

**ERIE COUNTY CORRECTIONS SPECIALIST ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 24, 2026**

**PRESENT:** Lindsey Allen  
Shawn Linder  
Kelly Dumas  
Julianna Everdyke  
Bishop Kim Moses

Kenneth Leverite  
Sarah E. Ryan  
Erin A. Tresmond  
Michael June

**ABSENT:** Daniel Castle, Michelle Flynn, Superintendent Noeth

**GUESTS:** Community members (2)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lindsey Allen.

Item 1 – Approval of 11/25/25 meeting minutes

- Motion to approve the meeting minutes was made and seconded.

Item 2 – Review of resident concerns

- There were no concerns submitted for review.

Item 3 – Public comment period

- There were two community members who were present to discuss the Erie County Clergy Jail Visiting Project report. The following notes are from their comment period.
  - The purpose of this report was to find out more about what is happening in the jail from an independent and human rights standpoint. The report (attached) was conducted by 14 clergy visitors who met with incarcerated individuals housed at the Erie County Holding Center and Correctional Facility. The responses from the Holding Center were drastically more critical than those from the Correctional Facility. This was the first report, with hopefully being able to focus additional visits and reports on key topics to obtain more detailed information.
  - Participating in religious practices were noted to decrease aggression, increase gratitude and increase purpose for individuals.
  - The stark differences between the style of housing units for men and women were brought up, that the spaces and access for women were lacking.
  - There may be an option for volunteer religious clergy to provide their services if the jail appointed Chaplains are not available.
  - One of the recommendations is related to the medication/medical treatment, specifically that an individual may not always receive the same medication while in custody as when they were in the community, and what concerns are associated with that.

- The primary priorities the community members noted were increase in access to religious services, medical care, style of the housing for women, and the concern related to hunger.
  - Lack of food/constant hunger was a topic that was brought up in most of the conversations that the clergy had with individuals. It was noted that the time of the meals offered was quite a long period of time between dinner and breakfast. Per the community member, they felt it was a “human rights violation” to subject people to hunger. The question of the option of a halal diet was unknown and includes more practices than just not eating specific items, and one that could be brought up to the Superintendent.
- With the Superintendent being excused from this Board meeting, the Chair suggested that the March meeting be a working session to review the Erie County Clergy Jail Visiting Project report and the Recommendations made to the Legislature to identify and prioritize the goals of the Board throughout 2026.

Item 4 – Subcommittee for addressing resident concerns

- The ECCSAB Resident Concern Responses document will be on the agenda for approval in March, please review prior to that meeting.

Item 5 – ECSO Superintendent Feedback

- The Sheriff’s Office has not received any updates about Elizabeth Calaty’s death. Per the NYS Commission of Corrections website, there had been 7 deaths of incarcerated individuals since 2021. The ECCSAB, as it is only an advisory board, has to wait, as all other community members, to know the outcomes of any investigation.
- With the individual’s death that occurred at the end of 2025 being a completed suicide, Superintendent Noeth provided information about the support ECSO provided to both the individuals incarcerated and the employees. The staff of the Forensic Mental Health team was onsite to support anyone who was indicating they were impacted by the death. There also was an ECSO Officer Wellness team comprised of specific officers who engage as a peer relationship to ensure that the employees are supported. This Officer Wellness team is fairly new and receives specific training to be able to properly support others when traumatic experiences arise.
- Professional/Special Visits
  1. Pastoral, legal, counseling, law enforcement, and program professionals. These visits are for the purpose of conducting business of a specific nature. Professional visits are authorized during all public visiting hours and other times not unduly disruptive to facility routines (e.g., lockdowns, shift changes). There is neither a time limit nor charge against the inmate’s visiting time for professional visits. At the request of the inmate or visitor, the visit may be held in the non-contact visiting area, provided space is available. At the conclusion of the visit, standard visiting procedures shall be followed.

2. Attorney conference rooms have been provided for attorney/inmate visits. Attorneys may visit at any time. Cellular telephones, cameras, recording devices, and any laptop, tablet, or other electronic device capable of communication via cellular, Wi-Fi, satellite, or any other means are prohibited. Computers, laptops, and tablets may be permitted only if the professional or special visitor agrees to and complies with the conditions specified in the “Laptop/Tablet Authorization” form (JMD-051a).

3. After hours at ECCF: In the event that a professional visit occurs when the visiting room is closed, the professional visitor shall state the nature of their business at the Intercom to gain admission to the lobby. An officer shall meet the visitor in the lobby and obtain identification (all identification rules apply to professional visits).

**Lock Down Times**

6:30 am - 7:30 am

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Superintendent Noeth provided this information via email, which will be provided to any professionals coming for visits, to ensure they are aware of their rights to access their clients. The communication between professionals and the ECSO staff will be included in the 2026 priorities.

- Total County Jail Population as of 2/24/26: 755 including 57 females and 23 state readies.
- Previous academy graduate breakdown – graduation January 2026

<b>Location</b>	<b>Male (23)</b>	<b>Female (5)</b>
ECHC	18	1
ECCF	5	4

**Item 7 – Additional issues/topics to address**

- In March we will be identifying priorities/goals for the Board, members should come with an idea of priorities to include.

**Item 8 – Adjournment**

- With all business addressed, the Chair adjourned the meeting and confirmed that the next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at 5:00 PM in the Chambers of the Legislature.