



**ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

April 8, 2019

To: Jerome D. Schad, Chair
Mark S. Carney, Vice Chair
E. Thomas Jones, Treasurer

Cc: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary
Jacqueline Mattina, Associate Attorney
John Gilmour, Associate Attorney-PT

From: Margaret A. Murphy, Attorney

Subject: Appointment to Independent Ethics Panel

The following individuals have confirmed he/she will accept the nomination as an ad hoc member to the Erie County Water Authority, Independent Ethics Panel:

Maureen Krause holds a B.A. in Sociology from Niagara University and a teaching degree from Buffalo State College. She is currently retired after a long career in public service. She is the former Administrator of Admission for the Buffalo Housing Authority, the Director of Neighborhood Revitalization for the City of Buffalo, and the Manager of Youth Services for Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development, and has been an active volunteer for many civil organizations throughout Erie County over the years. She is a widow with four children, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild and has been a resident of the Town of Angola for ten years.

Nominated by: Commissioner Mark S. Carney

J. Matthew Plunkett holds a B.A. in Economics and a J.D. degree from the University of Buffalo, as well as an M.B.A. from Syracuse University. He has been a practicing attorney since 1984 and has served as an adjunct instructor at SUNY College of Buffalo, Daemen College, and the University of Buffalo. Mr. Plunkett has served as counsel to the New York State Senate Committee on Local Government and as Deputy Town Attorney for the Town of Amherst. Prior to attending law school he worked at an engineering firm in central New York. He is married, and resides in Amherst.

Nominated by: Commissioner E. Thomas Jones

Paul W. Wolf is President of the Buffalo Niagara Coalition on Open Government, a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization comprised of journalists, activists, attorneys, educators and other concerned citizens who value open government and freedom of information. Mr. Wolf also holds a J.D. degree from the University of Buffalo and is a partner in the law firm of Berzer & Wolf, in Williamsville, New York. Previously, he served as the Chief of Staff for the Buffalo Common Council. He is also an adjunct instructor at University of Buffalo. He resides in Getzville.

Nominated by: Commissioner Jerome D. Schad

Each nominee has been provided with copies of the following:

- (1) Policy No. 11.0: Code of Ethics & Conflicts of Interest Policy;
- (2) ECWA Financial Disclosure Statement for Calendar Year 2018;
- (3) 2018 Vendor List; and
- (4) Policy No. 94.0: Defense & Indemnification Policy

A resolution is on the Board's agenda today to officially appoint these individuals to the newly-created, Independent Ethics Panel.