



**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, April 3, 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 6:00pm 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 (left the meeting at 7:01pm)
Roque Perez	Ward 5
Kyle Snowden	Ward 6
June Webb-Vignery	HRC

Members Absent

Jaime Tadeo	Mayor
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2. Approval of minutes from March 6, 2025, meeting

Motion by Commissioner Snowden, seconded by Commissioner Webb, that the minutes be approved as written passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Announcements/Introduction of Guests

Commissioner Cloud mentioned the National Day of Action taking place Saturday, April 5, at Reid Park, and Commissioner Webb suggested safe, appropriate choices for anyone choosing to attend any such public action.

Guests attending: Erna Goldkuhl and Jeff Meyers-Fulgham.

4. Vacancies, Recruitment, and Appointments

- **Review of current applications**

Several commissioners expressed curiosity around when the three appointees we recommended for at the February 6 meeting for At Large positions might be formalized. Motion by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Cloud, for all commissioners to email their appointing office, whether ward or the Mayor, to encourage action on these three pending appointments.

Subsequent to ensuing discussion, motion by Commissioner Webb to amend the prior motion to read “all pending appointments,” was seconded by Commissioner Cloud and passed by unanimous voice vote. The full amended motion was then passed by unanimous voice vote.

- **Recommendation of appointments**

Motion by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Snowden, to recommend Ysenia Siemens to fill a vacant At Large position on the LGBTQ+ Commission passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. Outreach/Visibility

- **Tax credit for “Direct Aid”**

Commissioner Snowden explained how the tax credit works and where a list of eligible charities and nonprofits can be accessed. Discussion centered around how to help local LGBTQ+ groups amplify information around this opportunity, and perhaps producing an endorsed list to help contributors more easily negotiate the process. No action taken.

- **Amplify/follow-up the Commission’s letter to Mayor re: political climate and negative effects on community**

Commissioner Perez offered to create a digital copy of the February 15th letter so it will be more easily disseminated.

Commissioner Webb shared that during an informal conversation, Mayor Romero had acknowledged awareness of the letter. He also expressed frustration with the lack of official acknowledgement or subsequent dissemination of the letter. Commissioner Webb will follow up on that conversation with Mayor Romero and request a meeting of the LGBTQ+ commissioners with Mayor and Council.

Motion by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Cloud, to allow Commissioner Perez to look into how the commission may be able to use a social media account to better encourage civic engagement and augment timely dissemination of information regarding the LGBTQ+ Commission and the larger community. Commissioner Webb also spoke to the attending risk and legal concerns that would need to be addressed. Motion passed with Commissioner Snowden abstaining.

6. Formation of Ad Hoc Committee

- **Explore expansion of collaboration with Pima County governance, and with other local social justice and/or LGBTQ+ focused groups.**

Discussion of ways in which the commission could move toward a more flexible position to better address our charge to promote educational activities and events, conduct and/or facilitate community forums, and collaborate with other city commissions.

Motion by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Cloud, to form a subcommittee focused on exploring strategy and community action with the goal of increasing the commission's facility to address its official functions. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Snowden, to name Commissioner Perez chair of the newly formed Strategy & Community Action Subcommittee. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

7. Future agenda items (suggestions)

Commissioner Webb requested that the commission review the demographics of its current membership to make sure it reflects and complements the diversity of the Tucson community.

Commissioner Snowden requested that the commission explore the possibility of collaborating with The Loft to sponsor a film series focused on LGBTQ+ topics and issues.

No action taken.

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Snowden's motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm was seconded by Commissioner Webb and passed by unanimous voice vote.