



Human Relations Commission
Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 5:15 PM
Meeting held virtually via Microsoft Teams



Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Howard at 5:19 PM. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Ashley Jackson	Ward 2
Eric Howard, Chair	Ward 3
Cedric Smith	Ward 4
Josue Romero	Ward 6
Iris Berry	Non-Voting Advisory Member
John Dalton (entered at 5:26 PM)	Non-Voting Advisory Member

Absent:

Belen Sisk	Ward 5
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Staff Members and Others Present:

Abraham Foulkes	City Clerk's Office
Rick Guerra	City Clerk's Office

2. Approval of Minutes: meeting of May 13, 2026

It was moved by Chair Howard, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 4 to 0, to approve the Minutes of May 13, 2026.

3. Call to the Audience

No one spoke.

4. HRC Letter Regarding Cesar Chavez Holiday (Discussion and Possible Action)

Item was skipped over.

5. TCE Resolution Updates

Chair Howard gave a brief overview on the work done regarding the TCE Resolution. He mentioned reaching out to his Council member to discuss further, as well as waiting for an update from Daniel Sullivan.

Vice Chair Jackson mentioned that she was not yet able to reach out to her Council member and confirmed with Chair Howard that it would be acceptable to leave it as is for now.

6. Update from HRC Representative to LGBTQ+

Chair Howard asked Commissioner Romero on the status of the proclamation.

Commissioner Romero confirmed he did send the language to the Mayor's Office. He confirmed that parts of his recommended language were adopted in the proclamation given at the Mayor and Council meeting last night.

Commissioner Romero gave an update on the meeting status of the LGBTQ+ Commission. He also mentioned that the commission would appoint an LGBTQ+ representative to the HRC.

7. Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Update

Commissioner Romero shared that there were no significant updates and was waiting to hear back about the task force.

Chair Howard asked if there were any questions from the commissioners that they may like to ask.

Vice Chair Jackson mentioned she would ask about the background and the experience alongside any other information.

Commissioner Romero gave an overview of the work done by the members of the task force involving community outreach.

Commissioner Smith asked what kind of policies the task force would try to implement or advocate for.

Commissioner Romero clarified the task force's brief history and the role of the City.

Commissioner Smith voiced interest in learning about the task force's path forward.

8. HRC and Pima County Partnership Update

Chair Howard gave an update on his communication with his Council member to explore ideas for a joint commission. He asked Vice Chair Jackson if she had been able to contact her Council member.

Vice Chair Jackson replied that she had not yet done so but would reach out with new information.

9. Tucson Police Department Data Review (Discussion)

Chair Howard gave an overview of the materials that were shared to the Commission regarding the TPD data. He went on to explain how it was organized and its impact in the broader community.

John Dalton and Commissioner Smith shared that they would like to acquire more demographic data.

10. Vacancy and Advisory Positions

Chair Howard asked support staff about current vacancies. Support staff confirmed the remaining vacancies for Mayor, and Wards 1 and 4, assuming Commissioner Smith steps down into a non-advisory role.

11. Chairperson's and Commissioners' Summary of Current Events

Chair Howard mentioned a ballot initiative being proposed in regards to public defender access for Pima County residents facing deportation or detention.

Chair Howard asked the Commission on whether to delay Item 4 for the next meeting.

Vice Chair Jackson agreed to postponement.

12. Future Agenda Items

Chair Howard asked support staff about guest speakers being on the agenda. Support staff clarified that they may speak on a related item without needing to specifically note it.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.