

City Swim Project / Buffalo Tide
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 22, 2025

Attendees: Mike Telesco, Mike Switalski, Barrett Erbe, Rick Marable, Rich Bleichfeld, Charisse Freeman, Annetta Jackson, Jean Lalomia.

Absent: Dennis Wilson, Jocelyn Guthrie, Kristy Russell, Yvonne DuBois, Nekia Davis.

The Executive Board Meeting of the City Swim Project/Buffalo Tide was called to order at 6:04 PM on Thursday, May 22, 2025, via Zoom conference, Buffalo, New York.

- 1) Call to Order. 6:04 PM.
- 2) Roll Call.
- 3) Approval of the Agenda for May 22, 2025.
 - a. Motion: Rick M. Second: Rich B. Approved.
- 4) Approval of Minutes for March 27, 2025.
 - a. Motion: To approve minutes for March 27, 2025 with amendment: 11c. On-line vote held. 100% participation. Vote: 11-1. Pass. Barrett E. Second: Rich B. Approved.
- 5) Financial Report. Mike S.
 - a. \$83,448.91 in bank.
 - b. Monies expected soon: City of Buffalo (\$70,000), Erie County Prime Time (\$10,000), Buffalo Sabres (\$5,000).
 - c. Monthly report? Presented as a spreadsheet with black (actual expenses) and red (budgeted expenses) notations used. Updated monthly.
- 6) M&T Bank Meeting. Mike S.
 - a. New Branch Manager reached out. Discussed our program with Mike S.
 - b. High interest account, SWEEPS, offered. Discussion held. Liquidity?
 - c. 40 Hour volunteer M&T program. Potential support? Discussion. Background checks? Timing?
 - d. CPA/auditor search. Current situation is unsatisfactory (cost and timeliness).
 - e. Possible increase of future foundation donation.
 - f. Concerns/discussion. Our assessment piece? Annual? Accurate / actual numbers? Tracking is essential. Follow-up? A secure data base has been developed, and we are one and one-half years into a two-year requirement for accurate data. This data will make CSP/BT more viable for consideration (funding).
 - g. Tutoring component. Currently two salaried support staff. K Makin supports the

tutoring and B Harvey supports the socio-emotional learning section. These are important for academic feedback that is accurate.

7) Board Candidates. Mike S.

- a. Currently there are two potential candidates. Their resumes have been shared. Other interest is welcome. Discussion held. Attendance and availability must be considered. LinkedIn suggested to advertise/post. Next steps? Posting with requirements on LinkedIn to happen soon.

8) Old Business. Mike S.

- a. All Board members are up-to-date on the paperwork.
- b. Question: When done with this audit (990, etc), do we connect our bank account information with Quickbooks? Discussion held. Some concerns. Decision: Leave separate.

9) New Business. Mike S.

- a. Pools for summer months? Waiting on the City of Buffalo about specifics.
- b. Juneteenth? June 14-15. Mike S will reach out for information.
- c. TYR contract. No answers yet. This company offers the best benefits for us.
- d. Internet is working at Cazenovia and is on autopay.

10) Adjourn.

- a. Motion: Rick M. Second: Annetta J. Approved. 6:49 PM

Next Meeting: July 17, 2025 6:00 PM

Draft minutes respectfully submitted: Jean Lalomia