

**City of Alameda, California  
SOCIAL SERVICE HUMAN RELATIONS  
BOARD MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Scott Means called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: President Scott Means; Vice President Samantha Green; Board Members Gerald Bryant, Michelle Buchholz, Dianne Yamashiro-Omi, and Roberta “Robbie” Kreitz.

City staff: From the Housing and Human Services (HHS) Division, Program Manager Grecia Mannah-Ayon and Administrative Specialist Shelby Neil.

**2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3-A Review and Approve October 22, 2025 Minutes**

A motion to approve the October 22, 2025, minutes was made by Board Member Buchholz and seconded by Board Member Bryant. Ayes: President Means, Vice President Green, Board Member Yamashiro-Omi, Board Member Bryant, Board Member Buchholz, and Board Member Kreitz. Nays: None. Abstained: Board Member Wolf. Motion passed 6-0-1.

**4. AGENDA ITEMS**

**4-A Vote on the Volunteer of the Year Award Winner Recommendations**

**Public Comment:** None.

President Means explained that the Road Home committee will be awarding the Volunteer of the Year honor to Alameda residents that have served and uplifted their community through extensive, meaningful volunteer work. Staff Member Grecia Mannah-Ayon presented the list of names that the SSHRB will vote to approve. The finalists include Sister Pat Nagle (Lifetime Achievement Award), Kate Kasberger (Social Services Award), Arminda Graca (Human Relations Award), Soliana Tesfalidet (Youth Leadership Award), Sienna Miller (Youth Services Award), and Tate Matula (Youth Human Relations Award).

A motion to vote to approve the nominees for the Volunteer of the Year award was made by Board Member Buchholz and seconded by Board Member Bryant. Ayes: President Means, Vice President Green, Board Member Yamashiro-Omi, Board Member Bryant, Board Member

Buchholz, and Board Member Kreitz. Nays: None. Abstained: Board Member Wolf. Motion passed 6-0-1.

President Means presented certificates of recognition to the nominees and invited their nominators to speak about their community service.

#### **4-B Vote on the Proposed 2026 SSHRB Meeting Calendar**

**Public Comment:** None

Program Manager Mannah-Ayon presented the proposed SSHRB meeting calendar for 2026.

A motion to approve the 2026 meeting schedule was made by Board Member Bryant and seconded by Vice President Green. Ayes: President Means, Vice President Green, Board Member Yamashiro-Omi, Board Member Bryant, Board Member Buchholz, and Board Member Kreitz. Nays: None. Abstained: Board Member Wolf. Motion passed 6-0-1.

#### **4-C Discuss and Review Social Service Human Relations Board Workgroup Report Outs**

**Public Comment:** None

- The Road Home/People Experiencing Homelessness (Means, Green, Buchholz)
  - Discussion of January 22, 2026 Point-in-Time Count
  - Discussion of different ways the Board can continue to celebrate and recognize volunteers in the community
- Alamedans Together Against Hate (Yamashiro-Omi, Bryant)
  - Board Members Bryant and Yamashiro-Omi reported on the October 23<sup>rd</sup> film screening of the documentary *Bias* held at City Hall in commemoration of United Against Hate Week
  - Discussion of future event ideas and opportunities
- Domestic Violence Workgroup (Wolf)
  - In Board Member Wolf's absence, Program Manager Mannah-Ayon reported on the Domestic Violence Task Force meeting held in November. The minutes for that meeting are an exhibit to this agenda item.

### **5. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **5-A Status Report on the City of Alameda's Housing and Human Services**

Program Manager Grecia Mannah-Ayon reported the following:

- The 2026 PIT count is taking place on January 22, 2026, to estimate how many people are experiencing homelessness in Alameda and secure the funding for necessary services. Register to volunteer at [alameda.pointintime.info](http://alameda.pointintime.info) (see [Exhibit 1](#)).
- The Youth Advisory Committee of the Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth, and their Families are currently seeking donations for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the City of Alameda (see [Exhibit 2](#)).
- The following items will be voted on at upcoming City Council meetings:
  - The Winter Warming Shelter Agreement. If approved, the shelter will

- open on December 3.
- HHS staff will seek approval for additional CDBG funding for the Day Center Relocation Project.
- An amendment to the Village of Love Emergency Supportive Housing (ESH) contract to extend through February 2026
- CDBG Needs Statement

## **6. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA**

Discussion of the lack of quality nursing home care in Alameda and potential approaches to ameliorate the issue.

Newly appointed Board Member Roberta Kreitz introduced her background and experience, and the rest of the SSHR Board introduced themselves to her.

SSHRB members thanked Board Member Yamashiro-Omi for her service on the Board due to her recent resignation.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

President Means adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm.