

**City of Alameda, California
SOCIAL SERVICE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024
DRAFT MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Scott Means called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: President Scott Means, Vice President Samantha Green, Board Members Gerald Bryant, Michelle Buchholz, Dianne Yamashiro-Omi and Cindy Pile

City staff: Andre Fairley, Marcie Johnson and Julia Abramson

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-A Review and Approve May 23, 2024 Draft Minutes

A motion to approve the revised May 23, 2024 minutes was made by Vice President Green and seconded by Board Member Buchholz. Ayes: President Means, Vice President Green, Board Members Bryant, Yamashiro-Omi, Buchholz, and Pile. Nays: none. Motion passed 6-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5-A Discuss and Review Social Service Human Relations Board Workgroup Reports

Public Comment – None

- Outreach and Community Engagement (Means, Green):
 - President Means confirmed they have completed the final Community Needs Assessment presentation during the last, Commission on Persons with Disabilities meeting. Highlighting the benefits of their collaboration.
 - Vice President Green recommended for SSHRB to come up with specific suggestions and present them at the individual Board and Commission meetings based on feedback received.
 - Board Member Bryant asked if they plan on sending out a community survey regarding the data collected for the Community Needs Assessment. President Means confirmed that they plan to meet and develop materials that will be distributed to the public.
 - Board Member Yamashiro-Omi suggested they develop a communication strategy surrounding the data.
- Alamedans Together Against Hate (Yamashiro-Omi, Bryant):
 - Board Member Bryant shared that they are working with the Alameda Poet

- Laureate for the upcoming Poetry Slam. Scheduled for Saturday, September 21, at the Healing Garden on Webster Street.
- Board Member Yamashiro-Omi asked for City staff to confirm if there is any space in the budget to purchase Alameda “swag” for SSHRB to distribute during United Against Hate Week.
- President Means suggested that SSHRB invite at least one of the City Council members to participate in the Poetry Slam as a judge.
- Board Member Bryant confirmed that they meet with United Against Hate Week, National Group in the coming weeks.
- Board Member Yamashiro-Omi asked for City staff to request additional United Against Hate posters (previously printed and distributed by Sarah Henry). Staff member Johnson confirmed that City staff will review the existing budget and get back to them. Board Member Yamashiro-Omi highlighted that the poster will need to be updated prior to printing.
- Domestic Violence Task Force (Buchholz, Pile):
 - Board Member Pile confirmed that Staff member Abramson will be setting up the recurring, ACCYF Mental Health Group meetings.
 - Board Member Buchholz highlighted the Anxious Generation Book Club in Alameda and confirmed they plan to contact the participating schools for possible collaboration options.
 - Board Member Buchholz asked when the workgroup’s were scheduled to change. Staff Member Johnson suggested that the change take place at the next meeting (July).

A motion to reopen Public Comment was made by President Means and seconded by Board Member Pile. Ayes: President Means, Vice President Green, Board Members Bryant, Yamashiro-Omi, Buchholz, and Pile. Nays: none. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comment - Dean Alis, who serves as the President of the Alameda High School Poetry Slam club voiced his support for the upcoming Poetry Slam and offered to connect SSHRB with groups and/or other individuals to promote the Poetry Slam event.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

6-A Status Report on Services to Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

Staff Member Johnson shared the following update:

- Housing and Human Services (HHS) welcomed Julia Abramson on June 17 as the Part-Time, Community Engagement Specialist to support ACCYF and SSHRB. HHS is also looking forward to welcoming Grecia Mannah-Ayon, on July 1. HHS will be posting for a Part-Time, Community Outreach Specialist in early July. The Homeless Outreach Team one year agreement with The Village of Love was approved by City Council at the first meeting in June.
- The City of Alameda hosted three community building trauma-informed care trainings for Social Service providers across the City. Representatives from The Village of Love, Alameda Free Library, Alameda Food Bank, Building Futures, Shelter Thy Neighbor, Five Keys, and others, came together for a three week series to be trained in and practice some of the basic theories behind trauma-

informed care. Trainer Dr. Cheryl Williams-Jackson was well received, and this series will be followed by four weeks of on site training at Dignity Village for residents and staff to work alongside each other on community building. On site training will be done in coordination with the full time Alameda Family Services clinician Laura Gollub.

- On June 14, a family in the Emergency Supportive Housing (ESH) program, moved out of ESH, into market rate housing in Alameda.
- Special Recognition:
 - Board Member Bryant for coordinating and participating in the Alameda Point Collaborative (APC) Fun Day on June 18.
 - President Means for his continued work on the Resident Advisory Board at Dignity Village.

7. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

Vice President Green asked for the total number of staff members that make up the Housing and Human Services Division. Staff Member Johnson confirmed that HHS is made up of the following eight (8) individuals:

- Amy Wooldridge, Assistant City Manager
- Lisa Fitts, Housing and Human Services Manager
- Marcie Johnson, Social Services Manager
- Grecia Mannah-Ayon, Program Manager (starting July 1)
- Andre Fairley, Management Analyst
- Michelle Berkovich, Analyst (PT)
- Julia Abramson, Community Engagement Specialist (PT)
- Danielle Sullivan, Administrative Assistant
- TBD, Community Outreach Specialist (position will be posted early July)

Vice President Green highlighted that National Night Out is coming up on Tuesday, August 6. Individuals interested in hosting a block party will need to submit their permit by July 3.

Board Member Buchholz proposed that SSHRB participate in the 4th of July parade in 2025.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

President Means adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.