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Human Rights Board

October 15, 2025

City Center at Hanna

2555 E. Hanna Ave

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MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to the notice, the public hearing meeting of the Human Rights Board for the City of Tampa was held on May 14, 2025

Members Present:

Kimberly Fruit
Jamie Jenkins
Michael Parrino
Sean Patterson
J. Ricc Rollins
Bill Truett

Members Absent:

Valerie Chuchman
Andrew Dougill

City Staff Present:

Carl Brody
Naomi Candelaria
Oscar Cataquet
Michelle Davis

City Staff Absent:

Mindi Rainey

Public Present:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairperson Bill Truett, on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 9:08 am. Roll call was taken by Co-Chairperson Truett.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF May 14, 2025, MEETING MINUTES: The minutes were approved with a Motion made by Jamie Jenkins and a second made by J. Ricc Rollins. The motion to approve the March minutes was approved unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS: Interim Supervisor, Naomi Candelaria, introduced TOHR's newest team member, Oscar Cataquet, to the Board, and the Board members introduced themselves in turn.

Chairperson Trevor Rosine requested to have a Board discussion regarding public comments he has received from female citizens after the “District 5 City Council Runoff Candidate Forum” held on October 9, 2025, at the Tampa Heights Civic Association, where a firearm was brandished by citizen Elvis Piggott. The motion was made by Sean Patterson and seconded by Bill Truett, with the Board voting unanimously to discuss the issue. Chairperson Rosine read Tampa Code Sections 12-61 and 12-64 to the Board and explained that he had been receiving calls since the meeting from female citizens who feel they are not safe in public forums or at city council meetings because of their gender. The Board discussed the citizens' complaints and determined that the Human Rights Board lacks jurisdiction to pursue a complaint on behalf of citizens; however, the Board encourages any citizen impacted by the events at the meeting to contact the Tampa Office of Human Rights.

Board members Jamie Jenkins, Valerie Chuchman, and J. Ricc Rollins were advised by City Assistant Attorney Carl Brody that their reappointments were approved by City Council at the October 9, 2025, Tampa City Council meeting and were reminded to make their appointments with the City Clerk to be sworn in for their reappointed Board positions.

The Board reviewed the TOHR Public Accommodation and EEOC SOPs, and the Board decided to continue the review until the November meeting. TOHR will email the two SOPs to Board members for their review and comments, which will be discussed at the November 12, 2025, Board meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES: Upcoming outreach activities were reviewed for the remainder of 2025. Upcoming events include the Mayor's Alliance for Persons with Disabilities Awards

Luncheon, Fair Housing Training at the Tampa Housing Authority, the Islamic Charity Festival, and Santa Fest. TOHR Investigator Michelle Davis thanked Co-Chairperson Bill Truett for helping to arrange their attendance at the Seminole Heights United Methodist Church Pumpkin Festival on October 11, 2025.

6. **NEXT MEETING** - The next Human Rights Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at the Hanna City Center at 9 am.
7. **ADJOURNMENT** – A motion was made by Sean Patterson to adjourn the meeting and seconded by J. Ricc Rollins; the motion passed unanimously to adjourn, and the meeting ended at approximately 10:51 am.