

**City of Tampa
Human Rights Board
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2016**

The City of Tampa Human Rights Board held a case review meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 8:30 a.m., at the Development Services Center, 1400 N. Boulevard, 3rd Floor SE Conference Room, Tampa, Florida 33607.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Anthony Carswell | Amy Mandel | Reginald Tim |
| Caine Kreimendahl | John Perry | Elias Vazquez |

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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| Parker Homans | Anna Ramos |
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CITY OF TAMPA REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Rebecca Cortes | Patricia Newton | Justin Vaske |
| Margarita Gonzalez | Deborah Seigler | |

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Vice-Chairman, John Perry, called the meeting to order and called the roll.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

J. Perry re-introduced the new board member, Caine Kreimendahl, since a few members were absent from the last meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June 14, 2016 & July 19, 2016)

After a quorum was met, the minutes, for June 14, 2016 and July 19, 2016, were reviewed by members present. A **motion** was made by E. Vazquez, **seconded** by A. Mandel to accept the minutes as presented, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time

REGULAR REPORTS

Supervisor's Report – P. Newton reported that HUD's site visit for the City's annual performance assessment review for FY2015-2016 was successful and the Tampa Office of Human Rights (TOHR) has been awarded \$25,200, for nine housing case resolution and an additional \$17,000 for training, \$6,500 for administrative costs, and \$22,500 for a FHAP FY2016 Partnership Education/Outreach grant. The focus of the fair housing Partnership Education/Outreach campaign will be the AFFH, LGBT and persons with disabilities communities. The EEOC contract for \$8,800 was for nine employment case resolutions and for deferring five EEOC employment intakes.

Over the last six months TOHR staff attended the EEOC/FEPA 2016 National Conference in New Orleans; the Hillsborough County's ADA award ceremony and Hillsborough County's Neighborhood Conference; the National Fair Housing Training Academy (NFHTA) course in Edison, NJ; the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA) conference in Philadelphia, PA; the EEOC Technical Assistance Program Seminar (TAPS) in Orlando, FL; and the Florida Alternative Dispute Mediation Resolution Conference in Orlando, FL.

It was reported that the TOHR will host the Tampa Bay Fair Housing Consortium, consisting of housing agencies from Tampa, Largo, Clearwater, St. Petersburg, and Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties.

The Consortium has held the annual Fair Housing Symposium in April for the past 13 years during Fair Housing Month to celebrate the passage of the federal Fair Housing Act of 1968.

The Board was also provided with information about Hillsborough Speaks, an interactive workshop that will be held in January 2017, to strengthen the relationship between citizens and police officers. P. Newton will send notification to the Board about upcoming planning sessions and information about when the workshops will be held in Hillsborough County.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time

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Case Review: TOHR HOU No. 16-0018 (Arianna Ceron Arias v. Skyhouse Channelside, LLC)

P. Newton provided an overview of the No Reasonable Cause case referenced above and the Board's purpose. Discussion followed and questions were asked by the Board and answered by P. Newton and M. Gonzalez. C. Kreimendahl stated that he upholds TOHR's decision. The Chairman asked if there were any other questions or comments. J. Perry stated that there was no evidence that Complainant was treated different than anyone else.

A **motion** was made by C. Kreimendahl to uphold TOHR's determination of a No Reasonable Cause finding, **seconded** by J. Perry, the **motion carried**.

The Chairman asked that all case copies presented at this meeting be returned to TOHR for custodial management per Chapter 2, City of Tampa Achieves and Records Service, Section 2-46.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. It is the annual meeting with the Mayor at City Hall, 306 E. Jackson Street, 1st Floor-Mayor's conference room.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Kreimendahl, seconded by J. Perry, and the **motion passed** unanimously. The meeting ended at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted