

# City of Albuquerque Human Rights Board February 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes

#### **Board Members Present**

Chair Anami Dass (District 9)
Vice Chair Kathryn Boulton (District 7)
IPC Leticia Galvez-Trujillo (District 9)
Jack Champagne (District 8)

# **Board Members Not Present**

Samia Assed (District 8)
Kimberly Andujo (District 6)
Larry Hinojos, Jr. (District 6)

## **Staff Members Present**

Dr. Nina Cooper, *Deputy Director OEI*Vanessa Arballo, *Bank On Program Manager*Charles Davis, *Board Attorney* 

## Members of the Public (Speaking)

This meeting was held via Zoom and Broadcast on GovTV. Watch the meeting using this link.

#### I. Call to Order

1. Chair Dass called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM on February 20, 2025

#### **II. Introductions**

1. All members of the Board and Staff introduced themselves.

## III. Approvals

- 1. February 20, 2025 Meeting Agenda
  - A. Motion: Vice Chair Boutlon
  - B. Second: Member Galvez-Trujillo
  - C. Vote: 4-0-3 (Approved)
- 2. January 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes
  - A. Motion to Table Approval of Minutes: Chair Dass
    - A. Second: Vice Chair Boutlon
    - B. Vote: 4-0-3 (Approved)

#### IV. Public Comment

1. No Public Comment was made

## V. Presentation: Board History

1. Presenter was not secured, no presentation took place

## VI. Director's Report

- 1. Office of Civil Rights
  - A. <u>Staffing</u>: Dr. Cooper reported that an OCR candidate has made it through the 1<sup>st</sup> round of executive interviews. She provided a brief insight to that individual's background.
  - B. <u>Board Member Update</u>: Vacant Seat Policy. If member has not re-engaged after wellness, we may request the Mayor to appoint a new member. Dr. Cooper also confirmed that board members who have completed their term are allowed to participate until they appoint a person to replace that individual. There are 6 people who are interested in joining the Human Rights Board per City Clerk's Office. Those individuals are going through a vetting process so recommendations can be made to the mayor.
  - C. Training: A digital copy of the Leadership Guide for Boards and Commissions has been sent via email. A listing of board trainings will also be distributed.

## 2. Bank On Burque

- A. Bank On Program Manager Vanessa Arballo provided the board with update on different initiatives that are currently being worked on for Youth & Family Services as well as with Senior Affairs.
- 3. Guaranteed Basic Income
  - A. An overview of the Guaranteed Basic Income work initiative was provided to include details on the two schools in Cohort 1 and projected funding levels.
  - B. Cohorts 2 & 3 will focus on participants of the Job Training Albuquerque and youth aging out of foster.

## VII. Subcommittee Reports

- Accessibility & Accountability Member Andujo was not present to provide update
- 2. Advocacy & Representation Subcommittee Member Hinojos not present to provide update
- 3. Integration & Sustainability subcommittee Member Champagne had nothing to report
- 4. Research, Investigation & Policy Subcommittee
  - A. Vice Chair Boulton has been working on revisions to the HRB Rules and Regulations.

## VIII. Discussions & Proposals

- 1. (Proposal) HRB R-2025-01
  - A. Motion: Chair Dass
  - B. Second: Member Champagne
  - C. Vote: 4-0-3 (Approved)
- 2. Homeless Rights Initiative
  - A. Discussion on continuing this work will take place at the Board Retreat
- 3. (Proposal) HRB R-2025-06
  - A. Motion: Chair Dass
  - B. Second: Member Champagne
  - C. Vote: 4-0-3 (Approved)
- 4. Board agreed they like the Plaza del Sol location for the HRB Meetings
- 5. Board Retreat discussed location for Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at International District Library. Board Attorney Davis reminded them that we are coming up on the public notice needing to be posted to comply with Open Meetings Act.

#### IX. Announcements

Chair Anami Dass

1. Next Human Rights Board Meeting will take place on March 20, 2025 at 5pm at Plaza del Sol Hearing Room.

## X.Adjournment

1. Meeting adjourned by Chair Dass at 6:10 pm

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Date