

ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Public Meeting

October 11, 2019

Board Members Present

Joshua W. Carden (Chairperson)
Christopher St. John (Member)
Tarah L. White (Member)
Robert M. Garcia (Member)
Rachel Frazier Johnson (Member)

Staff Members Present

Tina Rohe (Staff Liaison)

Staff Members Present by Telephone

Rebekah Browder (Executive Director)
Vincent Sottosanti (Legal Counsel)

Staff Members Present by Telephone

Kathryn Hackett King (Vice-Chairperson)

Board Members Absent

Sandy Flynn (Member)

a. Call to Order.

Joshua Carden called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. The meeting took place at 2005 North Central, Third Floor, Arizona Attorney General, Phoenix, Arizona.

b. Preliminary Remarks.

Joshua Carden greeted the members. The Board members introduced themselves, and Mr. Carden informed the attendees of the duties of the Arizona Civil Rights Advisory Board.

c. Presentation on the state of homelessness in Phoenix.

Tamyra Spendley, Deputy Director for human services in the Phoenix City Manager's office, Lieutenant Mike Moller, City of Phoenix Police Department, and Patricia George, Assistant Bureau Chief, Community Prosecution Bureau at the Phoenix City Prosecutor's Office, presented statistics of the homeless population, the current programs in place for getting services to the homeless population, as well as various potential civil rights issues related to homelessness. Discussion was held throughout the presentation, and the Board members addressed ideas of how the Board could assist with the civil rights needs of the homeless.

d. Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2019.

Robert Garcia moved to approve the meeting minutes from September 13, 2019. Joshua Carden seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Call to the Public.

Andres Portela from the Southwest Fair Housing Council was present but did not address the Board.

f. Division Report.

Vincent Sottosanti informed the Board of the newly hired Assistant Attorney General and the Division's open senior litigation position. He also updated the Board on current litigation in the Division.

g. Law Enforcement Survey.

Joshua Carden discussed the need for the the Board to review the survey responses and put together a report for the law enforcement agencies. Kathryn King suggested to turn the November meeting into an executive work session and the Board members agreed it was a good idea.

h. Status of New Project Ideas.

The following Board project ideas were discussed:

1. Legislative Proposal - Rebekah Browder informed the Board of the Attorney General's Office interest in pursuing the legislative proposal. Kathryn King also let the Board know about potential sponsors for the legislation.

i. Call to the Board – Current Events Summary.

Joshua Carden asked about the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights meeting happening on Friday, October 18, 2019, at ASU Law School. Ms. Browder informed the Board of the different groups that will be presenting and that it is open to the public.

j. Adjournment .

There being no other announcements or matters, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:49 p.m.

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