

**City of Buffalo
Board of Ethics Meeting**

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Agenda

MEMBERS

Cavette A. Chambers
Elizabeth A. Bruce
David L. Edmunds Jr.
John P. Gerken

Mary Ruth Kapsiak
Tianna M. Marks
John R. Torrey

NEW BUSINESS

1. Roll Call
2. Electing new Board Chairperson
3. Review Minutes from the February 25, 2020 Board of Ethics meeting
4. Councilmember Scanlon submitted an Ordinance Amendment Chapter 12 Code of Ethics (CCP 18-446) for the BOE to Common Council on 3/6/18. It went to Legislative Committee on 3/13/18; approved by Common Council on 4/3/19. Update from Cavette
5. Douglas Coppola, Chair, retired 7/20/21; James Magavern died 5/7/22 & Meghan Brown resigned 8/12/22. Judge Calvo-Torres, Chair of Nominating Committee submitted 5 names which were approved by Mayor Brown 9/12/22: Elizabeth A. Bruce, Esq., David L. Edmunds, Jr., Esq, John P. Gerken, Esq, Mary Ruth Kapsiak, MS & John R. Torrey, PhD
6. Did not submit 2019 Financial Disclosure: 1 board member; 2020: 5 board members; 2021: 11 employees & 14 board members; 2022: 2 employees, 6 board members. (Covid 2020 – 2021)
7. Chantele Thompson, Mayor's Chief Diversity Officer, submitted Gifts & Honorariums Form as a guest speaker for review by BOE; see attached
8. Two requests submitted seeking an advisory opinion pursuant to City Code sec 12-22; see attached

OLD BUSINESS

1. At the July 18, 2017 meeting of the Committee of Legislature, Council Members requested an opinion/recommendation from the BOE concerning a Preservation Board member against James Comerford, Jr., Commissioner of Permits & Inspections for the City of Buffalo.

Also, there was a decision of 980 Ellicott Street by the NYS Supreme Court into possible ethical violations by a Preservation Board member. BOE opinion was to be mailed to Preservation Board member early November 2018.

Next meeting is scheduled for: Thursday, _____.