

ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Public Meeting

April 12, 2024

Board Members Present (In Person)

Dr. Heather M. Ross (Chairperson)
Dr. Enrique Davis Mazlum (Vice Chairperson)
Steven (PV) Jantz
Justin Weinstein-Tull

Board Members Present (Via Zoom)

Vice Mayor Holli I. Ploog

Board Members Absent

Lydia A. Peirce Linsmeier

Staff Members Present

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

a. Call for the election of a Chair *pro tem*.

Member Dr. Heather Ross called for the election of a Chair *pro tem* and was elected unanimously to serve as the Chair *pro tem* for the initial meeting of the 2024 Arizona Civil Rights Advisory Board on April 12, 2024.

b. Call to Order.

Chair *pro tem* Dr. Ross called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. The meeting took place in person at the Office of the Arizona Attorney General, 2005 N. Central Avenue and via Zoom.

c. Preliminary Remarks and Welcome from Executive Director Leslie Ross.

Leslie Ross welcomed all in attendance.

d. Overview of the Arizona Civil Rights Division and Arizona Civil Rights Advisory Board.

Leslie Ross presented an overview of the Arizona Civil Rights Division and Arizona Civil Rights Advisory Board. A slide presentation was shown.

e. Executive Session.

At 10:21 a.m., Dr. Enrique Davis Mazlum moved to convene in Executive Session. Justin Weinstein-Tull seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion and consultation with counsel for legal advice regarding the Board's authority and responsibilities.

At 10:54 a.m., the open session resumed with the Board having taken no legal action during the Executive Session.

II. Items for Discussion and Possible Action.

a. Election of Officers.

Chairperson

Dr. Enrique Davis Mazlum and Dr. Heather Ross were each nominated to serve as Chairperson and both agreed to serve. The candidates presented a brief introduction and explained their interest in serving as a Chairperson and their related experience. Steven PV Jantz moved to vote for Chairperson. Dr. Enrique Davis Mazlum seconded. The motion

passed unanimously. Chair *pro tem* Dr. Heather Ross requested that Leslie Ross as Executive Director preside over the election. A hand raise vote was held, Steven PV Jantz, Holli Ploog, and Dr. Heather Ross voted to elect Dr. Heather Ross as Chairperson. Dr. Enrique Davis Mazlum voted to elect Dr. Enrique Davis Mazlum as Chairperson. Justin Weinstein-Tull abstained. Dr. Heather Ross was announced as Chairperson.

Vice Chairperson

Steven PV Jantz moved to nominate Dr. Enrique Davis Mazlum as Vice Chairperson. Dr. Heather Ross seconded. Dr. Enrique Davis Mazlum accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. A vote was held resulting in the unanimous election of Dr. Enrique Davis Mazlum as Vice Chairperson.

b. Adoption of Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2023

No 2024 Board members were present during the prior Board's December 1, 2023 meeting. Chairperson Ross moved to accept the Minutes as presented and in DRAFT form. Holli Ploog seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

c. 2024 ACRAB Meeting Schedule.

Discussion was held regarding frequency, location, and accessibility of Board meetings. Justin Weinstein-Tull moved to hold a work study session for the Board on May 10, 2024 from 12:00-1:30 p.m. and Steven PV Jantz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding topics to be addressed at the May 10, 2024 work study meeting. Chairperson Ross moved to include the following items on the agenda for the May 10, 2024 work study meeting: accessibility to the public; setting a 2024 meeting schedule; discussion of the prior Board's amendment to the bylaws to allow non-board members to serve on ACRAB Advisory Committees or Subcommittees; and topics that were tabled from this meeting including the Division report, a Summary of the Board Projects, and Board 2024 goals. Steven PB Jantz Seconded. Steven PV Jantz moved to amend the motion to include the Board's goals, mission, and vision for the next three years on the agenda for the May 10, 2024 meeting. Chairperson Ross seconded. The amended motion passed unanimously.

d. Division Report.

Tabled and placed on Agenda for the May 10, 2024 Meeting, as discussed in II(c), above.

e. Summary of Board projects.

Tabled and placed on Agenda for the May 10, 2024 Meeting, as discussed in II(c), above.

b. 2024 ACRAB Goals.*

Tabled and placed on Agenda for the May 10, 2024 Meeting, as discussed in II(c), above.

c. Call to the Public.*

No public comments were offered.

d. Call to the Board – Current Events.*

No current events were discussed.

e. Adjournment.*

Steven PV Jantz moved to adjourn the meeting. Justin Weinstein-Tull seconded. The Motion passed unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

* Numbering error contained in agenda and replicated in minutes for consistency.