

ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Public Meeting

September 7, 2018

Board Members Present

Joshua W. Carden (Chairperson)
Kathryn Hackett King (Member)
Tarah L. White (Member)
Rachel Frazier Johnson (Member)
Christopher St. John (Member)

Staff Members Present

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

Staff Members Present by Telephone

Vincent Sottosanti (Legal Counsel)

Board Members Absent

Robert M. Garcia (Vice-Chairperson)
Sandy F. Flynn (Member)

I. Call to Order

Joshua Carden called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m., with the members present announcing. The meeting took place at 2005 North Central, Arizona Attorney General, Third Floor Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona.

II. Preliminary Remarks

Joshua Carden greeted the members. There were no preliminary remarks.

III. Minutes

Christopher St. John moved to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2018 meeting. Joshua Carden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Division Report

Rebekah Browder informed the Board the Arizona Civil Rights Division currently has two cases in litigation in Tucson. Ms. Browder noted that the division had a compliance officer resign in Phoenix and has done a direct hire to replace the vacant position with a former EEOC investigator that starts on Monday. Also, the division has decided to move one vacant litigation attorney position from Phoenix to Tucson.

V. Update on Pending Issues

Joshua Carden talked about tabled items from the last meeting and asked the Board to hold off in the discussion of the Law Enforcement Survey until Rachel Frazier Johnson arrived at the meeting.

VI. Status of tabled items from last meeting.

a. Homelessness Survey.

Tarah White has not heard anything on the homelessness survey and suggested we draft a letter to the Phoenix housing department to request the information the Board would like to receive. Ms. White would possibly like to invite them to a future meeting and volunteered to draft the letter for the requested information. This item will be tabled pending this draft letter until the next meeting.

b. Contact Information with Community Bridges.

Joshua Carden suggested this agenda item be tabled since Mr. Garcia was not in attendance and also suggested a staff member contact Mr. Garcia for a written report with this information and/or have another board member contact him, if appropriate. Legal Counsel Vincent Sottosanti said that a board member could contact Mr. Garcia without a quorum of the board to request the information.

c. Draft Law Enforcement Survey.

Kathryn Hackett King circulated the response from DPS to the law enforcement survey. The only change DPS suggested was the removal of the word “children” from item “4” of the survey. Joshua Carden suggested that the board wait until other comments are received from other agencies before finalizing the survey.

Discussion was held about which law enforcement agencies would be invited to the board meeting. Tina Rohe discussed the compilation of lists of law enforcement police chiefs and sheriffs from the Arizona League of Cities and Towns and will send the contact list out to board members. Discussion was held as to the November meeting’s location and logistics. It was decided that Noon would be the best option for higher attendance. Mr. Carden commented that every effort should be made to accommodate agencies in other parts of the state to make it easier to have a maximum turnout for the meeting. Ms. Browder commented that we would have to contact the AG technology department to find out what is available for alternative AG sites to be able to hook in for the meeting. Joshua Carden will send a draft invitation to Kathryn Hackett King to give feedback on the invitation. Rachel Frazier Johnson asked if we could get a sponsor to provide lunch. Rebekah Browder will check on the policy in providing lunch or beverages to attendees. Joshua Carden said the meeting would be for presentation of the survey to law enforcement agencies to get feedback on it.

VII. Auditor General Report.

Joshua Carden talked about the information that the Arizona Auditor General would like to receive regarding how the board members are paid for their time and any reimbursements to the board members for travel. The Auditor General requests a per diem and expense policy on how the ACRA board members are paid and further discussion was held to discuss the requirements for the report that includes the statutory guidelines. There is currently no per diem or reimbursement policy on the books for the Board. Samples were circulated via email for other State Boards policies. Joshua Carden volunteered to draft the policy and asked other board members to help with the draft. Tarah White and Rachel Frazier Johnson volunteered to help draft the policy including per diem and expense reimbursement policy for the Board.

VIII. Status of any new project ideas from the Board

Kathryn Hackett King suggested a meeting with legislators to create civil remedies for human trafficking. She suggested that the board wait until the November 6th election. Discussion was held as to which representatives may be interested in sponsor the legislation. Discussion was held about legislative counsel and creating draft language for civil remedies for human trafficking. Kathryn Hackett King will put together proposed language on civil remedies for human trafficking. Joshua Carden mentioned December meeting as the possible goal for legislative language.

Tarah White discussed peaceful protests and the attendance Special Commander Andre Anderson at a past board meeting and him possibly presenting at the law enforcement meeting to talk to other agencies about providing training on peaceful protests. Discussion was held about timing of presenting further training on peaceful protests to members of the public. Motion was made to have Andre Anderson present on peaceful protests, Tarah White seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Joshua Carden volunteered to contact Commander Anderson to speak at the law enforcement meeting.

IX. Call to Public

No members of the public were present.

X. Call to the Board – Current Events Summary

- a. September 13, 2018, Truckers Against Trafficking, Briefing on Commercial Sexual Exploitation, 10:00a – 2:00p, Knight Transportation Headquarters.
- b. September 12 – 14, 2018, 9:00a – 4:00p each day, Arizona Black Law Enforcement Employees (A.B.L.E.) Information & Expectations: The Community and the Criminal Justice System, Mesa Community College.

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

XI. Adjournment

There being no other announcements or matters, Kathryn Hackett King moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:36 p.m., Rachel Frazier Johnson seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

#7306377