

Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority

Resolution No. 03-67

ESTABLISHING CITY/COUNTY WORKING GROUP

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2003 Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority (“BFSA”) Chair announced the formation of seven working groups for the purpose of gathering information and gaining expertise to support the work of BFSA, and

WHEREAS, section 3858 of the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority Act authorizes the BFSA to require the City of Buffalo to “advance serious and in-depth exploration of a merger of services with the County of Erie, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Buffalo and the Erie County Executive have expressed an interest in participating in discussions regarding the merger of city and county services, and

WHEREAS, the formation of an eighth working group will facilitate such discussions,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BFSA establish an eighth working group on City County Cooperation comprised of three members as follows:

Chair of the BFSA serving as the leader of the working group,
The Mayor of the City of Buffalo and
The Erie County Executive

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this working group may meet at the discretion of its leader. The working group is authorized to conduct discussions with the parties, to gather information, to provide information to the BFSA for its consideration and to make such recommendations to the BFSA as its leader and members deem appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group may not act on behalf of or in lieu of the BFSA and the BFSA is free to act on any matter without regard to whether such matter has been referred to or considered by this working group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group may meet for the purposes described herein without regard to the number of members present at such meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director shall be a member of the working group and she may appoint other members of the staff to also serve on each working group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the BFSA and the leader of each working group may appoint other individuals to the working group. Such other individuals need not be staff or directors of the BFSA. They may be appointed for a

limited period of time or indefinitely. Any such individual may be removed from a working group in the sole discretion of the Chair of BFSA or the leader of such working group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that working groups may not conduct a meeting where a quorum of the BFSA Board is physically present unless the working group complies with the requirements of the New York State Open Meetings Law.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved November 18, 2003

Richard Tobe
Secretary