ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of Public Meeting
June 6, 2016

Board Members Present
Howard Meyers (Chairperson)
Joshua Carden (Vice Chairperson)
Robert Garcia (joined meeting at 12:06 p.m.)
Christopher St. John
Kathryn King

Board Members Absent
None

Staff Members Present
Theresa Rassas, Executive Director
Jennifer Larson, Legal Counsel
Tina Rohe
Eric Cascio

I. Call to Order

Howard Meyers called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., with the Board Members present as listed above. The meeting took place at the Arizona Attorney General's Office, Law Building, Lobby Conference Room, 1275 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

II. Approval of Minutes of March 16, 2016 Meeting

Upon motion by Joshua Carden, which was seconded by Christopher St. John, the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes for March 16, 2016.

III. Legislation and Litigation Update

Theresa Rassas offered an update on the Civil Rights Division, a Section of the Civil Litigation Division of the Office of the Attorney General. Ms. Rassas updated the Board on the Geo case and answered the Board's question regarding case numbers.

IV. Announcements and Current Events

None offered.

V. Call to the Public

None offered.

VI. Old Business

Joshua Carden advised that the next effort of the Board regarding Human Trafficking will be to draft a legislative proposal offering a civil remedy to victims of human trafficking. The Board discussed others in the community who may want to eventually have input on this language, including the Attorney General, Maricopa County Attorney, and the Governor's Human Trafficking Task Force. Howard Meyers will work to set a Board meeting in the community.
Robert Griffiths suggests the Board create a public calendar where civil rights training and other events can be accessed.

Howard Meyers refreshes the Board on its work on inclusive housing topics.

VII. Planning Future Board Topics

Joshua Carden and Howard Meyers discuss the Board’s next issue, Age Discrimination. This issue had been previously voted as the “on deck” issue to follow human trafficking. The goal will be to have an event in the community on this topic.

Following Age Discrimination, the Board may consider civil rights issues.

VIII. New Business

Howard Meyers reminds the Board that we are still waiting for two Board members to be appointed by the Governor.

Kathryn King raises the issue of outreach and the prospect of working with human resources-focused groups.

IX. Adjournment

At 12:43 p.m., upon motion by Robert Garcia, seconded by Kate King, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.