



Berkeley Homeless  
Services Panel of Experts

## MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2023

1. **Roll Call:** 7:00 PM  
**Present:** Johnson, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Bookstein (absent until 7:05), and Meany.  
**Absent:** Jones, Feller.  
**Staff:** Jacobs.  
**Council:** None.  
**Public:** 0.

2. Comments from the Public: 0.

### Update/Action Items

3. Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2023.

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Kealoha Blake move to approve the minutes as written.

**Vote:** *Ayes:* Johnson, Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, and Meany.  
*Noes:* None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Bookstein, Jones, Feller.

4. Agenda Approval.

**Action:** M/S/C Meany/Marasovic move to approve the agenda as written.

**Vote:** *Ayes:* Johnson, Bookstein, Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, and Meany.  
*Noes:* None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Jones, Feller.

5. Land acknowledgement.

Discussion; no action taken.

6. Recommendation Selection of modified date for April, 2023 HSPE meeting.  
Discussion and possible action.

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Meany move to modify the April 2023 HSPE meeting from April 5, 2023 to April 26, 2023.

**Vote:** *Ayes:* Johnson, Bookstein, Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, and Meany.  
*Noes:* None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Jones, Feller.

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7. Staff update on health and safety protocols for in-person commission meetings, Here/There encampment closure, and Emergency Resolution Funding Grant Round 2. Discussion.

Discussion; no action taken.

8. Chair Report.

Discussion; no action taken.

9. Articulating a clearer mission and Homeless Services Panel of Experts' goals. Discuss impact that HSPE has on Council decisions. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

10. Vice-Chair report on Council Budget & Finance Committee meetings and other community updates. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

11. Recommendation on HOME ARP funds pursuant to City's application. Discussion and possible action.

**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Meany recommends that the staff recommendation for support services for HOME-ARP monies include a segment of those monies to be directed to a gender-based/domestic violence transition house which would also serve sex trafficking victims. If HOME-ARP monies are not to be so utilized, then that Council identify another source of funding for this purpose and refer to staff for implementation.

**Vote:** *Ayes:* Johnson, Bookstein, Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, and Meany.  
*Noes:* None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Jones, Feller.

12. Review programs, current and proposed, funded under Measure P and establish priorities for funding. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

13. Rescission of inclement weather recommendation to be modified to recommendation to incorporate inclement weather needs coordination in community agency allocation process with interim delegation of this function to a current Berkeley homeless services provider. Discussion and possible action.

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**Action:** M/S/C Marasovic/Meany move to rescind the inclement weather recommendation to be modified to recommend to incorporate inclement weather needs coordination in community agency allocation process with interim delegation of this function to a current Berkeley homeless services provider.

**Vote:** Ayes: Johnson, Bookstein, Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, and Meany.  
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller.

14. Selection of site visit(s). Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

15. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes Approved on: May 3, 2023

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

