ERIE COUNTY CORRECTIONS SPECIALIST ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
July 28th, 2026

PRESENT:	Lindsey Allen	Daniel Castle	Julianna Everdyke
	Shawn Linder	Kenneth Leverite	Bishop Kim Moses
	Michelle Flynn	Kelly Dumas	Sarah E. Ryan

EXCUSED: Erin Tresmond
ABSENT: Michael June

GUESTS: Sarah Bonk, Erie County Commissioner of Mental Health

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lindsey Allen.

Item 1 – Approval of 6/30/26 meeting minutes

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

Item 2 – Review of resident concerns

- A resident concern from an incarcerated individual was brought to the Board's attention. This individual is now at ECCF, but had sent the concern via a letter to his friend, to The Buffalo News, who sent it to one of the Legislators, and then to the Board Chair. The concern was that this individual had not received his diabetes medication and was unable to have his glasses once he was booked. The Board Chair followed up with Superintendent Noeth about both aspects, and it was documented he was booked in on the 27 and received his medications on the 28. Correctional Health/ Medical deemed that he did not need glasses, so they were not provided. It was noted that he is currently engaged with a reentry program and case manager and one of the tasks is to get jail approved glasses. Board leadership will inquire with Superintendent Noeth what the policy/practice is for individuals who get brought into custody wearing glasses.

Item 3 – Public comment period

- Sarah Bonk introduced herself and is attending to learn and build a relationship with the Board and ECSO.

Item 4 – ECSO Superintendent Feedback

- Superintendent Noeth was not present at this meeting.
- Board Chair brought up the death of an individual who was housed at ECCF. This person had come into the correctional facilities with preexisting medical conditions

and when evaluated at ECCF due to those conditions, he was transported to and passed away at ECMC.

- Board leadership is going to look into the process of the Superintendent notifying the Board of deaths. This would ensure the board has accurate details and can put a statement out once the ECSO does. Even if it is an informal process, this process should be noted somewhere.

Item 5 – Presentation to the Legislature

- The presentation occurred on 7/9/26 at the Legislature. The Board Chair and Communications Director verbally provided a summary of the Annual Report and the next year's priorities. Legislators St. Jean Tard and Dupre offered support and positive feedback on the first year of this iteration of the board.

Item 6 – Review and outline of priorities and next steps

- Create workgroups that a few board members can sit on to talk about the steps/details of each priority. The Board Chair will be reaching out to individual board members to schedule these meetings.

1) Oversee and collaborate with the ECSO of the allocated funds for infrastructure updates

2) Know Your Rights campaign

3) Monitor new tablet implementation

Item 7 – Additional issues/topics to address

- Holding community meetings and ensuring that the community is aware that the board meetings are occurring is another topic of importance. Board Chair noted that it may be helpful to converse with legislators about increasing community engagement.

Item 8 – Adjournment

- With all business addressed, it was confirmed that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29th, 2026, at 5:00 PM in the Chambers of the Legislature, and the meeting was adjourned.