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**Annual Meeting**



**June 8, 5:00-7:00 P.M.  
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See pages 3-4 for details.**

*Registration by May 31st is required. See page 3.*

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## President's Corner

### THE NEXT MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

The office of the Public Defender represents about 2/3 of those charged with crimes in our county, all of whom can't afford a lawyer. Given that only 14% of our residents are poor, it seems to be legally hazardous to be poor.

Some of the reasons for that I can readily relate to. I've bounced a few checks in my lifetime, but few since reaching a point where I'm not living paycheck-to-paycheck. It's hard work coping with life with not enough money.

There's another sense in which it's legally hazardous to be poor: the poorest neighborhoods are far more heavily policed than other neighborhoods, and our poorest residents regularly get stopped for minor offenses such as jaywalking, failure to signal turns while driving, tinted windows, riding a bicycle without a bell and other offenses for which I and my suburban neighbors never get stopped. This harassment does lead to discovery of some crimes, including drug and gun possession - crimes which are seldom discovered or prosecuted in Monroe County's suburbs, despite the fact that recreational drugs and guns are also popular there.

As this edition goes to press, the process of selecting a new Public Defender is drawing to a close. The search process has been a cliff-hanger. I attended the one forum where the public could see the semi-finalists. I could see that the search committee had excluded some highly qualified candidates and included some unqualified ones. This process of democracy we have sure does involve a lot of drama and high-stakes show-downs, with so many opportunities to make poor public choices.

I hope that they'll choose a Public Defender who knows what a public defender needs to know and has the right personal attributes and experience and ideas. Our legal system depends on defendants having high quality representation. I hate seeing that put at risk in the hurly-burly of partisan county squabbles. The direction that many lives will take hangs in the balance.

**Barbara Grosh**

[president@lwv-rma.org](mailto:president@lwv-rma.org)



## Unlock the Vote - Voter Registration Fair for Former Prisoners

May 14 2:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Montgomery Neighborhood Center, 10 Cady St, Rochester, NY

With music, games, prizes, an obstacle course, drones to fly, a Redistrict-Palooza booth, Voting Rights Jeopardy, food, drinks, prizes!

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Our first in-person annual meeting in three years

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to enjoy hors d'oeuvres, coffee, tea and cash bar as well as one another's company.

*The meeting will include:*

- A Slide Show of the past year
- Celebration of our Making Democracy Work Award Recipients  
Shane Wiegand and Kesha James of the Antiracist Curriculum Project
- Membership, Budget and Finance Reports
- Review and Voting on:
  - Proposed Budget, Bylaws Amendments, 2022-2023 Local Program
  - Nominees for LWV-RMA Officers, Board Directors, and Nominating Committee Members
- Recognition and honoring of "You Make Us Proud" recipients; Judy Weinstein, the Carrie Chapman Catt Award Winner; 50 Year Milestone Members and outgoing Board Members

Members must register and pay in advance, so we have ample food and drink available.

By May 31, register and pay \$10 in one of these ways:

On our website, [lww-rma.org](http://lww-rma.org), click on the registration link

Leave a message at (585)262-3730 and mail a check to LWV-RMA, P.O. Box 10573, Rochester, NY 14610

Send an email to [info@lww-rma.org](mailto:info@lww-rma.org) and mail a check to LWV-RMA, P.O. Box 10573, Rochester, NY 14610



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## Report of the Nominating Committee 2022

### The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of candidates to serve on the Board of Directors:

Cathy Kane, Secretary (2022-2024)  
Sarah Heisman, Director (2022-2024)  
Elmira Washington, Director (2022-2024)

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Chair – Mary Hussong-Kallen (2022-2023)  
Non-Board Member – Sheila Abeling (2022-2023)  
Board Member – Tess McFarland-Porter (2022-2023)

#### CONTINUING ON THE BOARD ARE:

President Barbara Grosh (2021-2023)  
Vice President Myra Pelz (2021-2023)  
Treasurer Linda Saalman (2021-2023)  
Director Theresa McFarland-Porter (2021-2023)  
Director Tiffany Moore-Corteville (2021- 2023)

**be a Voter!**

All members attending the Annual Meeting will have an opportunity to vote for the candidates. During the Annual Meeting, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee has been secured. The bylaws stipulate a minimum of five and a maximum of 10 elected directors and not more than five appointed directors.

## Book Club to Continue Discussion of The 1619 Project in May

The LWV-RMA book club meets via Zoom at 4:30 P.M., for the most part on the third Thursday of the month. A link will be sent to everyone expressing an interest to Judy Weinstein (vote411@lwv-rma.org), who serves as the group's Zoom techie. The schedule for the remaining sessions during this program year includes:

May 19 *The 1619 Project* by Nicole Hannah Jones (Chapter 10 – end of the book) – discussion led by Chris Pryor  
June 16 *The End of Policing* by Alex S. Vitale – discussion led by Dianne Stengel.



The problem is not police training, police diversity, or police methods. The problem is the dramatic and unprecedented expansion and intensity of policing in the last forty years, a fundamental shift in the role of police in society. The problem is policing itself.  
**Alex S. Vitale**

**The End of Policing**

## Consideration of Proposed Concurrences

On April 9, members met, via Zoom, to consider two LWNYS Concurrences:

- Election Administration Structure and,
- Voting for Incarcerated Individuals

Katherine Smith and Judy Weinstein presented information on the proposed Position Statements related to Election Administration Structure. Cathy Kane presented the Voting for Incarcerated Individuals Position Statement.

The goal of the meeting was for the group to come to consensus on whether or not the LWV-RMA concurred with each Position Statement, as written. After the information was presented on each issue, President Barbara Grosh led the group in a discussion ensuring all attendees had an opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts on the proposals. Barbara then summarized the viewpoints of the group to verify that a consensus had been reached.

The decisions of the LWV-RMA on the four Position Statements will be combined with the decisions of other Leagues across the state. If two thirds of the groups concur with the statements, (and if the concurring groups fulfil certain geographic requirements so that they reflect consensus throughout the state), they will become LWNYS positions, permitting advocacy by the League.

Reported by Mary Micket



*Participants in the LWV-RMA zoom discussion of concurrence topics.*



## Postcard Campaign to Get Out the Vote

On April 8, 24 members of LWV-RMA and RocACTS gathered at I-Square to write postcards to 200 North Carolina voters to encourage their participation in the NC Primary Election on May 17. The names and addresses were provided by the Center for Common Ground (CCG), a non-partisan voting rights organization led by people of color. CCG's goal is to educate and empower under-represented voters in voter suppression states to engage in elections and advocate for their right to vote. Watch for more postcard parties this spring and summer.

Reported by Mary Micket



*Postcard writers on April 8.*



## Redistricting Team

This is where redistricting stood on April 29.

### ALBANY & WASHINGTON

The district lines for Assembly, NYS Senate, and Congress, previously approved by the NY Legislature in February, were ruled invalid by Supreme Court in April. Higher courts later upheld the decision, except for Assembly district lines.

The Court appointed a Special Master to draw new maps for NYS Senate and US House. Candidates for those offices must submit new petitions after the district lines are drawn. Consequently, primaries for those seats are likely to be rescheduled, probably to August.

The primary votes for Assembly, statewide offices such as Governor, local offices, and political party positions – will proceed unchanged on June 28.

The NYS League supports the decision of the courts. The League had submitted an amicus brief in the case, calling for new maps to be drawn by the judiciary. The League's position is that the NYS Legislature lacked authority to draw maps in this situation.

### MONROE COUNTY

Here in Monroe County, the County Legislature appointed a new 5-member commission to draw its election district lines. The Commission retained the firm ArcBridge to draft its map, using input from Commissioners and a summary of public comments to the previous Commission.

By the time this is published, their proposed map should've been unveiled, and hearings should be under way. The hearings are scheduled for May 2 to May 9. See the Rochester League's redistricting page for details and updates. We encourage those with comments to attend the hearings in person. The Commission is not sharing emailed comments with the public.

Their final map is due for submission to County Legislature by June 11.

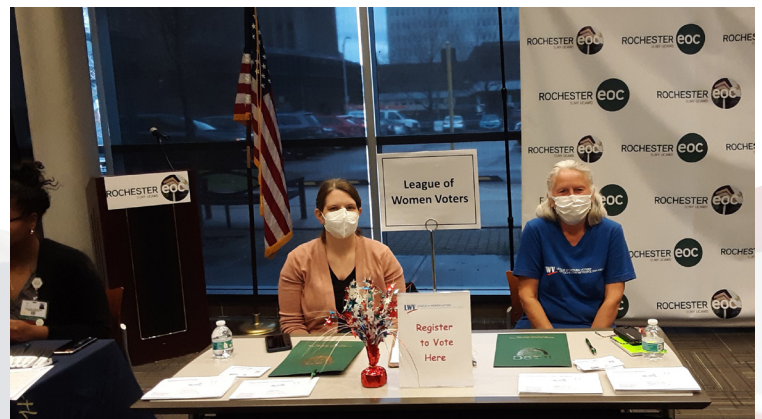
Do you have questions about redistricting? Or know somebody with a concern? Contact the League's Redistricting team at [redistricting@lwv-rma.org](mailto:redistricting@lwv-rma.org).

## Fair Election Practices Campaign (FEPC)

The 2022 Fair Election Practices Campaign has been initiated. The Hearing Committee members are all returning to participate again this year. The list of petitions submitted by candidates to the Monroe County Board of Elections on April 11, 2022 shows that the only primary in the county is for Rochester City Court Judge. Since the FEPC does not cover judgeships, the FEPC process will be on hold until the certified list of candidates for the General Election is issued in late summer or early fall. If you have any questions or would like more information about the FEPC, please contact FEPC Coordinator Kris Rogers at 585-746-6157.

## Voter Registration at Career Day Event

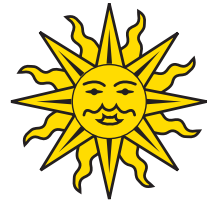
On April 21, the LWV-RMA and Junior League of Rochester shared space at the SUNY Brockport EOC Career Day event to register new voters. Seen at their table are Caitlan from Junior League of Rochester with Elaine Schmidt of LWV-RMA.



## Sunshine Corner

### RCSD BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING:

**MARCH 24, 2022 OBSERVED BY CONSTANCE FLAHIVE ONLINE**



Three speakers addressed the Board concerning the bilingual registration process, restoring the Rochester International Academy (RIA) to a K-12 program, and the impact of the lack of staff on ELL support for upcoming standardized testing and basic classroom supports.

Reports were given by the Parent Leadership Advisory Council (PLAC) and the Bilingual Education Council (BEC). PLAC recognized the hiring of additional translators and asked for increased communication, accountability, and equity. The BEC report was given in Spanish and translated to English. BEC recognized English Language Learning students from high schools as welcome student voices and raised concerns about the state level assessments.

The State Monitor, Dr. Shelley Jallow, presented a PowerPoint responding to the proposed 2022-23 RCSD Proposed Budget presented on March 22. She stated that the district lacks progress toward her Fiscal and Academic Improvement plans and that the use of \$30 million ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds to balance the budget is not acceptable. During discussion of the response, President Elliot stated that hours have been spent meeting with NYS Commissioner Rosa, Dr. Jallow, and the RCSD staff, adding the "District does not have a money problem. We have a process, an organization, a human resource problem."

The Board Reports are available on the district's Board Docs from the Equity in Student Achievement (Simmons), and Policy Development and Review (Powell) committees. Policy readings will be further addressed under new business. Elliott's President's Report will also be submitted to Board Docs. She stated that she will resume visiting schools and attending leadership meetings.

Superintendent Myers-Small reported on several highlights from the district including appreciation for partners, students, and teachers. More graduation data from 2013- 2021 were presented noting the exemptions due to COVID from Regents exams and current support for expected 2022 graduates.

East Superintendent Nelm's report stressed the need for help from parents and the community to stem the current epidemic of violence and expressed appreciation for the administrators at East for their support.

Resolutions were brought forward and approved with minimal discussion. The process was efficient but much less transparent as they were not available on the screen for public viewing during the process. There was a Consent Agenda where bundled resolutions were approved and voted on as a whole. Resolutions 486-425 (with 485, 487 and 526 moved to executive session prior to the vote) were voted on individually with all motions approved unanimously with one exception. Also, Resolution 522, approval of the 2022-23 District Calendar, was tabled so the district could reconsider the dates around the standardized testing. Commissioner Patterson left prior to that vote.

Commissioner Powell presented the Policies available for second readings including Public Board Hearing Procedures and the Facilities Packet.

See BoardDocs® Plus on the RCSD website under the Board of Education tab– click on meetings and 2022. Resolutions and relevant Policies are available within the agenda.

### RCSD BOARD OF EDUCATION 2022-23 CONTINUING BUDGET PROCESS:

A PowerPoint presentation providing details of the proposed 2022-23 RCSD Budgets were presented to the community on March 22 and remain available on BoardDocs® Plus (found under the agenda via the meetings tab). The RCSD Budget for 2022-23 totals \$981,099,049, a decrease from the previous budget of .5% (about \$5 million). The presentation included thoughts about the alignment with the Fiscal and Academic Improvement plans, key expansions to the Instructional Program, and a Five-Year Budget Forecast. Note: an emergency meeting requested by Vice President LeBron was held March 18 where questions were raised about transparency, especially in the sections on monies allocated to the Board of Education and Central Office. There was also a question raised about the use of \$30 million ARP funds to balance the budget. (There was not time to address those points prior to submitting the Budget Book on April 22.)

The EPO (Exclusive Provider Program) Fund is approved as part of the state process at \$22,209,911.

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Superintendent Nelms presented his expectation for restoring programs reduced during 2019-20 school year due to COVID impact. A reduction of 1.8% is still expected during 2022-23 for a total of \$21,805,085 with the remainder being returned.

The Public Budget Hearing was held on April 14 with 13 speakers (in-person or via Zoom) including RCSD parents, staff and community members, including Eamonn Scanlon of the Children's Agenda and several representatives of the Citizen Action organization. There are also four written comments submitted to BoardDocs. The key concerns raised were the need for details and substantive funds for Mental Health issues and increased transparency in the Budget Book.

Several speakers commented on the value of VP LeBron's work on the Board. An Executive Session was added to this meeting to discuss LeBron's request for legal defense support from RCSD as she responds to the petition by Commissioner Powell to remove her from the Board. The resulting Resolution 534 providing those funds was approved by a 5-2 vote.

Board questions to the district are due and the Board deliberation begins on April 26 with the Board Budget vote on May 10. The next Regular Business Meeting will be held on April 28.

## COMIDA BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

**MARCH 29, 2022 OBSERVED BY DEBORAH RICE GORDON**

Brian LaFountain gave an update on the Amazon Manitou site. As of March 19, the local labor was at 66% of all workers, with a goal of 70%. Projections for the end of the project are 69%. The dollars paid to local vs. non-local labor is 71.2%, which is ahead of budget and the target of 70%.

The local labor monitoring report was distributed prior to the meeting and a project on Union Street using non-local labor was discussed.

### PROJECT APPLICATION REVIEW:

Requests for sales tax exemptions, recording tax exemptions and/or real property tax abatements were approved for the following applications:

- American Management, LLC, for expansion of the American Fleet Maintenance facility, a related company dealing in heavy truck repair, located at 275 International Blvd. in Rochester.
- Coopervision, Inc. for renovation and expansion of their existing facility in Scottsville. At the public hearing for this project, the Gates Town Supervisor supported the project but expressed concerns for the impact of the property tax abatement on their small tax base.
- 1200 Lee Road, LLC for an expansion of the Alliance Precision Plastics Corporation facility on Lee Road in Greece.

### PROJECT MODIFICATIONS:

The following requests were approved:

- MS International Inc. for an extension of the sales tax exemption through June 30, 2022.
- 2064 Fairport Nine Mile Point Road for a transfer of benefits for this sports medicine facility to the new owner.

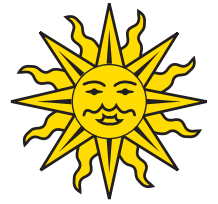
### OTHER BUSINESS:

A number of administrative issues were discussed since this meeting served as COMIDA's annual meeting.

- Mark Iacona and consultants gave an overview of the Rochester Jazz Festival including the economic impacts, scholarship opportunities, community regard for the event, and the positive effect on job creation. He requested up to \$75,000 to support 20-30 student internships. A motion to enter into a contract for this support was passed.
- The Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) is a Department of Defense program sponsored locally by COMIDA that provides support to local businesses who may work with the government or military. A PTAC representative presented an annual report and funding request for 2022-23. Funding was approved.



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- COMIDA's annual report for 2021 was discussed. Fifty-three new projects were reviewed representing \$1.4 billion in company revenues. Two thousand new jobs were created over 3 years in these companies and over 6000 construction jobs were generated by these projects.
- Audit Committee Report: No problems or deficiencies were identified in the 2021 audit conducted by Mengel, Metzger and Barr CPA. No changes were suggested for the committee charter, whistle blower/internal control and accountability policies. A motion to approve these passed.
- Financial Committee Report: The fee schedule was reviewed and the committee recommended acceptance without changes. No changes to the committee charter were suggested. Changes were recommended for the disposition and procurement policies as well as the investment and deposit policy limiting deposits to \$15 million for any one financial institution.
- Compliance Committee: The termination of a pilot program is possible because the residence was being used as a short-term rental rather than being owner-occupied, as required in the program. Thirty days will be given to correct the situation but the pilot will be terminated if a cure is not adopted. Re-capturing the benefit value will be investigated. A motion to notify the owner of the default passed. No changes were recommended for the annual review and compliance procedures.
- Governance Committee: No changes were suggested to the committee charter. Two policy changes were recommended: (1) the investment and deposit policy will be changed so that deposits at any one financial institution do not exceed \$5 million, and (2) for solar and wind projects, a one-time \$25,000 payment to fund workforce development programs will be required. The committee recommended that the full board re-adopt the By-laws with changes related to signing authority, the Mission Statement with the removal of the word "recreational" and adopt the Performance Measurement Report. The committee also recommended the full board re-adopt all other policies with no changes. All recommendations were approved.
- Election of officers – Ann Barr was elected as chair, Jay Popli as vice-chair, Troy Milne as secretary, and Lisa Bolsner as treasurer. The ethics officer will be the chair of audit committee and the contracting officer will be the executive director.
- Finance Committee: Ann Burr, Lisa Bolsner, Red King and Troy Milne were approved as members.
- Board self-evaluation resulted in mainly positive feedback with opportunities for education as to policy. Training sessions were discussed for the future.

## MARCH - APRIL 2022 PAB MEETING SUMMARIES

**MARCH 23, 2022** OBSERVED BY DEBORAH RICE GORDON

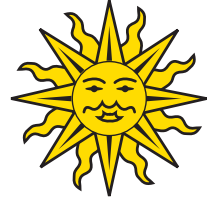
### STAFF REPORT

Executive Director Reynolds gave the following report:

- The sublease for the offices at 245 East Main Street (Seneca Building) should be signed on March 24 or soon thereafter, with a move to follow.
- At Mayor Evans' invitation, three PAB members participated in a focus group with the consulting firm leading the search for a new Rochester Police Department (RPD) Chief. The consultant suggested that the mayor form a search committee after the conclusion of listening sessions and that PAB be on the committee. The City Charter does not allow anyone to be paid more than the mayor, so Rochester may not be able to offer a competitive salary to candidates.
- The staffing model has been refined in three major ways. About half of entry-level/line positions are non-managerial, allowing less experienced people to be hired and work their way up. The structure has been simplified by reducing job titles, and some barriers to entry have been removed while maintaining high standards (e.g., relevant work experience in lieu of a college degree).
- City Council's liaison to PAB, Kim Smith, has requested a working session for PAB to provide the Council with an update.

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## Sunshine Corner continued from page 9



- Communication between City Government and PAB is being considered by City Council President Melendez.
- The City Law Department provided final comments on the proposed complaint and investigation process. PAB agrees with a number of comments; however, there are also a few areas of significant disagreement. Among those is PAB's ability to investigate officer-involved shootings and deaths. When such an incident occurs, members of the Law Department and the RPD Internal Affairs Unit respond to the scene and are briefed to begin their investigations. PAB would like to have an investigator included as well. Initially, the City Law Department said that there would be legal barriers to this but PAB lawyers disagree. PAB needs this access to conduct a robust investigation as is commonly done by PABs across the country. Board discussion on this point centered on the larger issue of the role the City Law Department should be playing considering their fundamental conflict of interest in acting for the police department. Should the Law Department be making decisions on PAB functioning at all? Therefore, a Board discussion is needed with Corporate Counsel.
- An interim informational intake process is being launched by the end of March to provide the public with means to communicate concerns to PAB prior to the formal opening. The PAB can follow up on this information in May when it is fully functioning. Contact can be made by phone (557-428-7524) or email (PAB@CityofRochester.gov). Confirmation emails will be sent out to those contacting PAB.
- The proposed rules of order and revised committee structure were discussed since the Board's work will increase significantly when investigations begin. The board will add reviewing cases to its workload. Following investigations, the staff will create reports, including findings and recommendations. Reports will be reviewed by a panel of three Board members who will meet with staff and vote to approve, refer back to staff, or decline to approve the findings. This represents a significant amount of work in addition to managing staff. In light of this, staff has proposed rules of order for Board meetings as well as Board structure and operations.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Jobs Committee – Chair Wilson will submit a report to the Board tomorrow on behalf of Rev. Harvey.
- Finance Committee – The requested budget materials were received in mid-March.

## BUSINESS

- The investigative rules need to be adopted before Board training can proceed in April. A proposal to adopt the rules was passed on the condition that the Board could consider future changes.
- A motion to direct the Executive Director to receive input on new committee and meeting structures from stakeholders (e.g., PAB Alliance) and staff, to create a proposal for submission to the rules committee for review, was discussed. The motion passed.
- A motion to submit recommended legislation to City Council regarding the hiring of PAB staff having ties to law enforcement was discussed. This was tabled until background information could be received from the proposal's authors.
- A motion to direct the Executive Director to meet with City Corporation Counsel (City Law Department) to discuss on-scene access to officer-involved shootings was discussed. The word "shootings" was changed to "incidents" to better encompass more actions. The revised motion was passed.
- A motion to hire consultants for training was discussed. Rabbi Setel moved that the Board clarify what further training is wanted and decide on a timeline for submission of proposals for Board consideration. The motion was approved. Dr. Harrison moved that James Norman be invited to speak to the Board about the programs available through St. John Fisher College and the University of Rochester. The motion passed.

Board members Dr. Celia McIntosh and Ida Perez have resigned from the PAB. Therefore, there is another opening for a Board member.

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APRIL 7, 2022

### STAFF REPORT

Executive Director Reynolds reported on the following:

- Finalized staffing model – The goal is to increase diversity and create the last 20+ jobs at PAB. Toward that end, PAB proposed eliminating degree requirements and civil service exams for all investigator/policy/case management jobs. The City Civil Service Commission has approved of this plan; the State will need to approve the proposal to eliminate testing. This would enable PAB to recruit in a much broader way.
- Requests from Police Accountability Board Alliance – The Alliance was informed of PAB discussions concerning a change to the charter allowing people with family ties to the police force to work for PAB. They will be submitting comments to the Board. The Alliance is interviewing candidates for PAB and have asked the Board to submit a job description and estimates of time commitments.
- Research conducted at the Board's request - Estimates of the work expected over the next few months, as well as the work load after cases are heard, were requested. In the short term, the rules for investigations and the disciplinary matrix need to be reviewed and finalized. Rules and structure for the Board's work and governance need to be established. In addition, training to hear cases will be needed. Approximately 20-50 hours of work will be necessary to complete this near-term work. The training hours have yet to be determined by the Education Committee.

Staff looked at 20 PABs across the country and the Rochester Civilian Review Board's (CRB) history to estimate longer-term workload when investigations begin. A common finding was a discrepancy between the estimated time commitment and the actual time spent to address the work. The actual number of cases PAB will receive is uncertain but initially a high volume may be expected. If one Board member reviews one case per week, a three-member panel could average about 150 cases per year. But if a case is complex, time demands will increase. Therefore, Board members may spend between 10-40 hours per week on this and other work.

The Board discussed several concerns about these work estimates. Matrix development requires consultation with the Police Chief and PAB Alliance per the charter after the Board creates the framework. Ideally, PAB should have materials from the Police Department to help understand what the records review process will look like. There was a general concern about the sustainability of spending 40 hours per week on PAB work for volunteers who have full-time jobs. Members have already reduced other commitments to meet their PAB demands. CRB members were paid \$22.50/hour but they felt that should have been doubled. Members of the City Board of Assessment are paid \$25/hour. The Executive Director will take these suggestions under advisement along with concerns about time expectation vs. what is sustainable for volunteer members. Staff can provide information on payment and organizational structures for these other groups.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The Rules Committee considered the rules of order for meetings. The Chair shall facilitate the meeting as per the charter. A motion to approve the rules document without changes passed.

### OLD BUSINESS

- A conflict-of-interest rule has been created and the authors can attend the next meeting. Further discussion was tabled.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Early circulation of example case materials to be used in training was requested.
- A proposal was made to send a letter to the Mayor, City Council and PAB Alliance regarding the interviewing of prospective job candidates who are currently on the City Council and in the PAB Alliance. A motion to send letters to City Council and the Mayor passed.
- PAB sent a letter to the Mayor requesting that PAB be part of new police chief search and asked the PAB Alliance to support this effort.

The meeting was adjourned and an Executive Session was held to discuss a personnel matter.





## Calendar



### May

- 6 First Friday (11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.) I-Square, 400 Bakers Park, in Irondequoit
- 14 Unlock the Vote Voter Registration Fair (2:00 – 6:00 P.M.) Montgomery Neighborhood Center
- 18 LWV-RMA Board Meeting (5:30 – 7:00 P.M.)
- 19 LWV-RMA Book Club (4:30 – 5:30 P.M. via Zoom) – *The 1619 Project* by Nicole Hannah Jones (Part 2)

### June

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- 8 LWV ANNUAL MEETING (5:00 – 7:00 P.M.) Locust Hill Country Club
- 13 Forum: An Evening with Justin Murphy, author of *Your Children Are Very Greatly in Danger* (7:30 P.M.) SAVE THE DATE: Details to follow
- 16 LWV-RMA Book Club (4:30 – 5:30 P.M. via Zoom) – *The End of Policing* by Alex S. Vitale

*There are still no scheduled public Naturalization Ceremonies in Monroe County due to the pandemic.*

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*Be sure to check your email and our website for other events as they are scheduled!*

## Join First Friday via Zoom!

Join First Friday for informal conversations—  
for a few minutes or for the full two hours,  
just for fun and to learn more about League activities:

May 6  
June 3  
August 5  
October 7

November 4  
December 2

**Democracy is not a  
spectator sport.  
Tag! You're It!**



Board of Directors meetings are currently via Zoom. Board meetings are open to all members. See calendar for dates and times and contact Barbara Grosh for link.

Forums are open to the public. Calendar information is subject to change.

For more complete information, consult our website at [www.LWV-RMA.org](http://www.LWV-RMA.org), call 262-3730 or e-mail us at [info@lwv-rma.org](mailto:info@lwv-rma.org)



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## JUNE VOTER DEADLINE IS MAY 15!

### League of Women Voters

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