

ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Public Meeting

October 5, 2018

Board Members Present

Joshua W. Carden (Chairperson)
Robert M. Garcia (Vice-Chairperson)
Sandy F. Flynn (Member)
Tarah L. White (Member)

Staff Members Present

Rebekah Browder (Executive Director)
Tina Rohe (Staff Liaison)

Staff Members Present by Telephone

Vincent Sottosanti (Legal Counsel)

Board Members Absent

Kathryn Hackett King (Member)
Christopher St. John (Member)

Board Members Present By Telephone

Rachel Frazier Johnson (Member)

a. Call to Order

Joshua Carden called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m., with the members present announcing. The meeting took place at 2005 North Central, Arizona Attorney General, Third Floor Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona.

b. Preliminary Remarks

Joshua Carden greeted the members. There were no preliminary remarks except to issue an apology for the items he failed to complete prior to this meeting.

c. Minutes

Mr. Carden asked staff to amend the unapproved minutes to add the time of the November meeting. Robert Garcia moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2018 meeting, with the change Mr. Carden requested. Tarah White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Division Report

Rebekah Browder informed the Board the Arizona Civil Rights Division currently has one litigation case in Tucson and went cause on one case last month. Ms. Browder noted that the division hired a new attorney for Tucson and the Division hired a new compliance officer in Phoenix.

e. Update on Pending Issues

Joshua Carden moved directly to the action items.

f. Draft Law Enforcement Survey.

Joshua Carden stated that there were no other changes to the survey suggested by other law enforcement agencies. Discussion was held about the hesitancy of law enforcement personnel to fill out the survey. Rebekah Browder informed the Board that video conferencing is available in Tucson but not Flagstaff. Also, it was suggested by the Executive Office to add the survey to the Attorney General's Office website. Rachel Frazier Johnson motioned to approve the Law Enforcement Survey with the changes discussed the last meeting. Robert Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the draft invitation for law enforcement. Joshua Carden asked the board to authorize him and Robert Garcia to be able to draft an invitation and give it to staff to send out. Tarah White motioned to authorize and Rachel Frazier Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held for when the link should go up for the website and the list of contacts for who should be invited as well as lunch being provided by Board members. The Board agreed everyone who was on the circulated contact list should be invited. The Board also discussed having the meeting available via WebEx.

Further discussion was held regarding keeping the survey anonymous given that the Attorney General's Office is subject to public records requests. It was decided to password protect the survey to ensure that only law enforcement had access to the survey.

Discussion was held about who from the Board would provide commentary to the Law Enforcement representatives. Robert Garcia, Rachel Frazier Johnson, and Kathryn Hackett King were discussed as possible people to address the attendees.

g. Homelessness Survey.

Tarah White drafted a letter to Phoenix Cares and read it aloud to the Board. Discussion was held to changes to the letter and who the letter should be sent to. This item was tabled and Ms. White will have a revised draft for the Board at the next meeting.

h. Contact Information with Community Bridges.

Robert Garcia provided a list of contacts/resources that Community Bridges uses in reaching out to the homeless population.

i. Draft Legislation for a Civil Action for Victims of Human Trafficking

Kathryn Hackett King drafted proposed legislation regarding human trafficking civil remedies. Discussion was held about potential changes that need to be made to the draft including a statute of limitations. The Board agreed to table the discussion for a future meeting.

j. Auditor General Report.

Joshua Carden apologized for not completing the draft the policy regarding per diem compensation for Board members. This item was tabled for a future meeting. Tarah White and Rachel Frazier Johnson will work with Mr. Carden on the policy.

k. Peaceful Protest Information

Joshua Carden reached out to Andre Anderson but hasn't heard back from him. He will make more attempts.

l. Status of any new project ideas from the Board

- a. Sandy Flynn brought up access to equal education for both charter and public schools. After some discussion as to how this issue would tie into the Board's purpose, two issues could be focused on: transportation and access to school lunches. This issue was tabled for a future meeting and Ms. Flynn will do further research.

- b. Joshua Carden brought up communication issues with those who are in jail and the expenses related to phone calls and video calls. He will look into it further and report back to the Board.

m. Call to Public

- a. No members of the public were present.

n. Call to the Board – Current Events Summary

- a. October 6, 2018, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Fresh Start Women’s Center has volunteer attorneys to help those in need.
- b. October 23, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., ALWAYS Heart of Justice Reception (Justice for Human Trafficking Survivors), Phoenix, Arizona.
- c. November 13-14, 2018, 25th Annual Statewide Conference on Affordable Housing and Homelessness, Phoenix, Arizona.

Tina Rohe will put the above information on the ACRAB website as public events which the board may attend.

o. Adjournment

There being no other announcements or matters, Tarah White to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 p.m., Sandy Flynn seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

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