

City of Tampa
Human Rights Board
Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2021

The City of Tampa Human Rights Board held its ninth meeting of the year on December 15th, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at City Council Chambers, 315 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, Florida 33609.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony Carswell
Brian Frey

John Perry

Trevor Rosine

CITY OF TAMPA REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

Carl Brody

Chris Calder

Naomi Candelaria

Rodneycia Cooper

Mindi Rainey

Maurice Foster

Kayon Henderson

Abbye Feeley

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A. Carswell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m. Roll Call was conducted, with all board members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chairman invited the Board members to review the November 2, 2021, board meeting minutes. **J. Perry moved** to accept the meeting minutes. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Office of Human Rights Annual Report to the Mayor

The Office of Human Rights, along with the Human Rights Board Chairman, presented the annual report to the Mayor. Upon conclusion, **Mayor Castor** stated that the public needs to know who TOHR is, and how to find them. **Mayor Castor** continued by stating that the City of Tampa Communications Team will help TOHR with media relations, and educating the public is key. She informed the board that the Rental Rights Bill is going to City Council for approval, and that Affordable housing is the focus.

Mayor Castor opined that Education and Outreach is important; if the public does not know about TOHR, it does not matter how good they are. She suggested that staff take guided tours of Central Avenue, Ybor City, the African American Museum, Downtown Tour, and the Holocaust Museum.

Mayor Castor concluded by saying that the prevention of complaints is important, and outreach is a way to do so.

A brief recess was taken for pictures with the Mayor.

Called to Recess – 9:44 AM

Called to Order – 9:47 AM

New Business

2022 Human Rights Board meeting calendar

M. Foster presented the Board with the proposed calendar for 2022 meetings. **J. Perry** moved to accept the calendar. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Fair Housing Month

M. Foster began by stating April is Fair Housing Month. **A. Feeley** asked that an invite for April be sent to Natalia Verdina, the Communications and Project Coordinator for Development and Economic Opportunity, and that **Ms. Verdina** would be coming to TOHR for a meeting this week.

Good of the Order

J. Perry announced that he will start looking for a replacement for himself on the board.

T. Rosine announced that the Tampa Pride Day will be March 26, 2022. They plan to have vendors as well.

B. Frey spoke about the need for a full board.

T. Rosine stated that with greater Board and TOHR visibility comes greater interest by the public for supporting Human Rights.

M. Foster acknowledged the Board and TOHR's passion for helping the public this past year.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 4th, 9:00 AM, in City Council Chambers.**

ADJOURNMENT

B. Frey moved to adjourn; the motion was **seconded** and passed unanimously.

Board adjourned at 10:12.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Calder
Secretary