

**City of Tampa
Human Rights Board
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2017**

The City of Tampa Human Rights Board held a case review meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 8:45 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	John Perry
Parker Homans	Janet MacNealy	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anna Ramos	Ashley Roberts
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CITY OF TAMPA REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

Betina Baron	Rebecca Cortes	Justin Vaske
Shakayla Birch	Patricia Newton	

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Chairman, Anthony Carswell, called the meeting to order and called the roll.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

After opening the public comments section with introductions, the Board Chair turned the meeting over to Mr. Albert Perry, the Complainant in the case of Albert Perry vs. Vesado Properties, LLC and Veritas Realty Holdings, LLC, et al.

A. Perry, who requested the case review, made statements to the Board in disagreement with the No Probable Cause determination issued in his fair housing complaint. The Board reviewed documents in the file, asked A. Perry questions, and listened to his explanations. The Chairman stated that the Board received a copy of the complete case file and asked A. Perry if he had information that the board members did not have. A. Perry responded No. The Board informed A. Perry that the City of Tampa Office of Human Rights would mail the Board's decision to him by the end of the week and thanked him for his comments. A. Perry left the room.

HOUSING CASE REVIEW

Along with comments from the Complainant, the Board heard from P. Newton about the facts of the case. AD Escander, the investigator on the case, was not present due to a family emergency. Discussion followed amongst the Chairman and Board to determine if the findings of No Reasonable Cause could be adopted by the Board, supporting the determination that a fair housing violation had not occurred against A. Perry, based on Race and National Origin in terms, conditions, privileges, or services and facilities.

Following a brief discussion, the Chairman made a **motion** to adopt the City of Tampa Office of Human Rights Administrator's decision of No Reasonable Cause. The **motion was seconded** by P. Homans, and the **motion carried** by all members present.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting, which will be the annual meeting with Mayor Buckhorn, has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the Tampa Municipal Office Building.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by the Chairman, **seconded** by J. Perry, and the **motion passed** unanimously. The meeting ended at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.