

ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Telephonic Public Meeting

March 12, 2021

Board Members Present by Telephone

Tarah L. White (Chairperson)

Grant H. Frazier

Karen J. Hartman-Tellez

Moses Sanchez

Maddalena Savary

Staff Members Present by Telephone

Rebekah Browder (Executive Director)

Leslie Ross (Legal Counsel)

Tina Rohe (Staff Liaison)

Board Members Absent:

Joshua W. Carden (Vice-Chairperson)

a. Call to Order.

Tarah White called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. The meeting took place telephonically with each in attendance announcing his/her presence.

b. Preliminary Remarks.

Tarah White greeted the members.

c. Introductions of the New Members

Newly appointed member Maddalena Savary introduced herself.

d. Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2021.

Karen Hartman-Tellez moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 19, 2021. Moses Sanchez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Board Elections

Discussion was held regarding board elections. Moses Sanchez moved to elect Karen Hartman-Tellez as Board Chairperson. Grant Frazier seconded. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously. Moses Sanchez moved to elect Tarah White as Vice-Chairperson. Karen Hartman-Tellez seconded. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

f. Division Report

Rebekah Browder and Leslie Ross gave the Division Report. Ms. Browder informed Board of the concerns of the housing moratorium ending on April 1, 2021 and pending evictions due to non-payment of rent. Ms. Ross discussed concerns related to the eviction process.

g. Law Enforcement Survey.

Tarah White informed the Board that she and Joshua Carden are still working on the numbers and they will report back soon.

h. Human Trafficking Bill Status

Maddalena Savary informed the Board that the bill is up for a third read before the senate on 3/15/2021.

i. Call to the Public.

No members of the public addressed the Board.

j. Project ideas.

Discussion was held about ongoing project ideas.

- Covid-19 Housing Training: Discussion was held about community stakeholders in fair housing. Moses Sanchez moved to have Karen Hartman-Tellez invite representatives from Community Legal Services, Southwest Fair Housing Council, and Arizona Center for Disability Law to address the Board during the April meeting. Grant Frazier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion was held on the topic of GINA employment laws and wellness programs. The Board members will look at the laws and discuss further at the next meeting.
- Discussion was held regarding the letter Grant Frazier drafted to send to the Arizona Restaurant Association regarding service animals. The Board had a few suggestions and edits. Moses Sanchez moved to approve the letter to send subject to small grammatical changes. Karen Hartman-Tellez seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Moses Sanchez moved to send the edited letter to the Arizona Restaurant Association. Karen Hartman-Tellez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion was held about the other project ideas on the agenda. The Board discussed moving forward with public encounters with law enforcement. Moses Sanchez moved to make public encounters with law enforcement a project for the current year. Karen Hartman-Tellez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

k. Call to the Board.

There were no current events discussed by the Board.

l. Adjournment.

Karen Hartman-Tellez moved to adjourn the meeting, and Moses Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.