

ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Public Meeting

April 9, 2021

Board Members Present by Zoom

Karen J. Hartman-Tellez (Chairperson)
Carol Berry
Joshua W. Carden
Grant H. Frazier
Moses Sanchez
Maddalena Savary

Staff Members Present by Zoom

Rebekah Browder (Executive Director)
Leslie Ross (Legal Counsel)
Tina Rohe (Staff Liaison)

Board Members Absent

Tarah White (Vice-Chairperson)

a. Call to Order.

Karen Hartman-Tellez called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. The meeting took place via Zoom.

b. Preliminary Remarks.

Karen Hartman-Tellez greeted the members.

c. Introductions of the New Members.

Newly appointed member Carol Berry introduced herself.

d. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2021.

Maddalena Savary moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 12, 2021. Moses Sanchez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Housing Presentations from Invited Groups.

Community partners Stanley Silas and Jeff Katz from Community Legal Services, and Jay Young from Southwest Fair Housing Council, presented current issues in Fair Housing to the Board.

f. Division Report.

Rebekah Browder gave the Division Report. Ms. Browder informed Board of the Division's current litigation. Ms. Browder also informed the Board that the Division had a large number of mask complaints based on religion and disability.

g. HB2116 Human Trafficking Bill status.

Rebekah Browder reported that the bill passed and was signed by Governor Ducey.

h. Certificates of Appreciation for Former Board Members.

The Board discussed sending certificates of appreciation to Robert Garcia, Rachel Frazier Johnson, and Sandy Flynn. Josh Carden moved to issue the certificates and Moses Sanchez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

i. Call to the Public.

No members of the public addressed the Board.

j. Project ideas.

Discussion was held about ongoing project ideas.

- COVID issues in Housing: Members of the Board discussed reaching out to other stakeholders related to housing issues during COVID.
- GINA and Employee Wellness Programs: this issue was tabled for a future meeting.
- Assistance/service animals in public accommodations and housing: The Board's letter was mailed last month to the Arizona Restaurant Association. The Division will send a revised letter with Rebekah Browder's contact information.
- The other issues on the agenda were tabled for a future meeting.

k. Call to the Board.

There were no current events discussed by the Board.

l. Open Meeting Law Presentation.

Leslie Ross and Karen Hartman-Tellez presented the laws related to Open Meetings to the Board.

m. Adjournment.

Maddalena Savary moved to adjourn the meeting, and Joshua Carden seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.