



City of Albuquerque

Office of Equity & Inclusion

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

Human Rights Board

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Members Present

- Jack Champagne, Chair
- Leticia Galvez-Trujillo, Vice Chair
- Sara Samani (on Zoom)
- Killian McDonald
- Benjamin Tobias

Members Not Present

- Cassandra Porter

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 September 17, 2026 was called to order by Chair Champagne at 5:12 pm. Member Tobias seconded. Introductions were done by all present.

II. Review and approval of agenda for September 17, 2026.

- a. Chair Champagne then asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Member McDonald seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

III. Review and approval of minutes from August 20, 2026.

- a. Chair Champagne asked for a motion to approve the minutes from August 20. Chair Champagne moved to approve the minutes. Member McDonald seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

IV. Public Comment.

- a. No public comments.

V. Presentation by Ralph Arellanes, founding member of the HBR

Mr. Arellanes presented on the history and achievements of the Hispano Round Table and briefed the Board on current issues affecting the Hispanic community and the broader Albuquerque community. He addressed police brutality, housing costs and homelessness, workplace discrimination, and education.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

a. Research, Investigation and Policy subcommittee

- i. Member Samani shared a document with a list of resources related to housing disability for accessibility modifications and other related issues. Will work on research exploring the idea of housing as a human right using the framework from other countries.

b. Accountability & Community Engagement subcommittee

- i. Nothing to Report; Chair Porter did not attend.

VII. New Business

a. Updates on ordinance amendment

Member McDonald has started the proposal and will need the feedback of the board.

Chair Champagne is working on the survey and will have something more substantive in the coming weeks.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Human Rights Day is December 10th, and the Board can be creative on how to commemorate it.
- b. Member McDonald will be traveling for the October meeting

IX. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business before the Board, Chair Champagne moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.