

City of Albuquerque Human Rights Board Minutes 1-18-2024

1. Meeting Called to Order at 5:15 PM
2. Introductions/Roll Call

Staff

- Matthew Montoya (Legal)
- Michelle Melendez (OEI)

Members Present

- Chair Anami Dass
- Samia Assed
- Leticia Galvez-Trujillo (via Zoom)
- Larry Hinojos Jr. (via Zoom)

Members not Present

- V. Chair Jack Champagne
- Kimberly Andujo

3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Amendment: "Introduction of Proposal Resolution 2024-02" which calls for a cease-fire in Gaza and calls to end the relationship with Albuquerque's sister-city in Israel between agenda items 7-8 (For discussion only)
 - i. Motion: Assed
 - ii. Second: Dass
 - iii. Vote: 4-0-2 (*for-opposed-absent*)
 - iv. A New Item was added to the agenda, and the numbers were adjusted accordingly.
 - b. Discussion
 - i. Member Galvez-Trujillo: Discussion of electing chairs of subcommittee.
 1. Chair Dass: Discussion of what subcommittees should be changed now that Member McMillan's term has ended.
 - ii. Motion to Table Subcommittee Restructuring/Changes Discussion until the Board's February 15th Meeting
 1. Motion: Galvez-Trujillo
 2. Second: None
 - iii. Chair Dass wants to keep the Report from the Subcommittee on Mental Health on the agenda.
 1. Motion to Approve the Agenda as Amended
 2. Motion: Assed
 3. Second: Hinojos
 4. Vote: 4-0-2

5. The Agenda is amended.
4. Approval of November 16, 2023, Minutes & December 6, 2023, Minutes
 - a. November 16 Minutes - Chair Dass recommended changes to the following: Ilse Biel's name was misspelled, there was a period missing, and "December" should read "November"
 - i. Motion to Amend: Assed
 - ii. Second: Galvez-Trujillo
 - iii. Vote: 4-0-2
 - iv. The recommendations are approved, and will be the November 16th, 2023 minutes will be signed at the February 15th meeting.
 - b. December 6th Minutes - Chair Dass recommended changes to the following: Start time should read "12:04 PM" and there was a typo in the word "Bear."
 - i. Motion: Dass
 - ii. Second: Assed
 - iii. Vote: 4-0-2
 - iv. The recommendations are approved, and will be the December 6th, 2023 minutes will be signed at the February 15th meeting.
5. Public Comment* - None
6. Discussion on listening sessions, and notices for meetings
 - a. Discussion: Chair Dass acknowledged that this should have been mentioned during the agenda discussion earlier, but since 2 members of the board are absent and the suggested staff member to lead the discussion no longer works for the city, she thinks it would be best to table this discussion.
 - i. Motion to Table: Dass
 - ii. Second: Assed
 - iii. Vote: 4-0-2
 - iv. The item was tabled.
7. Report Out for Subcommittees
 - a. Housing Financial Literacy - *No Report*
 - b. Mental Health
 - i. Introduction of Proposed Resolution 2024-01
 1. Chair Dass led a discussion by describing the sections of the proposal.
 2. Goal: Rebuild trust between people experiencing homelessness and their City Government
 3. Recommendations
 - a. Call for City to cease no notice encampment closures.
 - b. Calls for City to reassess its contracts with shelter service providers and publish weekly head count.
 - c. Calls for City to adopt a homeless rights ordinance to allow human right to rest and public space.

- d. Establishes a public hearing and publish result of findings within 30 days.
 - e. Calls for publishing this on the HRB webpage.
 - f. Calls for the City’s Chief Administrative Officer to meet with a representative of the Board to discuss the recommendations
 - g. Calls for the resolution to be proposed to City Council.
 - 4. Member Galvez-Trujillo mentioned that this subject neat and dear to her heart, and that she intends to take a closer look before discussing the proposal at 2/15/24 board meeting.
 - c. Language Accessibility - *No Report*
 - d. Outreach
 - i. Subcommittee Chair Galvez-Trujillo did a lot over the holidays to get gifts to youth.
8. Introduction Proposed Resolution 2024-02: Cease-fire in Gaza
 - a. Discussion: Member Assed mentioned that the Human Rights Board should step into a leadership position by saying that this war doesn’t speak for us.
 - b. Chair Dass mentioned that the resolution needs to be sent to the rest of the Board and voted on at another meeting.
 - i. Member Assed reminded her that the board can’t wait another month to make a statement due to the urgency of the situation.
 - ii. To comply with the Open Meetings Act the soonest the board could provide notice at 12 PM Friday (1/19/24) to hold a special meeting the following Monday (1/22/24) at 12 PM to vote on resolution calling for cease-fire in Gaza.
 - iii. Motion to call a special meeting for 1/22/24 to vote on the proposed resolution,
 - 1. Motion: Dass
 - 2. Second: Assed
 - 3. Vote: 4-0-2
 - 4. The board calls for a special meeting on 1/22/24 to vote on Proposal Resolution 2024-02: Cease-fire in Gaza.
 - iv. Motion to Approve an Ad Hoc resolution drafting subcommittee comprising of Member Assed and Chair Dass to meet to discuss the proposal resolution and draft the proposal.
 - 1. Motion: Dass
 - 2. Second: Assed
 - 3. Vote: 4-0-2
 - 4. The Board approved the creation of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Prop-HRB-R-2024-02
9. Director’s Report
 - a. Office of Civil Rights - *No Report*
 - b. Office of Equity and Inclusion - *Report from Director of OEI, Michelle Melendez*
 - i. OEI is working on Civil rights position posting/recruitment

- ii. New Office of Black Community Engagement (OBCE) liaison
- iii. OEI and City attended the MLK march
- iv. new maps added to the OEI website
- v. National Day of Racial Healing events,
- vi. Clarification and Update on the migrant shelter,
- vii. MMIW award to Dawn Begay, Tribal consultation
- viii. Cannabis Community Reinvestment
- ix. 100 score on Municipal Equality report by the Human Rights Campaign
- x. Ask Legislature \$750K to match our \$250 K for Equity in Homeownership Initiative.

10. Announcements

- a. Member Assed shared about the Women’s March Saturday from 10am to Noon at Tiguex Park

11. Adjournment

- a. Motion: Dass
- b. Second: Assed
- c. Vote: 4-0-2
- d. The Board adjourned at 6:28 PM 1/18/2024

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 5:00 PM MST

Signed Minutes Available by Request

Chair Anami Dass

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Date