



Human Relations Commission
Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 5:15 pm
Meeting held virtually via Microsoft Teams



Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 5:15 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Eric Howard	Ward 3
Cedric Smith, Chair	Ward 4
Dr. June Webb-Vignery	Ward 5
Ashley Jackson	Ward 2
John Dalton	Non-Voting Advisory Member

Absent:

Iris Berry	Non-Voting Advisory Member
Josue Romero	Ward 6

Staff Members Present:

Rick Guerra	City Clerk's Office
Susana Zamora	City Clerk's Office

2. Approval of Minutes: Meeting June 11, 2025

Commissioner Howard just wanted one edit on page 2 on item 4 the summary was put together updated name to show Daniel instead of David.

It was moved by Chairman Smith to approve the minutes pending the correct, duly seconded, and motion carried by a roll call vote of 4 to 0, to approve the Minutes of June 11, 2025.

3. Call to the Audience

No one spoke.

4. Update from HRC Representative to LGBTQ+

Commissioner Webb mentioned that the LGBTQ+ community had no meeting this month.

5. Follow up on updates from Council Member Lane's office.

Commissioner Smith mentioned the letter was sent out, followed up by email and phone call, and has not received anything back. I will follow up next week and will keep you guys updated.

Commissioner Howard mentioned they had a couple of questions when they first talked about this and who exactly were the polluters. He did reach out to Daniel from the U of A and he mentioned that it was not exactly clear but kind of the main entities that have contributed historically are Raytheon, Tucson Airport Authority, Air National Guard, and City of Tucson. There are some gray lines but those are the main entities. 3M creates a product that has some PFAS pollution which has been used by various companies. So that was just one of the clarifications.

6. Vacancy and Advisory Positions

Chairman Smith mentioned that the only update he has been given is that we have a new Commissioner his name is Josue Romero with Ward 6. Rick was going to look at the past brochures they used with HRC.

Rick Guerra had looked in several areas here are City Hall. He will look at the history folder and see what he can find but will continue to look.

John Dalton mentioned that HRC used to have flyers and brochures. They used to have some kind of postcards-size maybe double-sided. All the information was relevant to HRC. He also remembers some books that were related to HRC.

Commissioner Howard wanted to know if we have some information on Josue the new member.

Chairman Smith answered that he was awaiting on Josue to introduce himself. He did see that he took the oath.

7. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events

Chairman Smith mentioned that he is standing by waiting on Council Member Santa Cruz to reply.

8. Commissioners' Summary of Current Events

Commissioner Webb mentioned she has received several messages regarding the ICE agents in the community. They are concern with the numbers on our streets and that they are taking granted citizenship and are naturalized citizens with suggestions they might be denaturalized. That is a concern and the way they are portrayed.

Chairman Smith mentioned that she may not have a ton of the information needed and he completely understands. He is just curious that they are trying to denaturalize citizens, how do they know who was naturalized?

Commissioner Webb mentioned that she didn't know either but that is something that was stated on a federal level.

Commissioner Jackson mentioned that she previously worked at the federal courthouse here in Tucson. She was going to reach out to the Clerks or the Clerk Deputy and see if they have sum insight or information on that. They do all the naturalization ceremonies there.

9. Future Agenda Items

Chairman Smith mentioned he currently doesn't have anything for future agendas.

Commissioner Howard mentioned that he was at an event with a candidates' meet and greet. Where he learned of a local issue about a data center that is coming to Tucson that which will negatively impact the environment, particularly around water, and where the source of water would be coming from.

Chairman Smith mentioned he had not heard of this before, but it would be good to learn more about it.

Commissioner Webb mentioned that some decisions at the federal level are affecting our water. So, this ties back to the South side in our interest.

Commissioner Howard mentioned that he will look into this and check if there is a direct tie to the issue we are currently working with.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.