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ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Public Meeting

July 2, 2024

Board Members Present

Dr. Heather M. Ross (Chair)
Dr. Enrique Davis Mazlum (Vice Chair) (by Zoom)
Steven (PV) Jantz
Holli I. Ploog (by Zoom)
Justin Weinstein-Tull (by Zoom)

Staff Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Lydia A. Peirce Linsmeier

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Ross called the meeting to order at 12:35 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 June 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Ross asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were no corrections. The June 6, 2024 minutes were approved.

III. Topics for Discussion and Possible Action

1. Appointments to the Subcommittee on Hate-Based Crimes and Antisemitic Incidents

Chairperson Ross noted that the Board will vote on amendments to the Bylaws in the August meeting, which includes the amendment to appoint non-Board members to subcommittees. Accordingly, no appointments were recommended at this meeting.

2. Discussion of state legislation relating to national origin and immigration

Vice Chairperson Mazlum spoke briefly on the topic of a HCR 2060, a ballot initiative, that if passed may impact civil rights in Arizona.

Member Jantz moved to enter Executive Session to consult with counsel pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3). Member Ploog seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Admonition was given to the Board.

After the Board resumed its open meeting, Vice Chairperson Mazlum stated he will submit information on the proposed legislation to be circulated to the Board. Vice Chairperson Mazlum will identify individuals who can discuss pending legislation at a future Board meeting. Discussion of HCR will be placed on the August 1, 2024 agenda for discussion and possible action.

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IV. Subcommittee Reports and ACRA Events

1. Subcommittee on Hate-Based Crimes and Antisemitic Incidents

Member Ploog, as Chairperson of the Subcommittee, reported that the first Subcommittee meeting was held on June 20, 2024. The Subcommittee adopted a Statement of Purpose and mission. The next meeting will occur on July 12, 2024.

2. Crime Free Forum

Member Weinstein-Tull, as co-liaison for the forum, reported that the Board is coordinating with the Division to tentatively schedule the event in August 2024.

3. Subcommittee to Study and Report on Disability Discrimination in Arizona

Member Weinstein-Tull, as Chairperson of the Subcommittee, reported that he and the Division are in the process of scheduling the first Subcommittee meeting. Member Jantz offered to provide names of individuals and agencies who may have information for the Subcommittee to consider.

4. Subcommittee to Study and Report on the Legality and Accessibility of Drug Testing Equipment

No update at this time

V. Division Report.

Civil Rights Division Section Chief Leslie Ross noted the end of the fiscal year.

VI. Call to the Public

No members of the public were in attendance.

VII. Call to the Board/Current Events

Member Jantz announced his resignation from the Board this month, as he will be relocating to another state.

VIII. Adjournment

Member Jantz moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Ploog seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.