



Berkeley Homeless
Services Panel of Experts

MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2025

1. **Roll Call:** 7:02 PM

Present: Marasovic, Segal, Meany, Bookstein, & Kealoha-Blake (absent until 7:12).

Absent: Jones (Leave of Absence).

Staff: Jacobs.

Council: None.

Public: 3.

2. Reading of the Land Acknowledgement

3. Approval of the Agenda

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany move to amend the agenda so that item 6 is moved to item 12 and item 12 is moved to item 6.

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Meany, Segal, & Bookstein.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake, Jones (Leave of Absence).

4. Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2025

Action: M/S/C Meany/Bookstein move to approve the minutes as written.

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Meany, Segal, & Bookstein.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake, Jones (Leave of Absence).

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (up to 2 min. per speaker to make comments or present questions regarding items not on the agenda. No discussion from the panel is permitted at this time)

- Comments from the public: 0

Action Items:

6. Election for HSPE Vice-Chair. Discussion and possible action

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany move to elect Carole Marasovic to Vice Chair.

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Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Meany, & Kealoha-Blake.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* Segal & Bookstein. *Absent:* Jones (Leave of Absence).

7. Discussion and possible action on complaint regarding alleged safety hazards at Insight Housing shelter temporarily located at 4300 San Pablo Ave in Emeryville.

Discussion; no action taken.

8. Preliminary Discussion on Measure P Funding in the Upcoming Budget Process, including community agency funding allocations; identification of long-term funding commitments and areas of potential flexibility; consideration of alternative billing strategies (e.g., CalAIM); and exploration of possible adjustments to allocations. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

9. Discussion on Alternative Sites for Homeless Services Review of the recent Council item on establishing an additional site to address homelessness. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

10. Discussion on Housing Retention Monies and Funding Sources including updates on Berkeley Emergency Housing Vouchers not reauthorized by Congress and identifying potential sources of funding (Measure P, General Fund, Measure U1) for continued tenancy support and collaboration with the Berkeley Housing Authority. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

11. Scheduling of Special HSPE Meeting in May 2025 from the following options: Thursday, May 15; Monday, May 19; Wednesday, May 21. Discussion and possible action.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Bookstein move to schedule a replacement meeting for the April regular meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, from 7:00-9:00 PM at the North Berkeley Senior Center.

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Meany, Segal, Bookstein, & Kealoha-Blake.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Jones (Leave of Absence).

12. Discussion and possible action on adopting the HSPE Bylaws.

Discussion; no action taken.

Updates:

13. Public Comment on Agenda Items (*up to 2 minutes per speaker to present concerns or questions regarding items on the agenda. No discussion permitted*)

- Comments from the public: 3

14. Commissioner Reports (*up to 5 minutes allotted to each commissioner to speak about updates, concerns, projects, questions, or to request items to be added to the next meeting's agenda. No discussion permitted*)

15. Chair Report (*up to 5 minutes for chair to provide general updates and relay communication from city council or other committees*)

16. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes Approved on: 5.21.2025

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary:  _____