.19001 2019 Collegewide Improvements and Renovations	\$27,469.29
E.20001 2020 Collegewide Improvements and Renovations	\$28,830.62
E.24051 2024 SUNY Erie Facility Master Plan – Phase 3	\$525,711.79
For a Total Amount Not to Exceed	\$3,355,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner's Office, and one copy each to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Division of Budget and Management, and one copy to Erie Community College of the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer.

(6-0)

TAISHA ST. JEAN TARD
CHAIR

Item 15 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 55

March 20, 2025	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 5M-7 (2025)
ASSOCIATION OF ERIE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS: Association of EC Governments – Resolution of Support to Repeal the HALT Act”
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 5E-1 (2025)
SHERIFF
WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Erie County Sheriff’s Office to provide quality public safety services to our community by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction, with an emphasis on integrity, fairness and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff’s Office wishes to provide out-of-cell trauma-informed therapeutic programming to promote the development of incarcerated individuals in the custody of the Jail Management Division; and

WHEREAS, Peaceprints of Western New York has adopted the “Houses of Healing” curriculum to aid in the rehabilitation of incarcerated individuals; and

WHEREAS, under this agreement, Peaceprints of Western New York will employ and assign a qualified program coordinator to implement the Houses of Healing curriculum at the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, commissary funds will be used to pay for this programming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Sheriff and County Executive to enter into an agreement with Peaceprints of Western New York, 1001 E. Delavan Ave., Buffalo, New York 14215 for a program coordinator to implement the “Houses of Healing” curriculum at the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility; and be it further

RESOLVED, the term shall be for three (3) years, commencing on April 1, 2025 and terminating on March 31, 2028; and be it further

RESOLVED, the amount of the agreement shall not exceed \$25,000.01 per year; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of the approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, County Attorney, County Comptroller, Division of Budget and Management, Division of Purchase and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.
(6-0)

3. COMM. 5E-2 (2025)
SHERIFF

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Erie County Sheriff's Office to provide quality public safety services to our community by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction, with an emphasis on integrity, fairness and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office seeks to expand re-entry programming offered to the incarcerated population of the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office wishes to enter into an agreement with Mr. C.T. Fletcher to offer a ninety (90) minute learning seminar to aid in developing a belief in oneself and desire to succeed for incarcerated individuals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fletcher's message includes learning to accept one's faults, focus on the future, develop personal fortitude and understanding the value of perseverance and determination; and

WHEREAS, commissary funds will be used to pay for this programming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Sheriff and County Executive to enter into an agreement with C.T. Fletcher, 2226 Cerritos Ave., Signal Hill, CA, 90755 for a speaking engagement for the incarcerated population of the Erie County Sheriff's Office Jail Management Division; and be it further

RESOLVED, the amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$4,995.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of the approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, County Attorney, County Comptroller, Division of Budget and Management, Division of Purchase and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.
(6-0)

4. COMM. 5E-3 (2025)
SHERIFF

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Erie County Sheriff's Office to provide quality public safety services to our community by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction, with an emphasis on integrity, fairness and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office continues to offer community reintegration programming through Project Blue and other programs; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with Project Blue, the Sheriff's Office seeks to maintain its programming for participants; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office seeks to renew an agreement with The Prevention Council for Mindful Awareness Skill-Building Workshops; and

WHEREAS, the workshops will provide tools, techniques, and strategies on how to enjoy moments and navigate challenges; and

WHEREAS, the 6-week programming would be offered to Project Blue participants at the Erie County Holding Center and the Erie County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, commissary funds will be used to pay for this programming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Sheriff and County Executive to enter into an agreement with The Prevention Council of Erie County, 1625 Hertel Ave., Buffalo, New York, 14216 for Mindful Awareness Skill-Building workshops within the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility; and be it further

RESOLVED, the agreement is not to exceed \$4,995.00 and will expire on December 31, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of the approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, County Attorney, County Comptroller, Division of Budget and Management, Division of Purchase and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

(6-0)

5. COMM. 5E-4 (2025)
SHERIFF

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Erie County Sheriff's Office to provide quality public safety services to our community by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction, with an emphasis on integrity, fairness and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office and Buffalo Fatherhood Initiative of the Buffalo Prenatal-Perinatal Network have been offering an evidence-based parenting education program called the "Nurturing Fathers Program"; and

WHEREAS, the Nurturing Fathers Program is a six (6) week program that offers fatherhood workshops for up to fifteen (15) participants and provides evidence-based parenting curriculum regarding fathering, self-nurturing, overcoming barriers to parenting, discipline and co-parenting; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to continue offering this program within the Erie County Sheriff's Office Jail Management Division; and

WHEREAS, two (2) sessions will be offered at a total cost not to exceed \$4,995.00; and

WHEREAS, commissary funds will be used to pay for this programming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Sheriff and County Executive to enter into agreement with the Buffalo Pre-Natal-Perinatal Network, Inc. 625 Delaware Ave., Suite 410, Buffalo, New York, 14202 to provide for two "Nurturing Fathers Program" sessions in 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, the amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$4,995.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of the approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, County Attorney, County Comptroller, Division of Budget and Management, Division of Purchase and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

(6-0)

6. COMM 5E-11 (2025)
SHERIFF

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Erie County Sheriff's Office to provide quality public safety services to our community by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction, with an emphasis on integrity, fairness and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office, Police Services Division is responsible for patrolling a portion of the Seneca Nation of Indians' Cattaraugus Territory in the southwest portion of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office and Seneca Nation of Indians share a commitment to disrupting drug trafficking and drug sales; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office utilizes narcotic detection K-9s as a crucial element of its strategy to address the drug trade across the county; and

WHEREAS, in continuation of these efforts, the Seneca Nation of Indians has generously offered to contribute \$19,000 to the Erie County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, this money will be used to purchase a narcotics detection K-9 and upfit the patrol vehicle of the deputy who will be assigned as the K-9's handler; and

WHEREAS, no additional county funding will be required to complete this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Sheriff's Office is authorized to accept a donation in the amount of \$19,000 from the Seneca Nation of Indians; and be it further

RESOLVED, the funding shall be allocated in the 2025 Erie County Budget as follows:

Erie County Sheriff's Office
Police Services Division
Fund 110, Funds Center 11510

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
530000 – Other Expenses	\$10,000
505600 – Auto, Truck, Heavy Equipment Supplies	\$9,000
 <u>REVENUES</u>	 <u>INCREASE</u>
420499 – Other Local Source Revenue	\$19,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, the Division of Purchase is authorized to create the necessary documents for the Erie County Sheriff's Office to purchase a K-9 from High Drive K-9, Inc., 1710 Cannon Bottom Road, Belton, SC 29627; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Division of Purchase is authorized to create the necessary documents for the Erie County Sheriff's Office to engage Empire Emergency Apparatus, 3995 Lockport Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14305 for the upfit of an Erie County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby waives the procedures, as impractical, provided for in Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code for the purpose of securing the purchase orders with High Drive K-9, Inc. and Empire Emergency Apparatus; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of the approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, Division of Budget and Management, County Attorney, Division of Purchase, Office of Comptroller and Erie County Sheriff's Office.

(6-0)

JOHN J. GILMOUR
CHAIR

LEGISLATOR RESOLUTIONS

Item 16 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following resolution be referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 6-1 from THE MINORITY CAUCUS. A Resolution Rescinding NYS Executive Order No. 47.3 Banning the Hiring of Corrections Officers by Local Governments.

Item 17 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 56

RE: Appointment to the EC Audit
Committee
(INTRO. 6-2)

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR MEYERS**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Audit Committee is mandated by Erie County Charter Section 2517; and

WHEREAS, an appointment is necessary to fill a vacancy on the Erie County Audit Committee due to the resignation of Legislator April N.M. Baskin; and

WHEREAS, Erie County Charter 2517 defines the Audit Committee's membership and specifies the manner of selection for each member.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Legislator Timothy Meyers is hereby appointed as a member of the Erie County Audit Committee for a term ending December 31, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Erie County Audit Committee, and Mary Hosler, Deputy Comptroller for Audit.

Item 18 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 57

RE: Urging NYS to Consider Four-Way Stop
at Intersection of NY957B & Broadway
in the Town of Grand Island
(INTRO. 6-3)

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR KOOSHOIAN**

WHEREAS, Leah Mayer died as a result of a traffic accident while crossing South Parkway on Grand Island, New York on September 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, her family and numerous concerned members of the community have reached out regarding the safety of pedestrians at the intersection of South Parkway and Broadway; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation was contacted to investigate and analyze the need for additional safety precautions; and

WHEREAS, there had been four crashes reported during the period of their study and two additional outside the study period; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that this intersection did not meet the 2023 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) requirements for a three-color traffic control signal, the requirements for an all-way stop, nor additional highway lighting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that six reported crashes and the death of a 13-year-old Erie County resident should warrant more than just a reduction in speed limits, additional signage, and proposed upgrades (PIN 5815.22) of trail crossings at this intersection; and be it further

RESOLVED, that on behalf of Leah's family and the residents of Grand Island, I urge New York State's Department of Transportation to reconsider the installation of a four way stop to ensure the safety of pedestrians on Grand Island; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to all appropriate parties for immediate action.

Item 19 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 58

RE: Re-Appropriation of Community
/Neighborhood Development Funds
(INTRO. 6-4)

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR KOOSHOIAN**

WHEREAS, The Kenmore Business Association was awarded \$5,000 in public benefit funding by the Erie County Legislature in the adopted 2024 Budget in Fund 110, Fund Center 1332010 Community/Neighborhood Development, Account 518123; and

WHEREAS, the organization is not able to accept the funds, and the funding should be transferred to an alternative organization; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this Honorable Body to transfer such funding to another community organization serving the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to transfer \$5,000 of Community/Neighborhood Development Funds to Kenmore-Tonawanda Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, that while the agency names are changing the overall budget line amount is to remain the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Division of Budget Management is authorized to make any adjustment necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution or any other changes identified by the Office of the Erie County Comptroller; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Erie County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the Director of Budget and Management, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Item 20 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following resolution be referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 6-5 from THE MAJORITY CAUCUS. A Resolution Condemning President Donald Trump's Proposed Tariffs on European Wine & Alcohol; Calling on Representative Nick Langworthy & the WNY Congressional Delegation to Oppose These Policies.

Item 21 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following resolution be referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 6-6 from THE MAJORITY CAUCUS. A Resolution Condemning the Trump Administration and Republican Trade Policies for Their Harmful Impact on WNY Craft Brewery Industry.

Item 22 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following resolution be referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 6-7 from THE MAJORITY CAUCUS. A Resolution Opposing the Trump Administration's Cuts to Federal Medical Research Funding.

Item 23 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following resolution be referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 6-8 from THE MAJORITY CAUCUS. A Resolution Condemning the Trump Administration & Elon Musk for Endorsing Policies that Threaten the Financial Stability of ECMC & Endanger Public Health.

COMMUNICATIONS DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE

There were none.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Item 24 - MR. GILMOUR moved for a Suspension of the Rules to include an item not on the agenda.

GRANTED.

COMM. 6E-25 from GREENE Re: Letter of Absence for Session No. 6

Chair Meyers directed that the item be received, filed and printed.

GRANTED.

March 24, 2025

Olivia Owens
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin St. – 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Upcoming Absence

Dear Clerk Owens,

This is notice I have an unplanned situation that will cause me to be out of town with my family, which I unfortunately cannot alter. I will miss the scheduled session for March 27th.

Please enter the aforementioned in the Legislature's official record. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Christopher D. Greene
District 6
Erie County Legislature

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

FROM THE COUNTY CLERK

Item 25 – (COMM. 6E-1) COMM. 3E-3/COMM. 4E-17 & Erie County Foreclosure Policy

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM CHAIR MEYERS

Item 26 – (COMM. 6E-2) Letter to Democratic Party Caucus Regarding Position of Commissioner of the ECWA

Item 27 – (COMM. 6E-3) Public Notice Concerning Position of Commissioner of ECWA

Item 28 – (COMM. 6E-4) Letter to Republican Party Caucus Regarding Position of Commissioner of the ECWA

The above three items were received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COMPTROLLER

Item 29 – (COMM. 6E-5) ECSD No. 1 - Proposed Increase and Improvement of Facilities (2024), Bond Resolution

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COMPTROLLER

Item 30 – (COMM. 6E-6) ECSD No. 8 - Proposed Increase and Improvement of Facilities (2024), Bond Resolution

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR LORIGO

Item 31 – (COMM. 6E-7) Recommendation to the Erie County Charter Revision Commission

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COMPTROLLER

Item 32 – (COMM. 6E-8) Department of Law Risk Retention Fund Spending - January 2025

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY CLERK

Item 33 – (COMM. 6E-9) Resolution to Authorize Entry into Third Extension of Contract with WNY Law Center, Inc.

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR GILMOUR

Item 34 – (COMM. 6E-10) Notice of Abstention

CHAIR MEYERS directed that the item be received, filed and printed.

March 19, 2025

Chair Meyers & Honorable Legislative Body,

As counsel for the City of Buffalo Police Benevolent Association, my law partment and I are regularly involved during internal affairs investigation in the representation of union members. This work is in the normal cours of our business.

To assure transparency, avoid an appearance of impropriety, and in compliance with Section 5b of Erie County Local Law No. 2-2018, I am informing this Honorable Body that I am abstaining from the investigation by the Committee of the Whole Legislature, which is calling for Legislative Investigation in County Vehicle Incident and Subsequent Settlement. This resolution was passed on March 13, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

John Gilmour
Erie County Legislator

FROM CHAIR MEYERS

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 37 – (COMM. 6E-13) Authorization to Contract for Consumer Directed In-Home Services

Item 38 – (COMM. 6E-14) Acceptance of PUSH Buffalo EPA Subaward for Community Resiliency

The above two items were received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 39 – (COMM. 6E-15) Appropriation of 2024 Real Estate Transfer Tax Surplus to Road Fund

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 40 – (COMM. 6E-16) Department of Social Services - Youth Services Division, Request for Restructure

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 41 – (COMM. 6E-17) ECSD No. 3 - Engineering Term Contract Agreement (Work Order: ARC-6)

Item 42 – (COMM. 6E-18) ECSD No. 2 - Engineering Term Contract Agreement (Work Order: BC-2)

The above two items were received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR VINAL

Item 43 – (COMM. 6E-19) Investigation of Covering Up the Granville Crashing into 7 Cars & Use of Influence Issue

Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR VINAL

Item 44 – (COMM. 6E-20) FOIL Request Re: Investigation of Covering Up the Granville Crashing into 7 Cars & Use of Influence Issue

Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

FROM THE MINORITY CAUCUS

Item 45 – (COMM. 6E-21) FOIL Request

Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR MILLS

Item 46 – (COMM. 6E-22) Board Appointment Recommendation

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR ST. JEAN TARD

Item 47 – (COMM. 6E-23) Recommendation to the EC Charter Revision Commission

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR DUPRE

Item 48 – (COMM. 6E-24) Invite to Health & Human Services Committee Meeting

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Item 49 – (COMM. 6D-1) EC Conditional Release Commission - 2024 Annual Report

Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE AND OTHER AGENCIES

FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER MOLITOR

Item 50 – (COMM. 6M-1) Acknowledgment of Receiving INTRO. 4-1 & 4-3 (2025)

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER SEMPOLINSKI

Item 51 – (COMM. 6M-2) Acknowledgment of Receiving INTRO. 4-1 (2025)

Item 52 – (COMM. 6M-3) Acknowledgment of Receiving INTRO. 4-3 (2025)

The above two items were received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE EC ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Item 53 – (COMM. 6M-4) EC Environmental Management Council Annual Recommendations Report 2024

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE TOWN OF EDEN

Item 54 – (COMM. 6M-5) Resolution of Support to Amend The Salt Act

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE EC BOARD OF ETHICS

Item 55 – (COMM. 6M-6) Annual Report of Activities for 2024

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO OF VBN AND BCC

Item 56 – (COMM. 6M-7) VBN & BCC 2024 End of Year & 2025 Plans/Budgets

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

FROM THE CSEA LOCAL 815 MEMBERS

Item 57 – (COMM. 6M-8) Comments from CSEA Local 815 Members on Work From Home Policies

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM J. SCHAD

Item 58 – (COMM. 6M-9) Request for Reappointment as a Commissioner of the ECWA

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE TOWN OF NEWSTEAD

Item 59 – (COMM. 6M-10) Resolution of Support to Amend the Salt Act

Item 60 – (COMM. 6M-11) Resolution of Support to Amend the HALT Act

The above two items were received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item 61 – Chair Meyers announced that the Legislature will conduct committee meetings on Thursday, April 3, 2025, and the schedule will be distributed. Chair Meyers further announced that the next session of the Legislature will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2025.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

Item 62 – Legislator Todaro requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Helen R. Merle, Noah C. Whitmore, and Richard E. Young.

Item 63 – Legislator Lorigo requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of David R. Wohlfeil.

Item 64 – Legislator Gilmour requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Michelle Polonski.

Item 65 – Legislator Mills requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Kerrie L. Saunders.

ADJOURNMENT

Item 66 – At this time, there being no further business to transact, CHAIR MEYERS announced that the Chair would entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

MR. GILMOUR moved that the Legislature adjourn until Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 11:30 AM. MS. ST. JEAN TARD seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR MEYERS declared the Legislature adjourned until Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 11:30 AM.

OLIVIA M. OWENS
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE