

ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Public Meeting

June 14, 2019

Board Members Present

Joshua W. Carden (Chairperson)
Rachel Frazier Johnson (Member)
Tarah L. White (Member)

Staff Members Present

Rebekah Browder (Executive Director)
Tina Rohe (Staff Liaison)

Board Members Present by Telephone

Robert M. Garcia (Member)

Staff Members Present by Telephone

Vincent Sottosanti (Legal Counsel)

Board Members Absent

Kathryn Hackett King (Vice-Chairperson)
Christopher St. John (Member)
Sandy F. Flynn (Member)

a. Call to Order.

Joshua Carden called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m. The meeting took place at 2005 North Central, Third Floor, Arizona Attorney General, Phoenix, Arizona, with the members announcing their presence.

b. Preliminary Remarks.

Joshua Carden greeted the members.

c. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2019.

Tarah White moved to approve the meeting minutes from May 10, 2019. Rachel Frazier Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Division Report (Rebekah Browder).

Ms. Browder informed the Board of new hire, Jessica Axsom. Vincent Sottosanti discussed a new disability discrimination lawsuit the Division filed against Big Tex Trailers.

e. Law Enforcement Survey.

Joshua Carden discussed the need for an executive summary of the over 600 responses to the Law Enforcement Survey and invited Board members to attend. The Board discussed some potential dates to meet in August. The Board will hold a meeting if there is a quorum of members in attendance. Joshua Carden will confirm the dates and let Rebekah Browder and Tina Rohe know when the meetings will take place.

f. Update on Phoenix Housing Department Homelessness Letter Response.

Tarah White and Rachel Frazier Johnson spoke with Tamyra Spendley. Ms. Spendley is planning on presenting to the Board on October 11, 2019.

g. Summer Meeting Schedule.

There will not be meetings in July and August 2019.

h. Call to the Public.

No members of the public were present.

i. Status of New Project Ideas.

The following new Board project ideas were discussed and requested to add to future agendas:

1. Small Business Sexual Harassment Training.
2. Human/Sex Trafficking on a grass-roots level.
3. Invite members of the public to discuss their experiences in a forum-type setting.
4. Assistance/service animals in housing.
5. Disability discrimination in employment.
6. Discussion was held about the continuing issues with encounters between the public and members of Law Enforcement. The Board is examining a forum or other way to get the public's feedback and commentary regarding their encounters with Law Enforcement and ways the Board could assist the public.

j. Call to the Board – Current Events Summary.

None.

k. Adjournment .

There being no other announcements or matters, Rachel Frazier Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:28 p.m., Tarah White seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.

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