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## ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Public Meeting (Held via Zoom)
August 2, 2024

#### **Board Members Present**

Dr. Heather M. Ross (Chairperson)
Dr. Enrique Davis Mazlum (Vice Chairperson)
Lydia A. Peirce Linsmeier
Vice Mayor Holli I. Ploog
Justin Weinstein-Tull

# Staff Members Present

Leslie Ross (Executive Director)
Julie Blumenreich (Legal Counsel)
Nate Anbar (Liaison)
Sophia Braham (Liaison)
Cari Shehorn (Liaison)

#### I. Call to Order

Chairperson Ross called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. The meeting took place via Zoom.

# II. Approval of the July 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Ross asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. No corrections were presented. The July 2, 2024 minutes stand approved.

## III. Topics for Discussion and Possible Action

# a. Amend the bylaws to allow for subcommittees.

Member Ploog moved to amend the bylaws to provide for the creation of subcommittees. Vice Chair Davis-Mazlum seconded the motion. The Board voted and unanimously approved the amendment to the bylaws.

# b. Chairperson proposed appointments to the Subcommittee to Address Hate-Based Crimes and Antisemitic Incidents

Chairperson Ross introduced names of two candidates: Detective Michael Hillman (in attendance), and Special Agent Daniel Johnson. Member Ploog moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the candidates under consideration. Member Weinstein-Tull seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session was held from 12:40-1:06 p.m. Only Board Members and Staff were present in the Executive Session. No business was conducted.

Upon return to the public meeting, Chairperson Ross appointed Detective Hillman and Special Agent Johnson to the Subcommittee.

### c. Subcommittee Reports and ACRAB Events

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- A. The report for the Subcommittee to Address Hate-Based Crimes and Antisemitic Incidents was provided by Member Ploog, as Chairperson of the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee has started collecting articles regarding hate-based crimes and are continuing review of other potential community members to be considered for possible appointment. The Subcommittee will meet again mid-August on Zoom.
- B. The report on the Subcommittee to Study Disability Discrimination in Arizona was provided by Member Weinstein-Tull, as Chairperson of the Subcommittee. Member Weinstein-Tull met with Subcommittee liaison, Chris Carlsen to identify the scope and goals of the Subcommittee.

# 2. Forum on Fair Housing Act, crime-free housing ordinances, and the crime-free lease addenda

The forum will be held on August 29, 2024. The Board was informed that any members planning to attend must notify the Division in advance.

### **IV. Division Report**

Civil Rights Division Section Chief, Leslie Ross, delivered the Division report.

#### V. Call to the Public

No public members commented.

### VI. Call to the Board/Current Events

No announcement were given.

### VII. Adjournment

Member Weinstein-Tull moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Ploog seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.