

**ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD**

Minutes of Public Meeting

March 2, 2018

Board Members Present

Joshua W. Carden (Chairperson)

Tarah L. White (Member)

Sandy F. Flynn (Member)

Rachel F. Johnson (Member)

Board Members Present by Telephone

Robert M. Garcia (Vice-Chairperson)

Christopher St. John (Member)

Kathryn Hackett King (Member)

Staff Members Present

Angelina Nguyen

Tina Rohe

Staff Members Absent

Rebekah Browder

Staff Members Present by Telephone

Vincent Sottosanti

**I. Call to Order**

Joshua Carden called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m., with the members present announcing. The meeting took place at 2005 North Central, Arizona Attorney General, Third Floor Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona.

**II. Preliminary Remarks**

Joshua Carden greeted the members in person and by phone. Joshua Carden introduced Angelina Nguyen, who would be filling in for Rebekah Browder, who was absent for today's meeting.

**III. Minutes**

Tarah White moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2018 meeting. Christopher St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Division Report**

Angelina Nguyen advised the Board of Arizona Civil Rights Advisory Board sunset review status and the passage HB2019 by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

**V. Update on Pending Issues**

- a. Discussion was held about open meeting law and board members attending public events in a possible quorum setting. Posting these events will assure the public that no board action will be taken at these events. Ms. Nguyen discussed that it was not required by open meeting law to post the public notice, but permissive and a best practice. Several forms used by other 3 cities in the State of Arizona were circulated via

email to the board members before the meeting by Tina Rohe. Joshua Carden discussed the different forms and the board decided that the City of Peoria form be formatted to be used by the board and posted monthly. Joshua Carden entertained a motion to accept the City of Peoria form for the Board events. Rachel Johnson moved and Sandy Flynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Law Enforcement Survey: Kathryn King created a draft law enforcement survey about minorities in managerial positions. Discussion was held about the survey and comments were made by board members. Discussion was held about possible online platform to gather the results of the survey and possibly holding a public forum for upper management in law enforcement departments to help disseminate the survey and link to the online platform. Sandy Flynn volunteered to look into online survey companies and report back to the board. Joshua Carden asked for volunteers to assist Kathryn King on the draft survey and board members Rachel Johnson and Tarah White agreed to assist. Joshua Carden moved to table the law enforcement survey until the next meeting and Tarah White seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Tarah White discussed sending an appreciation letter for the parish and family of Bishop Alexis Thomas who was a prominent figure in Civil Rights and had recently passed away. Ms. White circulated a draft of the letter to the Board. Joshua Carden read the draft letter to those board members attending via telephone. Discussion was held about the draft letter and suggestions were made by board members. Joshua Carden heard from Rebekah Browder that the Attorney General may want to also join in the letter. Joshua Carden talked about circulating a letter to Tina Rohe for signature by Mr. Carden and listing all board members below his name, by March 16. Tarah White moved to submit a draft by March 16 and Rachel Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **VI. Call to Public**

No members of the public were present.

#### **VII. Announcements and Current Events**

- a. Angelina Nguyen discussed an upcoming event:
  - i. March 9, 2018: United States Commission on Civil Rights will hear testimony on Voting Rights at ASU College of Law and a flyer/handout was given about the event.
- b. Tarah White spoke about meetings about homelessness and report to be put out by the Department of Housing. Joshua Carden will put on next agenda.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

There being no other announcements or matters, Rachel Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 p.m. Tarah White seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

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