

**City of Alameda, California
SOCIAL SERVICE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD
THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025
APPROVED MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Scott Means called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

City staff: C'Mone Falls, Grecia Mannah-Ayon, and Allie Wong

Absent: Vice President Samantha Green and Board Member Michelle Buchholz

2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-A Review and Approve May 22, 2025 Draft Minutes

This item will be carried over to the next SSHRB meeting due to the lack of the four members who were present and/or watched the video recording of the , 2025 meeting.

[**Note:** According to the Alameda Municipal Code Section 2-9.3b, "The votes of a majority of the entire membership of the Board shall be necessary to take any action thereof." Also, according to SSHRB's Rules and Procedures G.4.m (Voting): "A vote of four (4) members at a properly called meeting shall be necessary for any action of the Board."]

4. AGENDA ITEMS

4-A Presentation on the Alameda Unified School District Office of Equity

Public Comment – None

Shamar Edwards, Senior Director of Equity at the Alameda Unified School District, gave a presentation about the updates from the District's Office of Equity. Please see Exhibit 1.

The SSHRB Board Members expressed appreciation for the Office of Equity's work impressive and inquired about its ongoing initiatives for AUSD students, families, staff, and faculty.

The Board thanked Senior Director, Shamar Edwards on the presentation.

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

Public Comment – None

- Alamedans Together Against Hate (Yamashiro-Omi, Bryant)
 - Board Member Yamashiro-Omi shared that they have had enlightening discussions with City of Alameda community leaders and validated a need for a resolution.
 - The workgroup is drafting the resolution and hope to share the resolution at the July SSHRB Board Meeting.
 - Board Member Bryant added that the resolution includes language similar to AUSD's Office of Equity initiatives. He asked Shamar Edwards if the workgroup can work with her to include additional language in the resolution.
 - The draft resolution will be publicly posted before it is circulated to the SSHRB board.
 - Board Member Bryant shared the workgroup are planning for additional opportunities to add on to United Against Hate event.
 - Board Member Yamashiro-Omi asked Shamar Edwards for her input on how the workgroup can have discussions that does not exclude other populations in the City. Shamar Edwards shared that one of her strategies is holding DEI community practices spaces for all AUSD staff, students, and their families. This is an opportunity for the community to strategize collectively and build relationships with each other. Shamar Edwards offered the workgroup to push into the DEI community practices spaces.
- The Road Home/People Experiencing Homelessness (Means, Green, Buchholz)
 - President Means shared the next presentation for the Road Home is on July 10. Board Member Buchholz will be presenting with President Means.
 - President Means shared a follow-up regarding Age Friendly Cities. He shared his outreach efforts with the Disability Commission, Mastick Senior Center, and West Alameda Business Association (WABA). A survey will be done for community input.
- Domestic Violence Workgroup (Wolf)
 - Board Member Wolf thanked Staff Member Mannah-Ayon for her support for the workgroup.
 - Board Member Wolf shared that the Domestic Violence Task Force is meeting on July 7, 2025 from 1-2pm.
 - Board Member Wolf shared that the task force would gain a beneficial perspective if AUSD joins the task force. Shamar Edwards is interested in the idea of the district involved with the task force and will discuss with AUSD staff to attend the July meeting.
 - Board Member Wolf also shared that he and Staff Member Mannah-Ayon met with Jennifer Rakowski and she is scheduled to present to SSHRB at the August meeting.

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 June 17, 2025 City Council adopted the City's FY25-27 operating and capital budget. The Housing and Human Services budget will continue to provide vital services to unhoused and low-income residents, allow the

division to purchase a new ADA van for homeless outreach, and hire a full-time program specialist to oversee outreach and case management.

- HHS has two new summer interns, Allie Wong and Scarlett Wagner.
- HHS is hiring a long-term part-time administrative specialist. The deadline to apply is July 9, 2025.
- HHS is also hiring a program specialist. The deadline to apply is July 25, 2025.
- The Homelessness Services team of HHS created a new housing management information system report for HHS to collect accurate data.
- HHS will be planning for the 2026 Point-in-Time Count in July.

6. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

Board Member Bryant shared an event that Board Member Wolf had previously shared with him. The Oakland Museum is hosting an exhibition known as Black Spaces: Reclaim & Remain from July 18, 2-25 through March 1, 2026.

President Means provided an update on the volunteer list, which will consist of three pages. He also shared a unique volunteering opportunity with the League of Women Voters, involving the development of gaming software to promote political literacy among youth and adults. The finalized volunteer list will be available in August.

7. ADJOURNMENT

President Means adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.