

ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Public Meeting

November 12 , 2021

Board Members Present by Zoom

Karen J. Hartman-Tellez (Chairperson)

Tarah White (Vice-Chairperson)

Carol Berry

Grant H. Frazier

Staff Members Present by Zoom

Leslie Ross (Legal Counsel)

Tina Rohe (Staff Liaison)

a. Call to Order.

Karen Hartman-Tellez called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. The meeting took place via Zoom.

b. Preliminary Remarks.

Karen Hartman-Tellez greeted the members.

c. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2021.

Tarah White moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 8, 2021. Grant Frazier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Presentation from Chris Groninger, Arizona Bar Foundation

Chris Groninger presented on the current state of evictions in Arizona and the resources available to housing providers and tenants.

e. Division Report.

Leslie Ross gave the Division Report. The Division reported significant increase in employment intakes relating to COVID-19 vaccine requirements. The Division hired two new compliance officers in the Tucson office and will be hiring a third.

f. Call to the Public.

No members of the public were present.

g. Project ideas.

Discussion was held about ongoing project ideas.

- COVID-19 Vaccine related issues – the Board discussed waiting to see what happens with the court challenges to vaccine mandates.
- Assistance/service animals in public accommodations and housing – The Board discussed Chris Groninger’s request to provide legal information about service animals on the Arizona Bar Foundation’s eviction website.
- Encounters with the Public and Law Enforcement: The Board discussed inviting individuals to a future meeting on the topics of ASU’s de-escalation training with the City of Tempe and peaceful protests.

h. Call to the Board.

Nothing to report.

i. Adjournment.

Tarah White moved to adjourn the meeting, and Grant Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.