

**City of Alameda, California**  
**SOCIAL SERVICE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025**  
**APPROVED 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, Bernie Wolf and Dianne Yamashiro-Omi(attended remotely)

City staff: Grecia Mannah-Ayon

**2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3-A Review and Approve March 27, 2025 Draft Minutes**

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

**4. AGENDA ITEMS**

**4-A Discussion of Social Service Human Relations Board FY 2025-26 Work Plan**

Public Comment – Jennifer Rakowski thanked Board Member Wolf for reaching out to members of the public to gain their input and recommendations for the FY 2025-26 Work Plan. Specifically, the work surrounding domestic violence. Ms. Rakowski highlighted that the existing resources listed on the City of Alameda website are not accurate and encouraged City staff to review and update this information.

President Means requested that the Community Needs Assessment Metrics be added as a future Agenda item.

A motion to accept the Social Service Human Relations Board FY 2025-26 Work Plan was made by Board Member Buchholz and seconded by Board Member Bryant. Ayes: President Means, Vice President Green, Board Members Bryant, Yamashiro-Omi, Buchholz, and Wolf. Nays: none. Motion passed 6-0.

#### **4-B Discuss and Review An Update on the Age Friendly Cities Effort**

Public Comment – None

President Means highlighted similar efforts in surrounding cities and the powerful impact of having community volunteers. He then asked if City staff could post Alameda's Volunteer Opportunities list on its website.

Staff member Mannah-Ayon confirmed she will investigate and get back to the Board.

#### **4-C Discuss and Review the Proposed Social Services Human Relations Board Logo**

Public Comment – None

Staff member Mannah-Ayon shared that City staff have been working with students from Alameda High's media class over the last two months to create a logo for SSHRB. President Means and Vice President Green reviewed options provided by the students and chose one to bring forward to the board.

Board Members discussed the logo, sharing their likes and dislikes. The following is a list of Board Member suggestions:

- Adjust the font to match the City's standard font
- List, Social Service Human Relations Board, in addition to the acronym
- Adjust the color to ensure the logo can be used on various platforms
- Include an image of people coming together as a community or some type of visual that represents SSHRB goals

A motion to provide the feedback listed above was made by Board Member Buchholz and seconded by President Means. Ayes: President Means, Vice President Green, Board Members Bryant, Yamashiro-Omi, Buchholz, and Wolf. Nays: none. Motion passed 6-0.

#### **4-D Discuss and Review Social Service Human Relations Board Workgroup Reports**

Public Comment – None

- Domestic Violence Task Force (Wolf):
  - The necessary information has been collected and will be added to the City website
  - Once the website has been updated, Board Member Wolf and City staff will invite local organizations and schools to review the updates and provide feedback
- Alamedans Together Against Hate (Yamashiro-Omi, Bryant):
  - Staff Member Mannah-Ayon confirmed that the work group name change is included in the work plan. If City Council approves the work plan, the work group will be changed to Alamedans United Against Hate.
  - Board Member Bryant reported that he and Board Member Yamashiro-Omi have continued to meet weekly, working on the updated Resolution. They

will share with SSHRB in August, and if approved by the Board, it will be presented to City Council in October 2025.

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- The Road Home/People Experiencing Homelessness(Means, Green and Buchholz)
  - President Means confirmed they will be giving a presentation on Monday, April 28. They will be joined by a resident at Alameda’s Dignity Village.
  - Vice President Green reported that she is continuing to cultivate a relationship with the Alameda Unified School District (AUSD).

## **5. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Staff Member Mannah-Ayon reported the following:

- Housing and Human Services (HHS) will be bringing three items to City Council on May 6, and invited all Board Members to attend
- HHS recently hired a new Program Manager, Camille Rodriguez, who will be leading the City’s Homelessness Efforts
- The Season for Non-Violence Speech Contest is on Saturday, April 26, from 10 AM to 3 PM at City Hall Chambers
- The City of Alameda Residential Rehabilitation Program has started accepting applications
- The Day Center Relocation Project is on track to open in the middle of 2026

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

Board Member Bryant reported that he has agreed to be a judge for the Season for Non-Violence Speech Contest and is looking forward to attending for the third year in a row. President Means shared that he, too, will be a judge.

Board Member Yamashiro-Omi shared that this month is AAPI Heritage Month and Rythmix will be hosting an event on Saturday, April 26, from 12 PM to 5 PM at Alameda’s Bohol Circle Immigrant Park.

President Means shared that May is Older Americans Month, and the theme for this year is “Flip the Script on Again.”

Board Member Buchholz shared that she attended a recent Alameda Recreation and Parks Department (ARPD) event and was very impressed with the feeling of community. Board Member Yamashiro-Omi suggested the Board invite a City staff member from ARPD to present upcoming events to SSHRB.

Vice President Green asked if the Board was still interested in having a float in the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

President Means adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.