

ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Public Meeting

February 2, 2018

Board Members Present

Joshua Carden (Chairperson)

Tarah L. White (Member)

Board Members Present by Telephone

Robert Garcia (Vice-Chairperson)

Rachel Johnson (Member)

Christopher St. John (Member)

Staff Members Present

Rebekah Browder

Tina Rohe

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 and made preliminary remarks on the expulsion of Don Shooter from the Arizona House of Representatives noting the timeliness of the Board addressing the issue of sexual harassment.

III. Minutes

Tarah White moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2018 meeting. Rachel Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Division Report

Executive Director Rebekah Browder advised the Board of Civil Rights Division's sunset review status.

V. Update on Pending Issues

- a. Law Enforcement Survey: Kathryn King created a law enforcement survey. The discussion on this topic was tabled until the next meeting.
- b. Corporation Commission Sexual Harassment Information Sheet: Kathryn King and Joshua Carden created a short information sheet for the Arizona Corporation Commission to address sexual harassment laws for employers with less than 15

employees. Tarah White moved to recommend the document to the Corporation Commission with the words "Sexual Harassment" capitalized. Robert Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Proposed Legislation on Civil Remedies for Human Trafficking Victims: nothing has progressed on this point due to the current legislative session. Tarah White, Robert Garcia, and Rachel Johnson request to attend the meeting with the legislative council when it occurs. The date of the meeting will be determined at a later time.
- d. Howard Meyers Certificate of Appreciation: Joshua Carden signed the certificate and it will be sent to Mr. Meyers.

VI. Call to Public

Two members of the public were present. No members of the public addressed the Board.

VII. Announcements and Current Events

- a. Tarah White discussed the passing of Bishop Thomas and discussion of sending an appreciation letter or certificate for his parish and family. The Board will address this at the next meeting.
- b. Rebekah Browder discussed a number of upcoming events:
 - i. April 5, 2018: Sexual Harassment Webinar with the Arizona State Bar.
 - ii. April 27, 2018: Arizona Fair Housing Partnership fair housing seminar at Ability 360.
 - iii. March 9, 2018: United States Commission on Civil Rights will hear testimony on Voting Rights in Arizona at ASU College of Law.
- c. Discussion about open meeting law violations if more than 3 members of the Board attend these events. Vincent Sottosanti said he would look into the issue.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no other announcements or matters, Tarah White moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:07 p.m. Christopher St. John seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

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