

City of Albuquerque **Human Rights Board**

Agenda Packet

May 16, 2024

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Thursday, May 16, 2024 5:00 – 6:30 PM MST

Contact: Lisa Y. Schatz-Vance, 505-768-4500

Plaza Del Sol Lower Level Hearing Room 600 2nd Street NW Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Zoom Meeting Information Meeting ID: 876 4565 1515

Passcode: 998578

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City of Albuquerque Human Rights Board Agenda

(Items listed on the agenda may be discussed and acted on out of sequential order)

- 1. Call to Order/Introductions
- 2. Approvals
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 - d. Resolutions Updates
- 6. Announcements
- 7. Adjourn

Please click the link below to join:

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Next Meeting: Thursday, June 20, 2024

¹ Please sign up for public comments with the Office of Civil Rights, Lisa Y. Schatz Vance 505-768-4500.

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – NOT REVIEWED/APPROVED



City of Albuquerque - Office of Civil Rights 1 Civic Plaza, Albuquerque, NM 87102 Phone- 505-768-4595, TTY 711 civilrights@cabq.gov

City of Albuquerque Human Rights Board (HRB) Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2024

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom & Legal West Conference Room 1

Board Members Present: City Staff Present:

Anami Dass, Chair

Sean "Jack" Champagne, Vice Chair

Larry Hinojos Jr.

Kimberly Andujo

Lisa Schatz-Vance, Board Attorney

Mari Kempton, Parliamentary Council

Nichole Rogers, City Councilor

Jennifer Lucero, Minute Taker

Leticia Galvez-Trujillo

Board Members Not Present: Members of the Public:

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I. Call to Order & Introductions

- a. The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m. by Chair Dass.
- b. All who were present introduced themselves.

II. Approvals

a. Approval of April 18, 2024 Agenda

Vice Chair Champagne moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Member Hinojos Jr. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. The agenda has been approved.

b. Approval of March 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes

i. Member Hinojos Jr. moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Andujo. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. The minutes have been approved.

c. Proposal Resolution 2024-03: Location Change

i. Chair Dass moved to approve Resolution 2024-03. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Champagne. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. The motion has been approved.

d. Publishing reformatted versions of:

Chair Dass moved to approve publishing reformatted versions of the February 21, 2024 meeting minutes, Resolution No. 2024-01, and Resolution No. 2024-02. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Champagne.

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – NOT REVIEWED/APPROVED

- i. The motion to correct grammatical errors and rescan the document for ADA compliance for the February 21, 2024 Human Rights Board meeting minutes was approved by unanimous vote.
- ii. The motion to reformat Resolution No. 2024-01 was approved by unanimous vote.
- iii. The motion to reformat Resolution No. 2024-02 was approved by unanimous vote.

III. Public Comment

a. No public comment was made.

IV. Director's Reports

a. Office of Civil Rights:

i. Board Attorney Lisa Schatz-Vance is currently serving in an interim role for the Office of Civil Rights while staffing is in transition. OCR has received 40 contacts. Currently one case is awaiting mediation. OCR has received a request to join the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) New Mexico Human Rights Bureau with Department of Workforce Solutions to provide a presentation. OCR has also received an invitation from the Albuquerque Housing Authority to partner with them to do a presentation regarding housing.

b. Office of Equity & Inclusion:

i. There was no report provided or anyone from OEI to provide information to the Board.

V. Resolutions & Projects Reports

a. R-24-1: Homeless Rights

- i. Member Trujillo suggests the public meeting be held at Arroyo Del Oso Center. Member Andujo suggests having more than one pubic meeting.
- ii. Chair Dass moved to approve having the public hearing at International District Library. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Champagne. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- iii. Chair Dass moved to approve having the public hearing on June 22, 2024 and June 29, 2024 as a backup. The motion was seconded by Member Andujo. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- iv. Chair Dass moved to approve the pubic hearing be held after 1:00 p.m. for a duration of 90 minutes with members of the public have a four-minute time limit to speak. The motion was seconded by Member Andujo. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

b. R-24-2: Cease-fire in Gaza

i. Chair Dass moved to table R-24-2 until next meeting that Member Assed is in attendance. The motion was seconded by Member Trujillo. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

VI. Discussions & Proposals

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – NOT REVIEWED/APPROVED

a. Chair Dass moved to table the subcommittee chair elections until all board members are present. Vice Chair Champagne seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

VII. Announcements

- a. Appointment from Mayor's office for seventh board member will be discussed for approval at May 6, 2024 City Council meeting.
- b. Member Trujillo announced she will not be able to attend the May and June HRB meetings due to travel.
- c. Chair Dass announced the next meeting will be held at the Lower-Level Hearing Room at Plaza Del Sol.

VIII. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned by Chair Dass at 6:19 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled Human Rights Board Meeting will be Thursday, May 16, 2024.					
Anami Dass, Chair	Date				



Notice of Public Hearing

On Anti-homeless Sentiment & Discrimination based on Housing Status.

Saturday, June 22, 2024 1:00 - 2:30 PM MST 7601 Central Ave NE Albuquerque, NM 87108

The Albuquerque Human Rights Board, pursuant to <u>Section 5 (E) of the Albuquerque Human Rights Ordinance</u>, will hold a public hearing in the community room of the International District Public Library, located at 7601 Central Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108, from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM on Saturday, June 22, 2024. The Board will hear public testimony on experience(s) of intergroup hostility and tension between people experiencing homelessness and people without such experience as stated in <u>Section 5 (A) HRB Resolution No. 2024-01</u>.

The Board solicits testimony, commentaries, and evidence from all interested individuals or organizations having experience or knowledge concerning anti-homeless sentiment(s) in the city and/or incidents of discrimination based on housing status.

Members of the public are invited to make public comment not exceeding 4 minutes during the hearing. Full transcription of the hearing shall be included in the report published to the city's website by July 22, 2024. The board will also accept written statements or audio recordings of statement via email to civilrights@CABQ.gov. Please include "HRB Hearing Statement" in the subject of your submission email. Written statements exceeding 2000 characters will not be read. Audio recordings exceeding 4 minutes will not be considered and must be sent as an MP3 file. Emailed statements will be accepted From May 16, 2024 until June 28, 2024. Written or recorded statements may be given anonymously upon request.

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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. <u>C/S O-24-5</u> **ENACTMENT NO.** SPONSORED BY: Tammy Fiebelkorn, Nichole Rogers and Joaquín Baca, by request 1 **ORDINANCE** 2 AMENDING § 11-3 THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE. 3 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque Human Rights Ordinance (HRO) prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national 4 5 origin or ancestry, age, physical handicap, or source of income; and 6 WHEREAS, incorporating new definitions and accurate language into the 7 HRO is crucial to clarifying the scope and applicability of protections, 8 providing clear guidance for citizens, businesses, and organizations to 9 promote compliance and understanding; and 10 WHEREAS, there is a need to address gaps in the current HRO, recognizing 11 that adding new definitions and using accurate language will enhance the - Deletion Bracketed/Underscored Material] - New 12 ordinance's effectiveness in protecting the rights of all residents; and 13 WHEREAS, updating the City of Albuquerque's HRO will help to align the City's policies with state policies, helping to ensure consistency and coherence that safeguards the rights and liberties of individuals within Albuquerque; and WHEREAS, an updated human rights ordinance will serve as a testament to the City's commitment to creating an environment that actively opposes discrimination, promoting the principles of equality, justice, and human dignity for all residents. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF **ALBUQUERQUE:** § 11-3 THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE is amended as described in Sections 23 24 1 through 3 below.

SECTION 1. TERMINOLOGY.

- 1 1. In § 11-3-3 replace the definition "PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED" with 2 "PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY" as follows: 3 PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY. A physical or mental impairment that 4 substantially limits one or more of a person's major life activities. A person is also considered to have a mental or physical disability if the person has a 5 6 record of a physical or mental disability or is regarded as having a physical or 7 mental disability. 8 2. Add the following definitions to § 11-3-3 in appropriate alphabetical 9 order: 10 SEX. A person's categorization as male, female or intersex based on biology, 11 physiology and physical characteristics. 12 GENDER. An individual or societal expectation or perception of a person as 13 masculine or feminine based on appearance, behavior or physical 14 characteristics. 15 GENDER IDENTITY. A person's self-perception, based on the person's 16 appearance, behavior or physical characteristics, that the person exhibits 17 more masculinity or femininity or the absence of masculinity or femininity 18 whether or not it matches the person's gender or sex assigned at birth. 19 SEXUAL ORIENTATION. A person's physical, romantic or emotional attraction 20 to persons of the same or a different gender or the absence of any such 21 attraction. 22 PREGNANCY. The condition of being pregnant, including the state of carrying 23 a developing embryo or fetus within the body, beginning from conception 24 through childbirth. 25 CHILDBIRTH OR CONDITION RELATED TO CHILDBIRTH OR PREGNANCY. 26 The act or process of giving birth to a child, including labor and delivery. Any **27** medical condition or complication that arises during pregnancy, childbirth, or
- 29 PUBLIC CONTRACTOR. A person, company, or organization who receives

the postpartum period, or is exacerbated by pregnancy or childbirth.

- 30 public funds as a result of contracting with a governmental entity.
- 31 SECTION 2. Amend § 11-3-2, § 11-3-5, § 11-3-7, and § 11-3-12 as follows:
- 32 § 11-3-2 DECLARATION OF POLICY.

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1	Pursuant to Article VIII of The Albuquerque City Charter, in order to assure
2	the public safety, public health and general welfare, to:
3	(A) Preserve, protect, and promote human rights and human dignity;
4	(B) Promote and encourage the recognition and exercise of human
5	responsibility;
6	(C) Protect and promote equality of access to public goods and services;
7	and
8	(D) Prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex,
9	national origin or ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, pregnancy,
10	childbirth or condition related to childbirth or pregnancy, sexual orientation,
11	gender, or gender identity, or source of income, including, but not limited to
12	the following area:
13	(1) In places of public accommodations;
14	(2) In housing accommodations; and
15	(3) In commercial space.
16	§ 11-3-5 POWERS AND DUTIES.
17	The Board shall:
18	(A) Set such rules and regulations as are necessary for the operation of the
19	Board.
20	(B) Conduct public hearings upon the request of the City Council or Mayor
21	upon such matters as the City Council or Mayor may from time to time direct.
22	(C) Receive complaints alleging an unlawful discriminatory practice as
23	defined in this article. The staff director (as described in § 11-3-9(A)) of the
24	Human Rights Board shall advise the complainant of the resources available
25	to the complainant for resolution of his or her problem including but not
26	limited to the State Human Rights Commission, the Federal Equal Employment
27	Opportunity Commission, the Albuquerque Municipal Courts and such other
28	agencies and entities as may be available. In addition, the staff director shall
29	be responsible for:
30	(1) Following the progress of the individual complaints to ensure that

- (1) Following the progress of the individual complaints to ensure that the agency to whom the complainant was referred acts on the referral;
- (2) Observing complaints for trends that may indicate a need for changes in policies, ordinances or other practices; and

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- 1 (3) Making recommendations to the Human Rights Board that it 2 consider holding public hearings under this article.
 - (D) Not receive a complaint, where a similar complaint, based on the same facts, has been filed by the complainant with another agency.
 - (E) Use its best efforts to:
 - (1) Promote mutual trust, understanding and respect among the citizens of the Albuquerque community and between the citizens and their governmental agencies.
 - (2) Endeavor that all citizens may enjoy their rights and pursue their opportunities on an equal basis without discrimination as to race, color, religion, sex, national origin or ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, childbirth or condition related to childbirth or pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity.
- 14 § 11-3-7 UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE. It is unlawful 15 discriminatory practice and a violation of this article for:
 - (A) An employer, unless based on a bona fide occupational qualification, to refuse to hire, to discharge, to promote or demote or to discriminate in compensation or terms and conditions of employment, against any person otherwise qualified, because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or ancestry, age, race related hairstyle, the use of a cultural headdress, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, childbirth or condition related to childbirth or pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity.
 - (B) A labor organization to exclude an individual or to expel or otherwise discriminate against any of its members or against any employer or employee because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or ancestry, age, race related hairstyle, the use of a cultural headdress, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, childbirth or condition related to childbirth or pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity.
 - (C) Any employer, labor organization, or any other person to refuse to admit or employ any individual in any program established to provide an apprenticeship or other training or retraining because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or ancestry, age, race related hairstyle, the use of a cultural headdress, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, childbirth or

- condition related to childbirth or pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender, or
 gender identity.
 - (D) Any employer, labor organization, or any other person to print or circulate or cause to be printed or circulated any statement, advertisement, or publication or to use any form of application for employment or membership, or to make any inquiry regarding prospective employment or membership which expresses, directly or indirectly, any limitation, specification, or discrimination as to race, color, religion, sex, national origin or ancestry, age, race related hairstyle, the use of a cultural headdress, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, childbirth or condition related to childbirth or pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity unless based on a bona fide occupational qualification.
 - (E) An employment agency to refuse to list and properly classify for employment or to refer an individual for employment in a known available job for which the individual is otherwise qualified because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, race related hairstyle, the use of a cultural headdress, or any physical or mental disability, pregnancy, childbirth or condition related to childbirth or pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity unless based on a bona fide occupational qualification; or to comply with a request from an employer for referral of applicants for employment if the request indicates either directly or indirectly that the employer discriminates in employment on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, race related hairstyle, the use of a cultural headdress, or physical or mental disability, pregnancy, childbirth or condition related to childbirth or pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity unless based on a bona fide occupational qualification.
 - (F) Any person who provides any public accommodation to make a distinction, directly or indirectly, in offering or refusing to offer its services, facilities, accommodations or goods to any individual because of race, color, religion, sex, race related hairstyle, the use of a cultural headdress, national origin or ancestry, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, childbirth or condition related to childbirth or pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity.

(G) Any person to:

- (1) Refuse to sell, rent, assign, lease or sublease, or offer for sale, rental, lease or sublease, or assignment, any housing accommodation, commercial space or real property to any individual, or discriminate against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of the sale, rental, lease or sublease, or assignment of any housing accommodation, commercial space, or real property, or to refuse to negotiate for the sale, rental, lease, assignment or sublease of any housing accommodation, commercial space or real property, or in the provision of facilities or services in connection therewith, because of race, color, religion, sex, race related hairstyle, the use of a cultural headdress, national origin or ancestry, source of income or the requirements of any program providing the source of income, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, childbirth or condition related to childbirth or pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity.
- (2) Print, circulate, display or mail, or cause to be printed, circulated, displayed or mailed, any statement, advertisement, publication or sign or use any form of application for the purchase, rental, lease, assignment or sublease of any housing accommodation, commercial space or real property, or to make any record or inquiry regarding the prospective purchase, rental, lease, assignment or sublease of any housing accommodation, commercial space or real property which expresses any preference, limitation or discrimination as to race, color, religion, sex, race related hairstyle, the use of a cultural headdress, national origin or ancestry, source of income, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, childbirth or condition related to childbirth or pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity.
- (3) Represent to any person, because of race, color, religion, sex, race related hairstyle, the use of a cultural headdress, national origin or ancestry, source of income or because of the requirements of any program providing the source of income, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, childbirth or condition related to childbirth or pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity, that any dwelling is not available for inspection, sale, or rental when the dwelling is available.

- (4) In determining whether the prospective tenant meets minimum income requirements, exclude from the calculation any lawful and verifiable source of income received by the applicant; or
- (5) Impose additional requirements on a tenant or a prospective tenant whose rent is to be subsidized by a third party not imposed on other tenants, such as, but not limited to, additional security deposits or requirements to maintain renter's insurance; provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as a prohibition against a property owner or manager conducting an income or credit inquiry on a prospective tenant or from performing other vetting techniques, such as a background or rental history checks, provided these techniques are used for all tenants, regardless of their source of income.
- (a) Nothing in this legislation shall be construed as requiring a landlord to show preferential treatment to a prospective tenant who has a non-traditional source of income.
- (b) Nothing in this legislation shall be construed as requiring a landlord to set a rent rate at or under Fair Market Rent as defined by the U.S. Department of Urban Housing and Development.
- (c) Nothing in this legislation shall be construed to mean a landlord cannot change the terms of a lease after the agreed-upon lease expires.
- (d) Nothing in this legislation shall be construed to prevent a landlord from evicting a tenant for any lawful reason.
- (6) In determining whether the prospective tenant meets minimum income requirements, include in the calculation of rent any amounts that will be paid, credited, or attributed by the tenant or on the tenant's behalf from federal, state, or local housing assistance payment programs. In other words, the calculation of minimum income requirements shall be based on the portion of rent that a tenant is personally responsible for paying, not the portion of rent that will be paid by a housing assistance payment program.
- (H) Any person to whom application is made for financial assistance for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, repair or maintenance of any housing accommodation, commercial space or real property, to:

- (1) Consider race, color, religion, sex, race related hairstyle, the use of a cultural headdress, national origin or ancestry, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, childbirth or condition related to childbirth or pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity in the granting, withholding, extending, modifying or renewing, or in the fixing of the rates, terms, conditions or provisions of any financial assistance, or in the extension of services in connection with the request for financial assistance; and
- (2) Use any form of application for financial assistance or to make any record or inquiry in connection with applications for financial assistance which expresses, directly or indirectly, any limitation, specification or discrimination as to race, color, religion, sex, race related hairstyle, the use of a cultural headdress, national origin or ancestry, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, childbirth or condition related to childbirth or pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity.
 - (I) Any person or employer to:
- (1) Aid, abet, incite, compel or coerce the doing of any unlawful discriminatory practice or to attempt to do so.
- (2) Engage in any form of threats, reprisals or discrimination against any person who has opposed unlawful discriminatory practices or has filed a complaint, testified or participated in any proceeding under this article.
- (3) Willfully obstruct or prevent any person from complying with the provisions of this article or to resist, prevent, impede or interface with the Board or any of its members, staff or representatives in the performance of their duties under this article.
- (J) A governmental entity or a public contractor to refuse or otherwise limit or put conditions on services to a person because of race, age, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, pregnancy, childbirth or condition related to pregnancy or childbirth, physical or mental disability.
- 30 § 11-3-12 EXEMPTIONS.
- 31 Nothing in this article shall:
 - (A) Bar any religious or denominational institution or organization which is operated or supervised or controlled by or is operated in connection with a

1	religious or denominational organization from limiting admission to or giving			
2	preference to persons of the same religion or denomination, or from making			
3	selections of buyers, leasees or tenants as are calculated by the organization			
4	or denomination to promote the religious or denominational principles for			
5	which it is established or maintained unless membership in the religious or			
6	denominational organization is restricted on account of race, color, sex,			
7	national origin, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, pregnancy,			
8	childbirth or condition related to childbirth or pregnancy, sexual orientation,			
9	gender, or gender identity.			
10	SECTION 3. EXEMPTIONS.			
11	Add a new subsection (F) to § 11-3-12 as follows:			
12	(F) Be construed to require a governmental entity or a public contractor to			
13	provide services or programs beyond services or programs to the specific			
14	populations that the governmental entity or public contractor is tasked with			
15	serving.			
16	SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, sentence,			
17	clause, word or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or			
18	unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not			
19	affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The Council			
20	hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section,			
21	paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any			
22	provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.			
23	SECTION 5. COMPILATION. Sections 1 through 3 of this ordinance shall be			
24	incorporated in and made part of the Revised Ordinances of Albuquerque,			
25	New Mexico, 1994.			
26	SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect five days			
27	after publication by title and general summary.			
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CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Office of the Mayor

One Civic Plaza NW, Albuquerque, NM 87103 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

April 8, 2024

TO:

Dan Lewis, President, City Cour

FROM:

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

SUBJECT: May

Mayor's appointment of Ms. Kate Boulton to the Human Rights Board

I am submitting for your advice and consent the following name for appointment to the Human Rights Board in accordance with the City of Albuquerque Ordinance 11-3-4-1 through 11-3-6.

APPOINTEE NAME

TERM

Ms. Kate Boulton Albuquerque, NM 87110 December 31, 2026

Kate Boulton, JD, MPH, is a health and human rights lawyer with nearly 15 years of experience in public interest roles. Currently, she is Senior Legal Technical Advisor to the Vital Strategies Overdose Prevention Program, where she acts as a thought leader on drug policy and public health. Working in this role since 2018, she focuses on addressing legal and policy barriers to harm reduction and promoting evidence-based overdose prevention strategies, including in the state of New Mexico.

Prior to joining Vital Strategies, Kate worked as a Staff Attorney at the Center for HIV Law and Policy, where she advanced the organization's anti-criminalization portfolio through management of the Positive Justice Project. Before she became an attorney, Kate served with the federal U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from 2007-2012. Throughout her career, Kate has maintained a consistent commitment to the health and rights of marginalized communities.

Kate earned her JD from Harvard Law School and her Master of Public Health from the University of Michigan.

In her free time, Kate serves on several boards, including the 505 Masters Water Polo Club and Provide, Inc., and is a member of the National Lawyers Guild.

A resident of Council District 7, Ms. Kate Boulton will fill a vacancy and serve as an At Large representative on the Board; their first term will expire December 31, 2026.

The remaining members are:

Representing		Name	Term
1	At Large	Ms. Anami Dass	12/31/2025
2	At Large	Mrs. Kimberly D. Andujo	12/31/2025
3	At Large	Mr. Sean Campagne	12/31/2025
4	At Large	Mrs. Samia Assed	12/31/2024
5	At Large	Mrs. Leticia Galvez Trujillo	12/31/2023
6	At Large	Mr. Larry P Hinojos Jr	12/31/2022
7	At Large	Vacant	

Human Rights Board appointment of Ms. Kate Boulton.

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Samantha Sengel, Chief Administrative Officer

4,8,24

Date



Albuquerque Human Rights Board Information

The Albuquerque Human Rights Board ("HRB") is the governing body of the Office of Civil Rights ("OCR"), a division of the Office of Policy for the City of Albuquerque ("CABQ"). The Albuquerque Human Rights Ordinance ("HRO") as amended in 2024 states in § 11-3-5 that,

"Pursuant to Article VIII of The Albuquerque City Charter, in order to assure 1 the public safety, public health and general welfare, to:

- (A) Preserve, protect, and promote human rights and human dignity;
- (B) Promote and encourage the recognition and exercise of human responsibility;
- (C) Protect and promote equality of access to public goods and services; and
- (D) Prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, childbirth or condition related to childbirth or pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity, or source of income, including, but not limited to the following area:
 - (1) In places of public accommodations;
 - (2) In housing accommodations; and
 - (3) In commercial space."

Board Members

- Anami Dass (Chair)
- Jack Champagne (Vice Chair)
- Samia Assed
- Larry Hinojos Jr.
- Kimberly Andujo
- Leticia Trujillo-Galvez
- Kate Boulton

Committees of the Board

- Executive Committee ("EC")
 - o A permanent committee made up of the Chair and Vice Chair
 - o Tasked with managing the administrative responsibilities and logistics of the Board.
- Accessibility & Accountability ("AA")
 - o tasked with holding the Human Rights Board Accountable to the community.
- Advocacy & Representation ("AR")
 - o tasked with engaging with the people of Albuquerque to discover areas of concern for the Human Rights Board.
- Integration & Sustainability ("IS")
 - o tasked with supporting community partners in need of support in the area of human rights, civil rights, or equity & inclusion.
- Research, Investigation & Policy ("RIP")
 - o tasked with researching and investigating existing or proposed public policies in search of remedies for concerns relating to human rights.