

City of Albuquerque Human Rights Board Minutes

Date/Time: Thursday, July 20, 2023 starting at 5:00 pm (MST)
Location: Zoom & Legal West Conference Room 1

Board Members Present:

Leticia Galvez-Trujillo, Chair
Beverly McMillan, Vice-Chair
Anami Dass
Larry Hinojos Jr.

City Staff Present

Antonia Romero, Board Attorney
Crystal Velarde, Program Coordinator Office of Civil Rights
Katrina Vossler, Law Clerk Office of Civil Rights,

Board Members Not Present

Samia Assed
Kimberly Andujo

Members of the Public

Saba Ijadi

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order by Chair Galvez-Trujillo at 5:02 pm.

II. Introductions

- a. All Board members who were present introduced themselves.

III. Approval of Agenda

- a. Vice Chair McMillan moved to amend the agenda to reflect the approval of June 15, 2023 minutes, not May 18, 2023. The motion was seconded by Member Hinojos Jr. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2023

- a. Member Hinojos Jr. moved to approve the June 15, 2023, minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Dass. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

V. Director's Report

a. Office of Civil Rights (OCR)

- i. A report was sent to the Board prior to the meeting for the members to review. It included statistics for the period of April 14, 2023, to July 13, 2023, as well as events planned by the office.
- ii. Outreach included:
 1. Ongoing - Attending bi-monthly Albuquerque Affordable Housing Coalition meetings to provide input on discriminatory housing practices.

2. Ongoing – Member of the International Municipal Attorneys Association Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.
 3. Attending International Municipal Lawyers Association Homelessness working group call
 4. Attending monthly Pro Bono meeting.
 5. Attending State Bar Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession meetings.
 6. Working with a marketing team on SOI educational campaign. This is scheduled to run through June.
 7. Working with the Housing Forward initiative.
- iii. Upcoming
1. 7/9/23: Meeting with state investigators to review strategies for working together.

b. Office of Equity & Inclusion (OEI)

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

VI. Report out for Subcommittees

a. Housing Financial Literacy

- i. Vice-Chair McMillian and Chair Galvez-Trujillo will meet to come up with roles and responsibilities for sub-committee members not on the Board. Vice-Chair McMillian has received interest from members of the public. However, she would like to work out the logistics first.

b. Mental Health

- i. Discussion & vote on submitting a recommendation letter to City Council & Mayor Keller in regards to HRO language and protected classes. This matter was tabled until a draft document can be provided to the Board for edits.
- ii. Ms. Romero will work with Member Dass to draft the recommendation letters for the Mayor and City Council.
- iii. Next sub-committee meeting will be July 26, 2023 at 4:30 pm. They will be meeting at the International District Library

c. Language Accessibility

- i. The sub-committee currently does not have any Board members assigned. If there are Board members interested in taking over this sub-committee please contact Chair Galvez-Trujillo or OCR.

d. Outreach

- i. Chair Galvez-Trujillo has reached out to some community members for input. She would like to provide resources for the youth.

VII. Announcements

- a. There is a vacancy on the Board. If any members know of people who they think would be a good fit. Please have them apply and let OCR know.
- b. Vice-Chair will share Back-2-School event information with OCR to forward to all Board members.

- c. Laundry of Love is the 2nd Thursday of each month. Vice-Chair McMillan will send out locations and times.
- d. Locker 505 is also available to assist students K-12 with clothing.

VIII. Public Comment

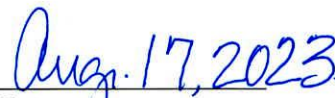
- a. Saba Ijadi shared he had recently watched a documentary called Sheltered. It was done by a man about his experiences at a local shelter here in Albuquerque. He shared his concerns about the growing homeless population and if there was anything that could be done to assist those in need. He also shared how concerned he was seeing city workers throwing away tents that belonged to those experiencing homelessness.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was called adjourned by Chair Galvez-Trujillo at 5:34 p.m.



Leticia Galvez-Trujillo, Chair



Date