

LEGAL ACTION SUMMARY

**Human Relations Commission
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
6:00 p.m. – Call to Order**

In-Person

Tempe Public Library - 2nd Floor Conference Room
3500 South Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282

Virtual

Microsoft Teams meeting

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(480) 498-8745, Phone Conference ID: 256 724 057#

Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 notice is hereby given to the members of the Human Relations Commission and the general public that the Commission will hold a meeting open to the public on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00pm for the purpose of discussing matters on its agenda.

This meeting will be held in-person and virtually through Microsoft Teams. Public comments may be submitted to Ginny Belousek by email, ginny_belousek@tempe.gov or phone, (480) 350-8979, no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 21, 2023.

AGENDA

1. 2023 Chair/Vice Chair Officer Elections

Acting Chair Tapia opened the floor for the nominations of Chair.

Commissioner Reynolds nominated Acting Chair Tapia for Chair; Second by Commissioner Vawter. Acting Chair Tapia accepted the nomination. Motion passed on a 10-0 vote. Ayes: Acting Chair Tapia and Commissioners Tom Brown, Pamela Chan, Melissa Farling, Rabbani Furqaan, Candyce Lindsay, David Reynolds, Joe Rojas, Peggie Simmons, and Kate Vawter. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Will Ortega.

Chair Tapia opened the floor for the nominations of Vice Chair.

Commissioner Vawter nominated Commissioner Lindsay for Vice Chair; Second by Commissioner Reynolds. Commissioner Lindsay declined the nomination.

Commissioner Rojas nominated Commissioner Simmons for Chair; Second by Commissioner Lindsay. Commissioner Simmons accepted the nomination. Motion passed on a 10-0 vote. Ayes: Chair Tapia and Commissioners Tom Brown, Pamela Chan, Melissa Farling, Rabbani Furqaan, Candyce Lindsay, David Reynolds, Joe Rojas, Peggie Simmons, and Kate Vawter. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Will Ortega.

2. Public Appearances

The Human Relations Commission welcomes public comment at this time. There is a five-minute time limit per person. ** Please note we encourage the community to attend, participate and contact us. If we can assist or partner with you on an issue, we ask you to place the topic on the agenda for the next meeting. In this way, the Commission will serve notice to the community of our discussion, consideration, and possible action on the topic. Please feel free to speak with any Commissioner or Commission staff member so we may assist you.

- 3. Consideration of Minutes: HRC – December 13, 2022**
Motion made by Commissioner Lindsay to approve the meeting minutes of December 13, 2022; Second by Commissioner Furqaan. Motion passed on a 10-0 vote. Ayes: Chair Tapia and Commissioners Tom Brown, Pamela Chan, Melissa Farling, Rabbani Furqaan, Candyce Lindsay, David Reynolds, Joe Rojas, Peggie Simmons, and Kate Vawter. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Will Ortega.
- 4. Introduction of New Commissioners – Tom Brown & Pamela Chan**
DISCUSSION
- 5. Belongings Dialogues – Dr. Raquel Gutierrez**
Motion made by Commissioner Vawter to move forward with a May date to participate in a retreat that trains the Commission; Second by Vice Chair Simmons. Motion passed on a 9-0 vote. Ayes: Chair Tapia and Commissioners Tom Brown, Pamela Chan, Melissa Farling, Rabbani Furqaan, Candyce Lindsay, Joe Rojas, Peggie Simmons, and Kate Vawter. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioners David Reynolds and Will Ortega.
- 6. Unity Grants – Ginny Belousek**
DISCUSSION
- 7. Dolores Huerta Scholarship – Dr. Velicia McMillan Humes**
DISCUSSION
- 8. 2050 General Plan Update – Commissioner Simmons**
TABLED FOR A FUTURE MEETING
- 9. Proposed Future Agenda Items – Opportunity for Commission members to raise potential future agenda items. No discussion or legal action will be taken on items requested for future agendas.**
DISCUSSION
- 10. Discussion of Upcoming Meeting Date – March 14, 2023**
DISCUSSION