

City of Albuquerque Human Rights Board (HRB) Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: Zoom & Lower-Level Hearing Room, Plaza Del Sol Building

Council Members Present:

Anami Dass, Chair
Larry Hinojos Jr.
Kimberly Andujo
Leticia Galvez-Trujillo
Kate Boulton

City Staff Present:

Lisa Schatz-Vance, Board Attorney
Mari Kempton, Parliamentary Counsel
Annette Saiz, Minute Taker

Council Members Not Present:

Jack Champagne, Vice Chair
Samia Assed

Members of the Public:

Gabrielle Keigher, BBBS CNM

- I. Call to Order/Introductions
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m. by Chair Dass.
 - b. All who were present introduced themselves.

- II. Approvals
 - a. Agenda
 - i. Chair Dass moved to remove Item 5c. and place on next month's meeting and otherwise approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Member Andujo. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

 - b. Meeting Meetings – April 18, 2024
 - i. Member Galvez-Trujillo has a revision to April 18, 2024 minutes under 7b of announcements. She is available to attend the May HRB meeting and will not be able to attend the June meeting due to being out of the country.
 - ii. Member Hinojos moved to approve the April 18, 2024 minutes as edited. The motion was seconded by Chair Dass. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

 - c. Notice of Public Hearing
 - i. The Board discussed that the online posting of the Notice of Public Hearing On Anti-Homeless Sentiment & Discrimination based on Housing Status contain hyperlinks to HRB Resolution 2024-01 and Human Rights Ordinance and getting them translated. A request was submitted to Office of Equity and Inclusion (OEI). The Board would like translations in the following languages: Spanish, Vietnamese.

- ii. Chair Dass moved to approve the Notice of Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Member Andujo. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

III. Public Comment

- a. No public comment.

IV. Director's Reports

- a. Office of Civil Rights (OCR)- Board Attorney Lisa Schatz-Vance shared the following:
 - i. OCR will be housed with OEI.
 - ii. The position that is equivalent to a Director of the OCR is expected to be posted any day.
 - iii. OEI's new director will be Sonya Lara who will start in June.
 - iv. OCR staff has been in transition for a period of months and Lisa Schatz-Vance, as general counsel, has been trying to keep basic operations of OCR functioning.
 - v. OCR has received approximately 42 inquiries since January this year through April. Of those, there are three current complaints and one waiting to see if the tenant will be filing a complaint.
 - vi. At the last board meeting, it was reported that OCR received requests for education training.
 - vii. A mediation that was scheduled for May 14th has been postponed due to complainant retaining counsel. Mediation is expected to be rescheduled in June.
- b. Office of Equity & Inclusion (OEI)
 - i. There was no report provided and no one from OEI was in attendance.
- c. Office of Policy
 - i. There was no report provided and no one from Policy was in attendance.

V. Discussions & Proposals

- a. Elections: Subcommittee Chairs
 - The Board discussed overseeing these subcommittees temporarily and having the elections when there is a full Board. Each subcommittee will consist of a single chair and volunteer on month to month basis.
 - Chair Dass moved to approve the initial slate of all the subcommittees. The motion was seconded by Member Boulton. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
 - After the initial election for interim subcommittee assignments, Member Andujo requested that she instead move to another subcommittee. Chair Dass motioned to approve the updated slate for the Subcommittees. Member Galvez Trujillo seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- i. Accessibility & Accountability (*Active*)
 - Member Andujo, Volunteer Chair
- ii. Advocacy & Representation (*Active*)
 - Member Hinojos (Volunteer Chair)
 - Member Galvez-Trujillo
- iii. Integration & Sustainability (*Postponed on operating until next month*)
- iv. Research, Investigation & Policy (*Active*)
 - Member Boulton, Volunteer Chair
 - Member Dass

- b. Discussion: Student Protests
 - i. Chair Dass spoke briefly about the anti-war protests on UNM's campus that took place between April and May. She commended the students for holding the longest running protest on UNM's campus for the university's 135 year history. The encampment was ordered to vacate the duckpond after 24 days of occupying the duck pond.
- c. Resolutions Updates

Chair Dass reported the following:

 - i. Resolution 23-1: Completed now that Ordinance 24-5 was adopted by City Council on May 6th
 - ii. Resolution 24-1: The Public Hearing mentioned in Section 5 will take place on June 22nd at the International District Library at 1:00 p.m. The public hearing report will be due July 22. Report can be finalized at the HRB July meeting.
 - iii. Resolution 24-2 has been completed and may be discussed at the next meeting so as not to pre-maturely announce the outcome.

VI. Announcements

- a. Member Galvez-Trujillo will be out of the country the week of June 17 and will not be able to attend HRB meeting in June and the Public Hearing on June 22.
- b. Member Galvez-Trujillo announced that high school graduations are next week and students will be out for summer. If there are any community resources like extracurricular activities/camps or anything that students can participate in or other types of resources, please share the information.
- c. Chair Dass announced the next HRB meeting will be June 20th in the Lower-Level Hearing Room at Plaza Del Sol, downtown Albuquerque at 5:00 p.m. and via zoom. Two days later there is a hearing on Anti-homeless Sentiment & Discrimination based on Housing Status at 1:00 p.m. at the International District Public Library.

VII. Adjourn

- a. Chair Dass motioned meeting be adjourned. Member Galvez-Trujillo seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- b. Meeting adjourned by Chair Dass at 5:51 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled Human Rights Board Meeting will be Thursday, June 20, 2024.

Anami Dass, Chair

6/20/2024
Date