

CERTIFICATE
Court Facilities Capital Review Board
City of Buffalo

WHEREAS the Governor of New York signed into law Chapter 825 of the Laws of 1987, known as the Court Facilities Act, on August 7, 1987, as amended; and

WHEREAS the Court Facilities Act created the Court Facilities Capital Review Board ("Board") pursuant to Section 1680-c of the Public Authorities Law; and

WHEREAS the Governor of New York has duly appointed the members of the Board pursuant to said section; and

WHEREAS the Board is empowered by said section to review and approve overall plans and cost estimates for the design, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, furnishing or equipping of facilities of the courts and court-related agencies of the Unified Court System (herein, "Capital Plan"); and

WHEREAS the Court Facilities Act, in Judiciary Law section 219, requires each local government in New York to submit such plans, in the form prescribed by the Chief Administrator of the Courts, for review and approval by the Board; and

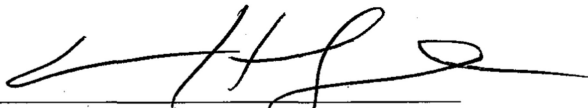
WHEREAS the City of Buffalo has continuously provided subpar facilities since 2006, to which the Unified Court system has repetitively requested attention to various neglected maintenance items, including, but not limited to, mold, water infiltration, broken windows, crumbling façade, structural concerns and falling structural debris within the interior and exterior of the building, inadequate plumbing and related fixtures, lack of adequate and operationally-sound elevators, security, lack of adequate heat and cooling during respective seasons, and overall derelict facility;

WHEREAS the City of Buffalo continuously fails to respond to the Unified Court System's requests to provide a Capital Plan, address the building's deficiencies, and fulfil their statutory duty to provide suitable and sufficient facilities under Judiciary Law Section 39 and 39-b;

NOW BE IT CERTIFIED that the Court Facilities Capital Review Board reviewed these circumstances and reaffirms that the City's failure to complete the planning process, failure to provide suitable and sufficient facilities for the Courts and court related agencies, and such failure has continuously been neglected for nearly 19 years, and such neglect, avoidance, and statutory noncompliance shall result in sanctions imposed on the City if they fail to provide a comprehensive Capital Plan within 60 days of a letter authored and transmitted by the Unified Court System; notwithstanding, unless substantial progress occurs, the Chief Administrative Judge or Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, as delegated

or so authorized by law, shall be deemed authorized to impose financial sanctions against the City of Buffalo as provided by section 39 of the Judiciary Law on that date, or at any time prior to that date if the City is not cooperating to the best of its ability.

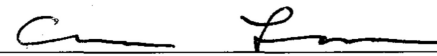
WITNESSETH, this 28th day of January, in the year 2025, on behalf of the Court Facilities Capital Review Board:



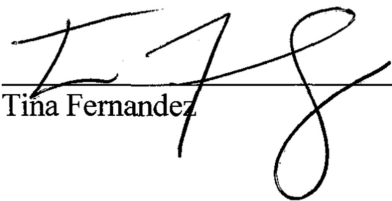
Hon. Norman St. George, Chair



Jonathan Weinberg,
as designated by Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal



Assemblymember Charles Lavine



Tina Fernandez