

City of Tampa
Human Rights Board
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2019

The City of Tampa Human Rights Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., Lemon Street Municipal Office Building, 4900 W. Lemon Street – 1st Floor, Tampa, Florida 33609.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony Carswell	Tomika Cole	Sylvia Hubbard
Janet MacNealy	John Perry	Ashley Roberts

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Parker Homans

CITY OF TAMPA REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

Betina Baron	Shakayla Birch	Kevin Irvani
Patricia Newton	Rachel Peterkin	Elba Plaza
Mindi Rainey	Anum Shakir (Cooley Law School Extern)	
Justin Vaske		

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chairman, Anthony Carswell, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

A quorum was reached. The minutes were approved for May 8, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fair Housing Case Review

Krystal Pate vs. Housing Authority of the City of Tampa
Case No. HUD: 04-18-0406-8 / TOHR: HOU 18-0001

P. Newton introduced Krystal Pate, Complainant, and Yvette Lewis, President of NAACP Hillsborough Branch. P. Newton stated that after the interpreter service could not fulfill a reasonable accommodations request that was submitted by K. Pate, the city retained Y. Lewis who is known and trusted by K. Pate. Y. Lewis interpreted the 18-page No Cause Determination document in terms that K. Pate could understand and follow.

Ms. Pate stated she had created folders with additional evidence she wanted to submit for review that had not been previously included in the investigation file.

J. Vaske, Board attorney advised the case to be remanded to staff for further review and investigation with the new evidence Ms. Pate submitted because the No Cause Determination was submitted based on the evidence collected in the file. J. Perry made a motion to remand the case to staff for review and the case review hearing would be scheduled for the Board's August 14, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by S. Hubbard, and the motion carried by all members present.

REGULAR REPORTS

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Jane Castor – Scheduled Meeting and Agenda

P. Newton informed the Board the Mayor would be attending their July 10, 2019 meeting. P. Newton advised the board this would not give her staff enough time to do the research and provide a report for the Board to discuss adding another protected group to the city's anti-discrimination ordinance.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., Lemon Street Municipal Office Building, 4900 W. Lemon Street – 1st Floor, Conference Room C, Tampa, FL 33609.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman, A. Carswell, adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted