

ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD:

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Minutes of Public Meeting (Held via Zoom)

October 28, 2025

Subcommittee Members Present

Heather M. Ross (Chair)

Holli Ploog

Drew Schaffer

Tasha Lynch

Nathan Smith

Staff Members Present

Leslie Ross, Executive Director

Tina Rohe, Staff Liaison

Heather Hamel, Housing Justice Unit

Subcommittee Members Absent

Enrique Davis-Mazlum (Vice Chair)

Pamela A. Bridge

Christine Groninger

I. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chairperson Ross called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. The meeting took place via Zoom.

II. Approval of September 30, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve amended minutes due to an errant header on the second page. Chairperson Ross asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Approved by Holli Ploog and seconded by Nathan Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Topics for Discussion and Possible Action

a. Updates from Working Groups

i. Data Collection Working Group

Nathan Smith displayed a working group chart containing data considerations for housing. Discussion was had regarding information contained on the chart, including but not limited to data gaps, transparency in housing fees, properties participating in the crime free program, renter demographics.

ii. Legislation and Priorities Working Group

Drew Schaffer discussed AZ Republic article showing converse relationship between the crime free program and crime. Discussion regarding cities utilizing predictive analytics for policing.

b. Report from the Housing Justice Unit

Heather Hamel, Unit Chief Counsel, Housing Justice Unit reported generally on the Unit, its focus, and its litigation.

c. Housing Updates

Holli Ploog discussed a report addressing housing and homelessness in the Verde Valley region. Discussion was had regarding methodologies to attempt to address housing instability and homelessness, including production of low-income housing, right to representation, emergency rental assistance, and rapid rehousing programs.

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Leslie Ross discussed that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is currently furloughed. Individuals are seeking assistance from other sources, including the Arizona Civil Rights Division.

Tasha Lynch noted that the Southwest Fair Housing Council is currently receiving FHIP funding.

Nathan Smith discussed that the Department of Economic Security is going through a RFP process related to housing and homelessness funding.

IV. Call to the Public

No members of the public were in attendance.

V. Adjournment

Motion from Holli Ploog to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Drew Schaffer. The motion passed unanimously. Chairperson Ross adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Subcommittee will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd at 3:00 p.m.