



COMMISSION on EQUITABLE HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

Thursday- May 7, 2026, 4:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Online Zoom Webinar, Registration Required:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rrwjPZkYJ48&t=6614s>

Commission on Equitable Housing and Development meeting (05/07/2026) 4:00 pm via Zoom meeting.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call, Statement, Meeting Minute approval and Introductions:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by Tisha Tillman, a roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

No Action Taken

Members Present:

Voting Members:

Serena Huaraque
Robert Ojeda
Kenny Wong
Tisha Tillman
Jim Tofel
Logan Havens
Maggie Amado-Tellez

Vicki Cuscino

Exoficio:

Ann Chanecka
Koren Manning

Representing:

Youth Member
PCOA
Mayor & Council
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Pima County
Community Land Trust
Direct

HCD
City of Tucson, PDSD

Absent:

Marcos Ysmael
Alan Solot
Ann Miskey
Laurie Mazerbo
Mindy Bernstein

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Review and Adoption of April 2, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- Without Objection minutes were approved

2. Call to the Audience

This is the time when any member of the public may address the Commission on Equitable Housing and Development. Due to time constraints, the total time allocated for this is 15 minutes. Individuals are allowed three (3) minutes each. Due to Open Meeting Law, Commission Members cannot discuss topics that are not on the agenda. Items brought up by the public may be considered as an agenda item for a future meeting.

3. City and County Updates:

A. HCD Updates –

Ann Chanecka, Director of Housing and Community Development, updates regarding the launch of the Tucson/Pima collaboration shelter bed dashboard resource, developed to provide more real-time shelter bed availability information for the community. Ann shared that the dashboard allows users to filter shelter availability and noted the resource was developed collaboratively with Pima County and nonprofit providers. She stated the dashboard is a work in progress and encouraged constructive feedback from the community.

Additional HCD staffing updates included the announcement that Ben would be transitioning out of his role with HCD to return to AmeriCorps/federal-side work. The commission also welcomed Serena Huaraque to HCD in her new role as Affordable Housing Lead Planner.

-Discussion held. No action Taken

B. PDSB –

Koren Manning and Amanda Smith of City of Tucson Planning division provided updates regarding several housing initiatives currently underway. Amanda shared updates related to implementation of the middle housing code amendment, including increased permit activity, community training, updated website resources, and a planned middle housing design competition scheduled for the summer.

- Discussion held. No action Taken.

C. Pima County Updates-

Sofia Blue, Pima County presented provided updates on behalf of Pima County and discussed the recently launched dashboard resource shelter, noting it highlighted the significant community need for additional shelter space. She shared that only 33 shelter beds were available at the time of the meeting.

Sophia also announced that the Pima County Regional Affordable Housing Commission would transition to meeting every other month following adoption of the county's 10-year housing strategy and funding plan. Future meetings would focus on year-one implementation recommendations and funding allocation discussions related to affordable housing initiatives

-Discussion held. No action taken.

4. Reports from two new subcommittees:

A. *Serena Huaraque Reported on the Housing Innovation and Development Subcommittee- Discussions focused on developing a work plan addressing various sectors of the housing development continuum, including shelter beds, middle housing, single-home development, and larger affordable housing developments. The subcommittee discussed identifying barriers within each sector and inviting local experts and developers to future meetings to help inform potential solutions and recommendations.*

B. *Ernesto Portillo shared that its purpose is to strengthen public understanding, collaboration, and community engagement related to housing affordability and homelessness issues in Tucson. Initial discussions included development of a potential work plan focused on community partnerships, public education, and elevating community voices, though no formal recommendations or presenters were finalized at this meeting.*

-Discussion held. No action taken.

5. Future Scope of CEHD

The Commission discussed continuing development of an integrated CEHD work plan through the subcommittees. Members agreed additional work was needed to identify goals, objectives, and potential presenters that would support the commission's efforts related to housing affordability, development barriers, homelessness, and community engagement.

Commissioners also discussed broader affordable housing challenges impacting Tucson, including state-level funding barriers and affordable housing tax credit issues. The commission expressed interest in inviting subject matter experts and housing partners to future meetings to further inform CEHD's future priorities and recommendations.

- Discussion held. No action taken.

6. Mayor and Council extension of CEHD

The commission discussed the upcoming Mayor and Council meeting scheduled for June, during which Mayor and Council are expected to consider extension of the Commission on Equitable Housing and Development (CEHD). Commissioners discussed participation in the presentation to Mayor and Council and requested volunteers to attend on behalf of the commission

- Discussion held. No action taken.

7. Next Steps:

Upcoming Subcommittee and Working Group Meetings:

- **Next Pima County Housing Commission Meeting:** *May Cancelled meeting will resume June 2026*
- **Next Commission Meeting:** *Thursday, June 4th- 4-6pm*
- **Housing Innovation & Development Subcommittee meeting:** *originally scheduled for May 12 was canceled and rescheduled to June 9 from 12:00–1:30 PM.*
- **Community Engagement & Collaboration Subcommittee meeting:** *scheduled for May 28 from 1:00–2:30 PM.*
- **Manufactured Home Task Force meeting:** *scheduled for May 21 from 1:00–3:00 PM.*

8. Adjournment – 4:39 pm

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