

**City of Alameda, California
SOCIAL SERVICE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024
APPROVED MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Board Member Cindy Pile (excused)

City staff: Andre Fairley and Marcie Johnson

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-A Review and Approve March 28, 2024 Draft Minutes

A motion to approve the March 28, 2024 minutes was made by Board Member Buchholz and seconded by Board Member Yamashiro-Omi. Ayes: President Means, Vice President Green, Board Members Bryant, Yamashiro-Omi, Buchholz, and Wolf. Nays: none. Motion passed 6-0-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5-A Season for Non-Violence Speech Contest Winners Presentation

Dean Alis, a 15-year-old sophomore at Alameda High School, shared his winning speech from the March 16, Season for Non-Violence Speech Contest.

Board Questions/Comments:

- Board Member Bryant mentioned that he was one of the judges for the contest.
- Board Member Yamashiro-Omi suggested that he share his speech with students and faculty at Alameda High School.
- Board Member Buchholz asked how he heard about the contest and if he thinks there are additional ways for SSHRB to promote future events. Dean shared that he found out about the contest from a flyer on the wall at Alameda High School. And suggested another way to engage students would be for a member of SSHRB to attend a school assembly to highlight upcoming events.
- Staff Member Johnson shared that the Youth Advocacy Committee always seeks additional members. Dean asked Marcie to email him this information.

- Board Members shared a round of applause for his speech.

Public Comment – None

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

Public Comment – None

- Outreach and Community Engagement (Means, Green): President Means said they are presenting to the Transportation Commission on Monday, April 29 (virtually) and invited Board Members to attend if they would like to listen in. They plan to present to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities in the coming months.
- Alamedans Together Against Hate (Yamashiro-Omi, Bryant):
 - Board Members Bryant and Yamashiro-Omi attended the Supper and Support event at the Alameda Free Library. Dr. Cindy Acker was the keynote speaker and presented on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging.
 - Staff Member Fairley mentioned the next Supper and Support will be held on Sunday, May 19, at the Alameda Free Library. The discussion will focus on support for seniors. Staff Members from the Alameda Recreation and Parks Department and the Mastick Senior Center plan on attending.
 - President Means suggested that City Staff contact Wendy Peterson with the Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County to invite her.
 - Board Member Yamashiro-Omi suggested City Staff invite Legal Assistance for Seniors.
 - Board Members Bryant and Yamashiro-Omi met with the City of Davis to discuss the progress of their Hate Free Together campaign. Website: <https://hatefreetogether.org/>
 - Board Member Bryant highlighted the continued success surrounding the City of Alameda's, Season for Non-Violence.
 - Alameda is partnering with the United Against Hate Week National Group. The confirmed dates for this year are September 21-27. SSHRB will assist in hosting another Poetry Slam.
- Domestic Violence Task Force (Buchholz, Wolf, Pile):
 - Board Member Wolf shared that Board Member Pile has continued her outreach, connecting with service providers in Alameda. Reiterating the high demand for additional providers. They have discussed contacting church groups for additional support during the shortage.
 - The next Domestic Violence Task Force meeting will be held on Monday, April 29, at 9:30 AM. Board Member Wolf and Staff Member Fairley will co-host this meeting.
 - Connecting with Alameda Family Services to identify additional support groups for Domestic Violence Survivors.
 - Board Member Wolf suggested an individual report out, following each monthly meeting.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

6-A Status Report on Services to Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

Staff Member Johnson shared the following update:

- The Winter Warming Shelter concluded its service after 88 successful days. Serving 12 individuals per night, with 96 unduplicated individuals seeking shelter and/or meals at three (3) different Church sites (Christ Episcopal Church, Twin Towers, and St. Joseph Basilica).
- Alameda Family Services has hired a Mental Health Clinician who will work full-time at Dignity Village (starting May 13).
- Five Keys has hired a second Care Coordinator who will start on May 20.
- Starting in June, the City contracted with an individual to provide Trauma Informed Care to various staff and service providers.
- The City issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Homeless Outreach Team. We received two (2) applications and will be interviewing next week.
- The Housing and Human Services Division has posted two (2) open positions:
 - Full-Time Program Manager or Management Analyst
 - Part-Time Community Engagement Specialist
- Applications for the City's Summer Internship Program close next week. There are 13 openings in various departments. Students must be 16 years of age or older and must live and/or attend school in Alameda.

7. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

President Means confirmed the upcoming City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 7, at 7:00 PM. Staff Member Johnson offered to send a calendar hold to the Board Members.

Board Members Bryant and Yamashiro-Omi highlighted upcoming events.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

President Means adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.