

**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.