

**City of Tampa
Human Rights Board
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2018**

The City of Tampa Human Rights Board held a case review meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 8:30 a.m., at the Development Services Center, 1400 N. Boulevard, 3rd Floor SE Conference Room in Tampa, FL 33607.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony Carswell
Sylvia Hubbard

Janet MacNealy
John Perry

Ashley Roberts

MEMBERS ABSENT

Parker Homans

Anna Ramos

CITY OF TAMPA REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

Betina Baron
Shakayla Birch

Rebecca Cortes
Patricia Newton

Justin Vaske

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Due to delay in the Chairman's arrival, the Vice-Chairman, John Perry, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and called the roll.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

HOUSING CASE REVIEW

Elizabeth Simon-Wilson v Housing Authority of the City of Tampa, FL

P. Newton began by stating the facts of the case and that the investigator for this case was S. Birch. Discussion followed amongst the Chairman and Board to determine if the findings of No Reasonable Cause could be adopted by the Board to support the determination.

S. Hubbard stated that she may need to abstain from voting because she knew Respondent Shawanda Wade in this case. To verify if a conflict of interest exist, J. Vaske asked S. Hubbard several questions such as if the particular person is a family or business member and if she would have a monetary gain from the decision today. S. Hubbard's responses were no. Further discussion revealed that S. Hubbard personally knew the Respondent's brother and not the Respondent. J. Vaske informed the Board Chair that a conflict of interest did not exist and there was no unethical reason that S. Hubbard should abstain from voting.

J. Perry made a **motion** to adopt the City of Tampa Office of Human Rights Office's determination of No Reasonable Cause. The **motion was seconded** by A. Carswell, and the **motion carried** by all members present.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. at the Development Services Center.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by the Chairman, A. Carswell, **seconded** by J. MacNealy, and the **motion passed** unanimously. The meeting ended at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.