

**City of Alameda, California
SOCIAL SERVICE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025
DRAFT MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Scott Means called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Scott Means; Vice President Samantha Green; Board Members Bernie Wolf, Dianne Yamashiro-Omi, Gerald Bryant, and Michelle Buchholz.

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

2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-A Review and Approve August 27, 2025 Minutes

A motion to approve the August 27, 2025, minutes was made by Vice President Green and seconded by Board Member Buchholz. Ayes: President Means, Vice President Green, Board Member Wolf, Board Member Yamashiro-Omi, Board Member Bryant, and Board Member Buchholz. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Motion passed 6-0-0.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

4-A Vote on Upcoming Meeting Changes

Public Comment: None.

Grecia Mannah-Ayon, Housing Program Manager at the City of Alameda's Housing and Human Services, proposed changes to two upcoming SSHRB meetings.

The October SSHRB meeting was scheduled for October 23, which takes place during United Against Hate (UAH) Week, and the UAH committee will be holding an event that same night due to limited scheduling availability. Program Manager Mannah-Ayon proposed moving the SSHRB meeting to October 22 at the same time (7pm) and same place (Conference Room 360 at Alameda City Hall).

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

Historically, the SSHR Board has combined their November and December meetings to accommodate winter holidays. Program Manager Mannah-Ayon proposed that SSHRB hold their November/December meeting on Thursday, December 4 at the same time (7pm) and same place

(Conference Room 360 at Alameda City Hall). Board Member Buchholz reminded the group that the Road Home Workgroup would be honoring their Volunteers of the Year at the November/December meeting and asked if the group could ensure that there are no other community or school events on that date. It was determined that it would be unlikely for major community or school events to be held on that date.

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

4-B Discuss and Review Social Service Human Relations Board Workgroup

Public Comment: None

- Alamedans Together Against Hate (Yamashiro-Omi, Bryant)
 - Board Member Bryant reported that President Means reached out to Councilmember Tracy Jensen and the City Attorney about the resolution.
 - Board Member Bryant updated the SSHRB about the film screening the workgroup will be holding on October 23rd at 6pm at City Hall Council Chambers. The movie is called *Bias*, and it discusses biases in general and how it affects people's lives.
 - Board Member Yamashiro-Omi suggested the SSHRB watch the trailer, to which the group responded affirmatively. Program Manager Mannah-Ayon played the trailer, which can be viewed at the following link: <https://vimeo.com/265863934>.
 - Board Member Buchholz clarified with the help of other Board Members that SSHRB is concurrently proposing a proclamation for United Against Hate Week, as well as the resolution that requires City Council's vote and enters the record.
 - President Means said that if the Alamedans Together Against Hate Workgroup wants, he can ask Councilmember Tracy Jensen to be sponsor a workplan. Program Manager Mannah-Ayon responded that Board Members could also act as sponsors.
 - Board Member Yamashiro-Omi asked for the Board's involvement in promoting the October 23rd film screening event. Board Members discussed ways to promote the event.
 - Board Member Yamashiro-Omi also mentioned that they will be hanging banners to promote United Against Hate Week.
- Domestic Violence Workgroup (Wolf)
 - Board Member Wolf shared that the Mayor asked Board Member Wolf to consult with her on the production of a domestic violence awareness video that she is making with Building Futures and Alameda Family Services.
- The Road Home/People Experiencing Homelessness (Means, Green, Buchholz)
 - President Means shared that the Road Home will be presenting at the October 8th meeting of the Alameda Unified School District PTA Council (PTAC). Vice President Green elaborated that the presentation will describe what services are available to students and families experiencing housing insecurity, food insecurity, and other issues in the hopes of increasing awareness among PTA presidents. Vice President Green expressed a hope that the McKinney-Vento Coordinator for AUSD will also be in attendance (McKinney-Vento is a piece of federal legislations that protects the educational rights of homeless children and youth).
 - Board Member Buchholz reported that The Road Home Workgroup will be awarding the Volunteer of the Year in Alameda (both a youth and adult

category). They have created a nomination survey and are currently accepting nominations.

- Board Member Bryant asked clarifying questions about the nomination process: who is eligible, who can nominate, etc. Board Member Buchholz responded that any volunteer is eligible, and that nominators must disclose their relationship to the person they are nominating. Board Member Bryant asked to have the link sent to him so that he can send it to the USS Hornet organization, as they have hundreds of volunteers annually.
- President Means reported that on November 5th, the committee will be hosting an event at the library for older Alamedans.
- President Means shared that he had recently met with the Chamber of Commerce, and they had discussed the concept of “villages”—a non-housing co-op for seniors where the community can pool resources together to access needed services and allow people to age in their own homes.

5. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

5-A Six-Month Status Report on the City of Alameda’s Housing and Human Services

Staff Member Grecia Mannah-Ayon presented a detailed progress report on the progress made from January through June 2025 on *The Road Home: A Five-Year Strategic Plan to Prevent and Respond to Homelessness in Alameda* (please see [Exhibit 1](#), which is also publicly available online as a [detailed staff report](#)). The next six-month report will pertain to July–December 2025 and will be presented in January. That will be the final phase of the current strategic plan.

6. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

President Means shared that he is going to remind the Mayor about the SSHRB vacancy.. President Means suggested seeking out Board Members from generations not already represented by Members of the Board. President Means asked the Board whether there were any other requests he should add when he speaks with the Mayor regarding the vacancy.

Board Member Bryant shared that he attended a showing and exhibit at the Oakland Museum of California called “Black Spaces: Reclaim & Rename” pertaining to the displacement of Black residents using eminent domain and other legal tactics. He encouraged others to visit the exhibit, or to look up the history of Russell City online.

Board Member Buchholz reminded the group that the Alameda Pride celebration will be taking place on October 11. She shared that there will be a lot of activities, such as a fun run, Pride in the Park, and a block party at Alameda Avenue. Board Member Buchholz also reminded the board that Fleet Week falls on that same day, involving a 250th anniversary celebration of the Navy at the USS Hornet.

7. ADJOURNMENT

President Means adjourned the meeting at 8:06pm.