



**CITY OF MESA  
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)  
May 25, 2022 Minutes**

The Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) of the City of Mesa met on May 25, 2022 at 6:00pm in the Lower Level, City Council Chambers, 57 E First St.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Williams - Chair  
Tom Brennan  
Willie Campos  
Margaret Duarte  
Amy-Lyn Faatoafe  
Christiana Hammond  
Rochelle Johns  
Bill McAllister  
Yudit Nonthe-Sanchez  
Jared Smith- Vice Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joseph Holmes

STAFF PRESENT

Andrea Alicoate

GUESTS

1. Chair's Call to Order.

Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Announcement of excused absences.

Mr. Holmes was announced as excused absences.

2. Items from Citizens Present.

No citizens wished to speak to the board.

3. Approval of minutes from the April 27, 2022 HRAB meeting.

It was moved by Mr. McAllister and seconded by Mr. Faatoafe that the above-mentioned minutes be accepted as written.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES- Mr. Williams, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Campos, Ms. Duarte, Ms. Faatoafe, Ms. Hammond, Ms. Johns, Mr. McAllister, Ms. Nonthe-Sanchez and Mr. Smith

NAYS- None

4. Hear and discuss a brief update on the Together Mesa initiative Community Learning Series.

Ms. Alicoate shared the launch of the City's new diversity initiative called Together Mesa that showcases the voices that make up our community. Together Mesa also serves as the platform to support the board's ongoing Community Learning Series. Ms. Alicoate pulled up the website and previewed the promotional video.

5. Recognition and discussion of years of service for outgoing board members:

Mr. Williams gave remarks to Ms. Faatoafe, Mr. Holmes and Mr. McAllister as part of the Human Relations Advisory Board and thanked them for their collaboration and participation over the years.

(5a) Amy-Lyn Faatoafe

Ms. Faatoafe served from July 2018, filling both a full and partial term. She is the Executive Director for the Native American Fatherhood & Families Association and has brought wonderful connections to the native community through her time on the board such as the Indie Lens Film Series, the Community Learning Series and Community Court.

(5b) Joseph Holmes

Mr. Holmes has served since July 2016, fulfilling two full terms. Mr. Williams stated that he was not able to attend tonight but we look forward to honoring him at a future meeting this fall.

(5c) Bill McAllister

Mr. McAllister has served since July 2019 and filled a full three-year term with the board and provided a valuable lens through his work and advocacy for people with disabilities. Mr. McAllister has been a partner with the City in other capacities such as programs and work conducted through the Community Development Block Grant.

6. Hear, discuss and approve the selection Chair and Vice-Chair positions for 2022-2023 Board year.

It was moved by Mr. McAllister and seconded by Ms. Faatoafe that Mr. Smith be nominated and selected to serve as the board Chair.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES- Mr. Williams, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Campos, Ms. Duarte, Ms. Faatoafe, Ms. Hammond, Ms. Johns, Mr. McAllister, Ms. Nonthe-Sanchez and Mr. Smith

NAYS- None

It was moved by Ms. Johns and seconded by Mr. McAllister that Mr. Brennan be nominated and selected to serve as the board Vice-Chair.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES- Mr. Williams, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Campos, Ms. Duarte, Ms. Faatoafe, Ms. Hammond, Ms. Johns, Mr. McAllister, Ms. Nonthe-Sanchez and Mr. Smith

NAYS- None

7. Scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information.

(7a) REMINDER: June and July Board meetings have been cancelled.

(7b) Next HRAB meeting will be held on August 24, 2022 at 6pm in the Lower-Level Council Chambers (57 E 1st St).

8. Hear reports on conferences and/or meetings attended.

Mr. Campos, Ms. Duarte, Mr. McAllister, Mr. Smith and Mr. Williams reported that they attended the Mayors' Interfaith Breakfast.

Ms. Duarte informed that she attended the Rainbow Festival, an Axon event for Tucson Unified School for Kids STEM workshop (a model she would like to discuss bringing to Mesa), and Insight Discovery Training- How to be a Better Leader.

Mr. McAllister attended the AZ Supportive Housing Institute and the City of Tempe Municipal Court tour. Mr. Smith shared that both he and Mr. Williams filmed for the Together Mesa campaign.

9. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM

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Submitted By:



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