

# Minutes

## Human Relations Commission

### May 13, 2023

Minutes of the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION held on Saturday, May 13, 2023, 8:30 a.m.,  
Tempe Public Library Connections Café Meeting Room, 3500 South Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Hugo Tapia, Chair  
Peggie Simmons, Vice-Chair  
Tom Brown  
Pamela Chan  
Melissa Farling  
Rabbanni FurQuaan  
Candyce Lindsay  
Joe Rojas  
Kate Vawter

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

William Ortega  
David Reynolds

**City Staff Present:**

Dr. Velicia McMillan Humes, Chief Diversity Officer  
Ginny Belousek, Equity & Inclusion Manager  
Tanya Chavez, Chief of Staff  
Kara DeArrastia, Deputy City Clerk  
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Program Manager

**Guests**

Dr. Raquel Gutierrez  
Cassi Mackey

1. The Human Relations Commission and city staff participated in a pilot for the proposed Belongings Dialogue Program, facilitated by Dr. Raquel Gutierrez and Cassi Mackey.

**The retreat adjourned at 4:00 p.m.**

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