

**City of Alameda, California
SOCIAL SERVICE HUMAN RELATIONS
BOARD THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026
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 and Bernard Wolf.

City staff: From the Housing and Human Services (HHS) Division, Program Manager Grecia Mannah-Ayon, Administrative Specialist Shelbey Neil, and Program Manager Camille Rodriguez (attending virtually).

2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karin Kirschbaum expressed her dissatisfaction with the Social Service Human Relations Board (SSHRB) members and procedure.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-A Review and Approve December 1, 2025 Minutes

[It was decided to vote to approve the minutes later in the meeting after Board Member Buchholz arrived.]

4. AGENDA ITEMS

4-A Discuss Season for Nonviolence Partnership with Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth, and their Families' (ACCYF) Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)

Public Comment: None.

President Means explained that in the past, the AUAH committee has collaborated with ACCYF's Youth Advisory Committee to host an event commemorating the Season for Nonviolence. The Season for Nonviolence is a 64-day period observed between the anniversaries of the deaths of Mohandas Ghandi on January 30 and Martin Luther King Jr., on April 4. The goal of the event is to promote peace and nonviolence in the Alameda community. The AUAH, facilitated by Board Member Bryant, discussed ideas for the season in general and the open mic event specifically, including overall vision based on best practices from previous years. Program Manager Mannah-Ayon reported back about a meeting she attended with the Youth Advisory Committee to discuss and plan the event, which will be an open mic contest and feature clubs from both public high schools in Alameda. The event will be held March 25, 2026, at 4pm.

**4-B Presentation on Point-in-Time (PIT) Count by Camille Rodriguez,
Homelessness Program Manager for the City of Alameda's Housing and
Human Services Division**

[It was decided to move this presentation later in the meeting.]

4-C Review Progress on 2025–26 SSHRB Workplan

Public Comment: None

President Means explained that the City of Alameda Municipal Code (AMC) states that one of the duties of SSHRB is to adopt a plan for the performance of its delineated functions “with advice and consent of the City Council.” Therefore, each fiscal year the SSHRB meets to review and adopt a workplan. At the March 20, 2025, SSHRB meeting, Board members voted on and approved their 2025-26 workplan, which received City Council approval on May 6, 2025. Program Manager Mannah-Ayon facilitated a review of the Board’s progress on the workplan goals in the following areas:

- Community Needs Assessment: This task has been absorbed by City Staff. Stakeholder sessions are being conducted in January, February, and March by HHS staff, which will be attended by SSHRB members.
 - Program Managers Mannah-Ayon and Rodriguez answered Board questions about data collection.
- Administrative: The SSHRB will begin drafting its new workplan in March.
- Infrastructure: Completed by President Means and Vice President Green.
- CDBG: Completed. Next needed in 2027.
- The Road Home/Homelessness Committee: Board Member Buchholz brought the need for overdose prevention to the Board’s attention, who then discussed potential community education events on the topic. President Means emphasized a commitment to continue age-friendly work.
- Alamedans United Against Hate (AUAH) Committee: Board Member Bryant emphasized the need to place one of the two new Board members onto the AUAH committee due to it currently being staffed by only one Board Member. Board Member Bryant discussed successes and opportunities for the Board to engage with community groups and continue planning community events, such as a lecture series or book club. Board Members also discussed creating an AUAH action plan.
- Domestic Violence Committee: Board Member Wolf described the success of holding quarterly meetings of the Domestic Violence Task Force and his interest in including more youth. The Board discussed the need for adding one of the two new members to the Committee due to it currently being staffed solely by Board Member Wolf.

[At this time the presentation began for 4-B Presentation on Point-in-Time (PIT) Count by Camille Rodriguez, Homelessness Program Manager for the City of Alameda’s Housing and Human Services Division.]

Program Manager Rodriguez issued a call for volunteers for the 2026 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, a citywide survey that estimates how many people are experiencing homelessness within the city of Alameda. It helps secure vital funding for the city to address the issue. Program Manager Rodriguez described the process of conducting the PIT Count and

answered the Board's clarifying questions.

Public Comment: None

[At this time the Board resumed reviewing and approving the minutes from the December, 1 2025 meeting.]

A motion to approve the December, 2025, minutes was made by President Means and seconded by Board Member Bryant. Ayes: President Means, Vice President Green, Board Member Bryant, and Board Member Buchholz. Nays: None. Abstained: Board Member Wolf. Motion passed 4-0-1.

4-D Discuss and Review Social Service Human Relations Board Workgroup Report Outs

Public Comment: None

- The Road Home/People Experiencing Homelessness (Means, Green, Buchholz)
 - Board Members decided to send thank-you cards to volunteers for the 2026 PIT Count.
 - President Means reported that he will be bringing a draft survey for senior citizens to the March meeting.
- Alamedans Together Against Hate (Bryant)
 - Board Member Bryant reiterated the earlier discussion on AUAH's work during item 4-C.
- Domestic Violence Workgroup (Wolf)
 - Board member Wolf reported that the next Domestic Violence Task Force meeting will occur on February 2, 2026, and will be attended by Mayor Ashcraft. The City of Alameda's Victim Advocate will present.

5. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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

Program Manager Grecia Mannah-Ayon reported the following:

- After a competitive bidding process, Marcon Builders has been selected to complete the Day Center reconstruction project, which will be completed in late summer or early fall.
- HHS has recently executed federal funding contracts for its social service providers.
- HHS completed their 5-year progress report (*The Road Home*), which was presented to and accepted by City Council on January 6, 2026.
- HHS will begin holding stakeholder sessions later this month to inform their needs assessment process.
- The PIT Count will be held January 22, 2026.
- The City Council appointed Adam Politzer as Interim City Manager at the December 2, 2025, City Council meeting.
- 17 Below-Market-Rate (BMR) homes were sold from September to December.

6. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

Discussion of the potential for co-sponsoring an event with former Board Member Yamashiro-Omi and the Alameda Free Library.

7. ADJOURNMENT

President Means adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm.