



City of Albuquerque

Office of Equity & Inclusion

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

Human Rights Board

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Members Present

- Jack Champagne, Chair
- Leticia Galvez-Trujillo, Vice Chair (on Zoom)
- Cassandra Porter
- Killian McDonald

Members Not Present

- Sara Samani
- Benjamin Tobias

Members of the Public

City Staff Present

- Gabriela Marques, OCR Manager
- Charles Davis, City Attorney
- Akeva Nkouaga, Intern

MINUTES

I. Call to order.

- a. The Human Rights Board Meeting of August 20, 2026 was called to order by Chair Champagne at 5:03 pm. Member Trujillo seconded. Introductions were done by all present.

II. Review and approval of agenda for August 20, 2026.

- a. Chair Champagne then asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Member McDonald seconded. Motion approved 4-0.

III. Review and approval of minutes from August 13, 2026.

- a. Chair Champagne asked for a motion to approve the minutes from August 13. Chair Champagne moved to approve the minutes. Member Porter seconded. Motion approved 4-0.

IV. Public Comment.

- a. No public comments.

V. Congressman Vasquez Presentation

Congressman Vasquez was not able to attend.

VI. Americans for Indian Opportunity Presentation 101: Beyond Cultural Competency

Laura Harris, Executive Director of Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO), presented "Indian 101," an overview of AIO's history and mission alongside a broader introduction to the Native American experience, including relevant political and historical context, oppression, misrepresentation in American history and media, and community diversity and needs, aimed at helping the Board better understand and represent Native populations. Ms. Harris asked the Board to consider how a native person can be represented on the Human Rights Board, proposed that AIO collaborate with the Board to develop recommendations for the City Council and to provide training and education for City Council members and city staff. She also noted that AIO is planning an Indigenous Youth Conference in the coming months.

VII. Subcommittee Reports

a. Research, Investigation and Policy subcommittee

- i. Nothing to Report

b. Accountability & Community Engagement

- i. Nothing to Report

VIII. New Business

a. New Discussion or Proposals

- i. No New Business

IX. Announcements

- a. Vice-Chair Trujillo shared updates about the youth programs at McKinney-Vento and resources being offered to youth for the new school year, including the new Gateway Youth Center.
- b. Chair Champagne might have a conflict in the next few months and may miss meetings.

X. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business before the Board, Chair Champagne moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.