



Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, 726 Exchange St., Suite 525, Buffalo, NY
Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Daniel Castle at 3:40 PM.

2. Roll Call and Remarks

Members in Attendance: Daniel Castle, (Erie County); Kevin Kelly, (Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy); Nadine Marrero (City of Buffalo) and Carol Jasen Sampson (New York Power Authority).

Chair Castle recognized Brendan Mehaffy, former Committee member, for his fourteen years of irreplaceable knowledge and contribution during his tenure serving as the designated City of Buffalo representative. Former Committee member Mehaffy was presented with a map depicting the numerous Greenway projects that were approved during his tenure. He expressed that it was an honor to serve as a Committee member and noted the collaboration effort with the other Committee members and also the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo support advanced and brought awarded projects to fruition. Mr. Mehaffy also acknowledged Jason Paananen, the City of Buffalo designated Committee alternate.

3. Approval of the March 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the meeting minutes of March 14, 2025.

Moved by Kevin Kelly, Second by Carol Jasen Sampson

Approved 4-0

4. Public Comment (reserved for agenda items only) - NONE

5. Investment Overview

Committee member Kevin Kelly and Lin Ba Zan, Associate Vice President, Community Foundation provided a status overview and the investment timing of funds that have not been expended based on cash flows provided by the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

6. Disbursement on Open Greenway Awarded Projects

Jean McKeown, Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo provided an overview of open projects and anticipated disbursements including Ralph C. Wilson, Jr., Centennial Park, Tift Nature Preserve Accessible Trail, Isle View Enhancement Project, Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy Wayfinding & Signage and Buffalo Scholastic Rowing Association. She added that the Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park is expected to finish the development of a Master Plan this year.

7. Other Business

Chair Castle announced the next meeting date of the Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 3:30 PM at the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, 726 Exchange St., Suite 525, Buffalo, NY.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Kelly, Second by Carol Jasen Sampson.
Meeting adjourned 4:36 PM.