



**Tucson Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
Transgender, and Queer Issues
(LGBTQ+)
MEETING MINUTES**

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **Tucson Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues (LGBTQ+)** and to the general public that the Commission will hold the following meeting which will be open to the public on:

Thursday, February 6, 2025, 6:00 pm

At the Ward 6 Council Office, 3202 E. 1st Street, East Conference Room

Virtual Option: <https://teams.live.com/join/9383691238151?p=zYCKox6yo2pIM3Zy5D>

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Co-Chair Brickert-Albrecht.

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Gayle Brickert-Albrecht	Ward 1
Sam Cloud	Ward 2
Michael Matthew Webb	Ward 3
Peter Loya	Ward 4
Roque Perez	Ward 5
Kyle Snowden	Ward 6

Members Absent

June Webb-Vignery*	HRC
Jaime Tadeo	Mayor

* (virtual attendance prevented due to a technical issue we were unable to resolve)

2. Approval of minutes from January 2, 2025, meeting

Motion by Commissioner Loya to approve the minutes as written was seconded by Commissioner Snowden and passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Announcements/Introduction of Guests

Dare to Care Coalition will hold a public solidarity event on February 15 featuring speakers and activities to build connection between allies, neighbors, and the LGBTQ+ community.

Guests present in person: Erna Goldkuhl, Sirius Heart, Christophe Heinzer, Lizette Trujillo

Virtual guests: Amber, April, Gil Mozer, Joshua, Katie Hemphill, Owen Arid, Dylan Tulley, Robb Zubieta

4. Vacancies, Recruitment, and Appointments

Motion by Commissioner Snowden to recommend Erna Goldkuhl, Jeff Meyers-Fulgham, and Raymond Smith to fill three of the open At Large positions on the LGBTQ+ Commission was

seconded by Commissioner Cloud and passed with four aye votes and one abstention (Commissioner Webb).

5. Response to recent executive orders affecting the LGBTQ+ community

Motion by Commissioner Webb to draft a statement on behalf of the Commission in response to recent Executive Orders, impacting families and LGBTQ+ citizens for the purpose of encouraging continued support of LGBTQ+-friendly businesses and organizations, enforcement of non-discrimination laws and ordinances already in force, and recommendation of actionable steps by the Mayor and city Council; statement will be drafted by Commissioner Webb, reviewed by the Co-Chairs, and made available for approval by individual Commissioners, prior to submission to Mayor and Council. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Snowden and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Commissioner Webb to amend the primary motion to include an open call for community input via gltcommission@gmail.com from February 7-11, seconded by Commissioner Snowden and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Commissioner Webb to approve the combined primary motion plus amendment was seconded by Commissioner Snowden and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Commissioner Webb to open the floor for ten minutes to allow discussion of the topics to be addressed in the position statement (described above) was seconded by Commissioner Snowden and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Open discussion focus: LGBTQ+ rights, mental health, and safety; ongoing anti-discrimination efforts in educational settings; anti-trans legislation in Arizona; impact on trans youth mental health and suicidality; building resilience and visibility of community support; concerns regarding legal and policy implications for trans rights; need for ongoing advocacy and proactive steps.

6. Formation of Standing Committees

Discussion of possible focus and subsequent compliance with open meeting law. More information is needed prior to action.

7. Outreach/Visibility

Commissioner Webb-Vignery will attend the Dare to Care event and report back to the larger commission.

8. Future agenda items (suggestions)

- Collaboration with other commissions
- Tax credit opportunities for LGBTQ+ initiatives that offer direct aid
- Ways to amplify the impact of the Commission's position statement

9. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Loya to adjourn at 7:20pm, seconded by Commissioner Snowden, passed by unanimous voice vote.