

ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Public Meeting

September 23, 2015

Board Members Present

Howard Meyers (Chairperson)

Janet Bain

Robert Garcia

Daisy Flores

Joshua Carden

Elissa Graves

Christopher St. John

Staff Members Present

Theresa Rassas

Jennifer Larson

Tina Rohe

I. Call to Order

Howard Meyers called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m., with the following Board Members present telephonically: Janet Bain, Robert Garcia, Daisy Flores, Joshua Carden, Elissa Graves, and Christopher St. John. The meeting took place at 1275 W. Washington, Transportation Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona.

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of June 8, 2015

Joshua Carden moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2015 meeting, with a revision. Janet Bain seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. New Board Members

New Board Members Joshua Carden, Elissa Graves and Christopher St. John introduced themselves.

IV. Planning for Future Meeting

Theresa Rassas gave an overview of when and how Board meetings are conducted. Janet Bain expressed a preference for afternoon meetings due to her commute from Tucson. Howard Meyers expressed a preference for setting meetings at least three weeks out to give sufficient notice to public. Theresa Rassas proposed Thursday, October 22 as a proposed date, and then proposed that scheduling be done through email. Joshua Carden proposed tabling the discussion on future topics to after the call to public. Christopher St. John seconded the motion. After the call to public, Howard Meyers moved to discuss future topics at the next meeting and requested Board Members submit topics of interest prior to the next Board Meeting. Joshua Carden seconded the motion. Robert Garcia requested that Board Members present more specific and concrete detail about the topics they are proposing. The motion unanimously passed.

V. Call to Public

Dr. Tracy Elise, elder of the Oklevueha Native American Church, spoke to the Board about issues of religious discrimination faced by her church and asked for the Board's assistance and for the resources of Attorney General Mark Brnovich to help her church by giving them an initial inquiry and looking at the facts of their case.

VI. Adjournment

There being no other announcements or matters, Howard Meyers moved to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Robert Garcia. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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