

Berkeley Homeless
Services Panel of Experts

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 4, 2026 – 7:00 PM

North Berkeley Senior Center, Aspen Room
1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709

Mayor Ishii:
Carole Marasovic –
Chair

Rashi Kesarwani:
Vacant

Terry Taplin:
Denah S. Bookstein

Ben Bartlett:
Paul Kealoha-Blake

Igor Tregub:
Jerome Solberg

Shoshana O’Keefe:
Vacant

Brent Blackaby:
Steven Segal

Cecilia Lunaparra:
Vacant

Mark Humbert:
Alan Levy

Josh Jacobs, Homeless Services Coordinator, Homeless Services Panel of Experts
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All items are for discussion and possible action.

*Public comment for items not on the agenda limited to 2 minutes. No exchange with
commission permitted.*

Public comment for items on the agenda taken as items arise.

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of the land acknowledgment.
3. Public comment for items not on the agenda (limited to 2 minutes).

Action Items:

4. Approval of the agenda. Discussion and possible action.
5. Approval of the minutes from January 7, 2026 meeting. Discussion and possible action.
6. Discussion on take-aways on presentation from E-3 Initiative in Evansville, Indiana. Discussion and possible action.
7. Preliminary discussion on number of formerly homeless persons in Berkeley under housing subsidies now housed that require support services to remain housed; providers that provide those services; and what type of services are provided. Discussion and possible action.
8. Point-in-time Count-Experience from the ground and report from staff what happens with the data; when it will be released; and how it is used to grant funding. Discussion and possible action.

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9. Preliminary discussion on addressing LGBTQIA needs in homeless services.
Discussion and possible action.
10. Upcoming site visits. Discussion and possible action.
11. Chair report. Discussion only.
12. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair. Discussion and possible action.
13. Preliminary discussion on developing a work plan. Discussion and possible action.
14. Adjourn.

Attachments:

1. January 7, 2026 minutes.

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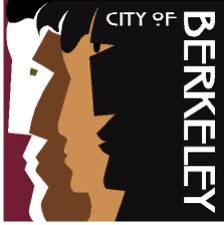
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MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2026

1. **Roll Call:** 7:00 PM
Present: Marasovic, Brod, Levy, Segal (absent until 7:22), Bookstein & Kealoha-Blake.
Absent: None.
Staff: Jacobs, Arredondo.
Council: None.
Public: 6.
2. Public Comment: 1.
3. Reading of the Land Acknowledgement.

Action Items:

4. Approval of the Agenda
Action: M/S/C Bookstein/Brod move to approve the agenda as written.
Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, Brod, Levy, & Bookstein.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Segal.
5. Presentation, with Q and A, from E3 initiative team, Savannah Whicker, CEO of Economic and Housing Development, Evansville, Indiana; Joshua Brewer, Unit Commander, Crime Prevention Unit, Evansville Police Department; and Samuel SeDoris, Supervisor, Mental Health Division, Evansville Police Department from Evansville, Indiana on their successful collaborative model implemented addressing homelessness, housing stabilization, mental health wellness, and reversal of negative contact with the criminal justice system. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion. No action taken.
6. Presentation from Cari Arredondo, City of Berkeley City Manager's office, and Michael Thomas, director of programs, Options Recovery Services on Berkeley's new CareBridge program. Discussion and possible action.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Brod move to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

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Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Segal, Brod, Levy, Bookstein.
Noes: Kealoha-Blake. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Brod move to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Segal, Brod, Levy, Bookstein.
Noes: Kealoha-Blake. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

- 7. Approval of minutes from November 5, 2025 meeting. Discussion and possible action.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Brod move to approve the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, Segal, Brod, Levy, & Bookstein.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

- 8. Update on upcoming site visits. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion. No action taken.

- 9. Update on the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Continuum of Care funding. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion. No action taken.

- 10. Chair report. Discussion only.

Discussion. No action taken.

- 11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Minutes Approved on: _____

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary: _____