

**5/14 Memorial Commission
Minutes for December 19, 2023
Rich Products, 1 Rich Way, Buffalo NY**

PRESENT IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

Pastor Mark Blue, Chairman

Jonathan Dandes, Corporate Vice President of Government Relations, and Special Projects Rich Products

Diane Colgan, Senior Vice President, Tops Friendly Markets

Garnell Whitfield, 5/14 Family Member

Fragrance Harris-Stanfield, Tops Employee and 514 Survivor

Dr. Norman Lewin, Buffalo Arts Commission

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

Dr. Amitra Wall, Associate Provost Buffalo State University

Zeneta Everhart, 5/14 Family Member

Steve Carmina, President of Carmina Wood Design

HOSTS: Angelica Morrison Communications and Community Relations Assistant Manager City of Buffalo Mayor Byron W. Brown & Mo Sumbundu, NYS Governor Kathy Hochul Liaison

Opening Remarks – Chairman Reverend Blue welcomed the group.

5/14 Memorial One-on-One Meetings with the 5/14 Families

- One-on-one meetings with some of the 5/14 family members took place over the past few weeks. There were a few family members who did not want to participate.
- Pastor Blue reported to the group that the family's expressed gratitude and provided feedback that will be used in the process of creating the 5/14 Memorial.

5/14 Memorial Funding Update

- Mo Sumbundu reminded the group that NYS is providing initial funding of \$900 thousand.
- Pastor Blue shared, once the design concept is selected by the commission, then the fundraising can begin.

Request for Submissions Update

- The deadline to submit to the RFS was on December 18th.
- The group will provide an update to the public after the New Year.
- Pastor Blue said he was satisfied with the number of submissions received.

Public Engagement Meeting

The commission will share the results of the 5/14 Memorial Survey during a public engagement meeting from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on January 16 at Stanley Makowski Early Childhood Center 1095 Jefferson Avenue.

Next Meeting

January 9th 4 p.m. virtual