



## Tucson Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues (LGBTQ+)

# 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:

**Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 6:00 pm**

**Virtual Only**

<https://teams.live.com/joinmeeting/9397340828951?p=J0UVsyfb5HyczEjlk>

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- Meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm.

#### members present

Erna Rosen (formerly Goldkuhl)  
Gayle Brickert-Albrecht  
Peter Loya  
Kyle Snowden  
Yesenia Siemens

#### representing

At Large  
Ward 1  
Ward 4  
Ward 6  
At Large

#### members absent

Sam Cloud  
Josue Romero  
Jeff Fulgham

#### representing

Ward 2  
Ward 5  
At Large

#### vacant seats

HRC  
Mayor  
Ward 3

#### guests

Gabriel Holguin

Ward 5 Council Office

### 2. Approval of minutes from March 10, 2025, meeting.

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

### 3. Introductions

- Gabriel Holguin, guest, introduced himself to the Commission members.

#### **4. Update of Current Events**

- Commissioners Snowden and Rosen attended the Pride Coalition of Tucson Forum, on March 23, 6:30pm at 1003 N. Stone. They shared that the event focus was on discussion and data gathering towards identifying what aspects the community does/does not prefer in regard to designing a new pride celebration. Data from the event is available here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WVPs1h8Za1YdE3PmStTmUoQ\\_XNk40bK5/view?usp=drivesdk](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WVPs1h8Za1YdE3PmStTmUoQ_XNk40bK5/view?usp=drivesdk)

Also, a smaller follow up event and continued discussion is scheduled for Sunday, April 19, 9-11am, at Reid Park ramada #19

- Commissioner Loya shared a flyer for the upcoming OutWest pride event to be held at Old Tucson Studios Jun 13, 2026. No information was immediately available concerning the sponsor(s) or specific schedule.

#### **5. Outreach**

- Promoting tax credit for donation to Qualified Charitable Organizations  
Discussion of how to encourage smaller organizations to promote the opportunity in creative ways since they otherwise may find it difficult to compete with large agencies that can send out glossy mailers and donation requests. This topic will be continued to the next regular meeting.
- Inter-organizational Discussions  
The consensus of the commissioners present was that past presentations to the Commission by guests representing LGBTQ-serving organizations has been very useful and informative. We will revisit this topic at the May 12, 2026 meeting and consider a larger slate of invitations to a June meeting.

#### **6. Structure and Efficacy of the Commission**

- Evolution of the Commission  
No further information is currently available regarding the efforts of Rocque Perez to draft a resolution that would change the commission's charter focus and open the possibility that the commission could turn the commission into an advocate for and about a potential new pride organization. Commissioner Snowden remarked that a monthly or quarterly convening of LGBTQ-serving organizations could be an achievable mission within that proposed framework.
- Meeting with Mayor and Council  
Commissioner Loya has requested a meeting between Mayor Romero and the commission co-chairs, date TBD. No new information available.

#### **Vacancies, Recruitment, and Appointments**

- Current vacancies: Mayor's office, Ward 3, two At Large positions, HR Commission Rep  
We have not received any new applications via the City Clerk's office, nor has there been any movement at either the Office of the Mayor or Ward 3 to fill those empty seats.

Commissioner Snowden volunteered to attend the May meeting of the HR Commission, as the general feeling was that the selection of an official HR Commission Representative should be continued to our next meeting.

- Upcoming vacancies  
Since there are no commissioners whose terms will expire in the near future, this item was not discussed.

#### **8. Future agenda items**

Promoting the tax credit for donation to Qualified Charitable Organizations  
Convening of organizations at the June commission meeting.

#### **9. Adjournment**

- Motion by commissioner Loya and seconded by Commissioner Snowden to adjourn at 7:02 pm passed by unanimous voice vote.