

**City of Alameda, California  
SOCIAL SERVICE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD  
THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: President Scott Means, Vice President Samantha Green, Board Members Gerald Bryant, Michelle Buchholz, Dianne Yamashiro-Omi, and Bernie Wolf (attended remotely)-

City staff: Amy Wooldridge, Grecia Mannah-Ayon, and Andre Fairley

**2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3-A Review and Approve April 24, 2025 Draft Minutes**

A motion to approve the April 24, 2025 minutes was made by Board Member Yamashiro-Omi and seconded by Board Member Buchholz. 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 Presentation on the Housing and Human Services Division FY's 2025-27 Budget**  
Public Comment – None

Assistant City Manager, Amy Wooldridge, gave a presentation about the City of Alameda's and Housing and Human Services Division Budget for FY 2025-27. Please see Exhibit 1.

The SSHRB Board Members asked questions regarding the City of Alameda's and Housing and Human Services Division budget.

Assistant City Manager Wooldridge will provide the Board the list of projects and programs that will be funded during FY 2025-27.

The Board thanks Assistant City Manager Wooldridge on the presentation.

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

Public Comment – None

- Alamedans United Against Hate (Yamashiro-Omi, Bryant)
  - Board Member Butler shared that they are meeting with different entities and considering their feedback to write the resolution.
  - Board Member Butler shared they are meeting with the United Against Hate National Organization.
- Domestic Violence Workgroup (Wolf)
  - Board Member Wolf shared his goal for the workgroup is to spread information about healthy relationships and support people who feel they are unsafe in their relationship.
  - Board Member Wolf is reviewing resources for domestic violence that are published on the Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth, and their Families (ACCYF) and the police department's website and met with Jennifer Rakowski regarding additional resources that are outside of the City of Alameda.
  - Board Member Wolf posed a question to the Board if Jennifer Rakowski could present to the Board and the Board is interested to hear a presentation from her.
  - Board Member Wolf added if the library could include pamphlets or resources for domestic violence survivors.
  - He also raised a question to Staff member Mannah-Ayon about the next meeting for the Domestic Violence Task Force.
  - Staff member Mannah-Ayon is working with the agencies participating in the Task Force to set up a meeting.
- The Road Home/People Experiencing Homelessness (Means, Green, Buchholz)
  - Vice President Green shared that the group discussed how to reach out to the community to share resources for people experiencing homelessness.
  - Board Member Buchholz is meeting with the organizers of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July race to discuss adding an information or infographic sheet about how people can access homelessness resources.
  - The workgroup presented The Road Home at Dignity Village in April.
  - Staff member Mannah-Ayon added that she is reaching out to the Library, Chamber of Commerce, and PTAC to host community meetings discussing The Road Home.
  - President Means also shared that the community meetings for the Road Map require a paper survey and the City of Oakland has allowed SSHRB to use their survey as a base for their survey.

#### **5. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Staff Member Mannah-Ayon reported the following:

- On May 6, 2025, Housing and Human Services (HHS) received approval from City Council on the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and recommendation for CDBG subrecipient awards.
- City Council accepted FY 25-26 SSHRB work plan that was presented by President Scott Means and Vice-President Samantha Green.
- HHS Staff is working with All Good Living Foundation and Island High to develop a weekly cooking class for low-income students.

- The Annual Below Market (BMR) Homeownership Waitlist opened on May 16. Applications are due June 9, 2025.
- The City of Alameda Residential Rehabilitation Program has started accepting applications.
- HHS case manager continues to connect with individuals at varying levels of need providing resources to prevent homelessness and working with the unhoused to move them into housing and connect them with vital essentials.

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

President Means shared that the SSHRB Workplan for FY 2025-26 was approved by City Council on May 6, 2025.

President Means shared he has a meeting with City staff and would like to discuss if there is a budget for SSHRB to hire a consultant for basic administrative support.

President Means shared he has completed the second version of the Volunteer List and included five additional agencies. He thanked Assistant City Manager Wooldridge for bringing the list to City Council.

Board Member Buchholz acknowledged the City's initiatives on Bike to Wherever Day and commented how well the Bike to Wherever Day event at Alameda Point turned out.

Board Member Butler has shared an update regarding McKay Wellness Center and the Respite Care Center. Construction of the Senior Housing Project is expected to start in September 2026. The Respite Care Center is 60% completed.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

President Means adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.