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**ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD**

Minutes of Work Study Session, Public Meeting

May 10, 2024

**Board Members Present**

Dr. Heather M. Ross (Chairperson)  
Dr. Enrique Davis Mazlum (Vice Chairperson)  
Vice Mayor Holli I. Ploog  
Justin Weinstein-Tull  
Steven (PV) Jantz (by Zoom) (left meeting at 1:04)  
Lydia A. Peirce Linsmeier (by Zoom)

**Staff Members Present**

Leslie Ross (Executive Director)  
Julie Blumenreich (Legal Counsel)  
Nate Anbar (Liaison)  
Sophia Braham (Liaison)  
Cari Shehorn (Liaison)

**I. Call to Order.**

Chairperson Ross called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. The meeting took place in person at the Office of the Arizona Attorney General, 2005 N. Central Avenue and via Zoom.

**II. Approval of the April 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes.**

Chairperson Ross asked if Board Members had any corrections to the minutes – there were none. The April 12, 2024 minutes were approved.

**III. Work Study Session Topics for Discussion and Possible Action.**

**a. Accessibility for the Public.**

Discussion was held regarding Board accessibility to the public. Member Ploog moved for Division staff to investigate the potential of livestreaming the meetings and posting them on YouTube with accessibility and dissemination opportunities. Vice Chairperson Davis Mazlum seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**b. 2024 ACRA Board Meeting Schedule.**

Discussion was held regarding survey results of Board Member availability for 2024 meetings. Vice Chairperson Davis Mazlum moved to accept the proposed schedule of Board meetings occurring on the first Thursday of each month in 2024 from noon to 1:30 pm. Member Jantz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**c. Amendment of ACRA Bylaws.**

The Board discussed the ACRA bylaw amendments as proposed by the previous Board. Member Ploog moved to advance the proposed amendment to the bylaws to allow non-ACRA Board Members to also serve on subcommittees known as advisory committees, as approved by the prior Board, and to post the revision for thirty days for public comment. Member Weinstein-Tull seconded the motion, and then requested a friendly amendment to the motion to add clarifying language to the subsection regarding appointment of advisory committee members. The friendly amendment was adopted.

## DRAFT MINUTES

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Member Jantz moved to enter executive session for the purpose of consulting with counsel pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3). Vice Chairperson Davis Mazlum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Admonition was given to the Board Members. During Executive Session, PV Jantz left the meeting. The Board maintained a quorum. Member Ploog moved to end executive session. Vice Chairperson Davis Mazlum seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

After the Board resumed open session, Member Ploog withdrew her motion. Member Weinstein-Tull moved to advance the previous Board's proposed amendment to the bylaws and add the sentence, "Before making a decision pursuant to this Section, the Chairperson will solicit the input of the Board." Member Ploog seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The proposed amendment to the Bylaws as advanced by the Board.

SECTION 2. Advisory Committees. Advisory committees not having and exercising the authority of ACRA may be appointed in such manner as may be designated by the Chairperson. The Advisory Committee must consist of at least two members of ACRA and may include non-ACRA members as designated by the Chairperson. Any member thereof may be removed by Chairperson whenever in their judgment the best interests of ACRA shall be served by such removal. Before making a decision pursuant to this Section, the Chairperson will solicit the input of the Board.

### **d. Summary of Previous Board's Projects.**

Discussion was held regarding the previous Board's pending projects.

1. Subcommittee to address Hate-Based Crimes and Antisemitic Incidents
2. Joint event with government agencies to address antisemitism
3. Crime Free Forum

### **e. 2024 ACRA Goals.**

Summary discussion was held regarding Board member's interests for the Board's 2024 goals. The Board tabled detailed discussion of the goals for the June 6, 2024 Meeting.

## **IV. Division Report.**

The Arizona Attorney General's Office, Civil Rights Division Section Chief, Leslie Ross reported on Division staffing and litigation.

## **V. Call to the Public.**

No members of the public present.

## **VI. Adjournment.**

Member Ploog moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Weinstein-Tull seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.