



**E·C·G·R·A**  
ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT  
FOR  
JULY  
2024**



# COUNTY OF ERIE

ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Brenton Davis, County Executive **BD**

**From:** Ellen Schauerman

**DATE:** June 7, 2024

**RE:** Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority – District 7

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I ask for your support for the appointment of Mark B. Louis to the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority. His resume is attached for your review. Mr. Louis will replace Carol Loll who resigned. This will be his first partial term and will expire on December 31, 2025.

Thank you.

**Cc:** Perry Wood, Executive Director, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
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**COUNTY OF ERIE**  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

Brenton Davis,  
County Executive

Douglas R. Smith,  
Director of Administration

## MEMORANDUM

To: Members of County Council

From: Brenton Davis, County Executive

Date: June 7, 2024

Re: Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority – District 7

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Council,

I hereby convey my support for the appointment of Mark B. Louis to the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority. Mr. Louis will replace Carol Loll who resigned. This will be his first partial appointment representing District 7 and will expire on December 31, 2025.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Davis".

Brenton Davis

cc: Perry Wood, Director  
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Approved by Erie County Council, 7-0, June 18, 2024.

**May 2024**

**Meeting with Executive Director**  
**Ongoing Social Media Management**  
**Ongoing Consulting**  
**May Comms**

**IMPLEMENTED**

- 12 total May posts
- 0 total new graphics created in May
- Strategic Marketing Planning with Kate Philips and Executive Director

**IN PROGRESS | 2024 Grant Releases and Graphics**

- ARPA report
- 2023–2024 Annual Report
- Community Assets – Arts, Culture, Heritage
  - Media advisory and pitching
  - Press Event
  - Press release and distribution
  - Grant recipient graphics
- Special Events
  - Media advisory and pitching
  - Press Event
  - Press release and distribution
  - Grant recipient graphics
- Holiday Graphics
- Economic Impact Report rollout
  - Press release
  - PowerPoint presentation
  - Social media graphics

**IN PLANNING**

- Parks Fields & Trails 2 year report
- ECGRA Playbook
- Roadshow Tours

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Whitey Cleaver  
Chairman of the Board  
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

FROM: Angela Amatangelo  
ECGRA Board Director

DATE: June 20, 2024

RE: Conflict of Interest Disclosure

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On this date, the Board of Directors of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was presented with Resolution Number 13, 2024, which is a Resolution to fund the 2024 Multi-Municipal Collaboration Grant, Round 1. The grant being considered is to the Jefferson Education Society to run the Civic Leadership Program.

I have applied to participate in the Jefferson Education Society Civil Leadership Program with the 2024 cohort. As such, I have abstained from any deliberation or involvement in the process to determine whether to recommend an award to the Jefferson Education Society, and I abstain from the deliberation, and vote, regarding the approval of the Resolution. Further, I announced my conflict during the meeting and request that this memo be made part of the minutes of the June 20, 2024 meeting of the ECGRA Board of Directors.



## Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 11, 2024  
11:00am – 1:00pm  
5240 Knowledge Parkway  
Erie, PA 16510

### Zoom Information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85939048109>

## AGENDA

1. Gannon University First Ascent
  - Dr. Walter Iwanenko, President
  - Erika Ramalho, Director of Government Relations
  - Jim Foote, Co-Founder and CEO, First Ascent Biomedical
  
2. Grow Erie
  - Tina Mengine, Executive Director, ECRDA
  - James Sherrod, Executive Director, MLK Center
  
3. Discussion of Investment Policy
  
4. Good of the Order





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July 4, 2024

Mr. Perry Wood, Executive Director  
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
5340 Fryling Road #201  
Erie, Pennsylvania. 16510

Dear Mr. Wood:

On behalf of the Friends of the Erie County Public Library, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$250.00 as a sponsor of the Great American Book Sale.

The monies will help to defray the expenses associated with the Book Sale and enable the Friends to help the Erie County Public Library system offer many programs that would not otherwise be possible. We are a 100% volunteer organization that works to support the library in their mission to encourage the lifelong love of learning and education in the form of books, all forms of electronic media, films, music, live performances, classes, and job training certification. Be assured that your sponsorship will support the many programs offered by the library and will touch the lives of many. We are most grateful.

Sincerely,

Benjamin "Hank" Barbour, President  
Friends of the Erie County Public Library

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

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## *Union City OKs 4 Renaissance Grant applications*

**BY MARYANN MOOK**  
*Correspondent*

Four Union City residents will receive grant funds for improvements to their houses. Union City Borough Council, during its June 25 meeting, approved four applications for Renaissance Grant funds.

The total requested amount is \$17,675.

Six applications were received totaling an amount of \$27,127,65 in grant funding.

There is currently \$18,425.49 in Renaissance Grant funds available. The four applications Council approved total \$17,675, which leaves a balance of \$750.49.

That money will go toward the two remaining applications that total \$9,452.65. Those two grant applications would carry over to the 2024-25 grant and would be approved, Borough Manager Cindy Wells said.

"We will be opening that grant application period

again this year," Wells said.

The \$18,425.49 came from Route 2 of a \$100,000 grant for the 2023-24 grant cycle.

The purpose of the Renaissance Grant Program is to remove housing blight, reverse deterioration, incentivize and spur private investment, make neighborhoods and communities more attractive, increase the market value of homes and improve the municipal tax base.

Renaissance Grant funds are provided by the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority.

The following types of improvements are permitted: doors and windows visible from the street; roofs, soffits, gutters and downspouts; exterior lighting; porches, stairs and steps; painting, siding and shutters; and chimney and masonry repairs.

Grants are awarded based upon the level of improvements and the vitality and significant impact the project would make to a neighborhood.