



Berkeley Homeless  
Services Panel of Experts

## MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2024

1. **Roll Call:** 7:04 PM
- 2.

**Present:** Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake (absent after 7:54), Segal, Meany, and Bookstein.

**Absent:** Palmatier (Leave of Absence) and Jones.

**Staff:** Jacobs, Wilson.

**Council:** None.

**Public:** 2.

3. Land acknowledgement.
4. Comments from the Public: 0.

### Update/Action Items

5. Approval of the Agenda. Discussion and Possible Action.

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

**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, Segal, Meany, and Bookstein.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Palmatier and Jones.

6. Approval of Minutes from June 5, 2024. Discussion and Possible Action.

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

**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, Segal, and Bookstein.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* Meany. *Absent:* Palmatier and Jones.

7. Approval of Minutes from July 10, 2024. Discussion and Possible Action.

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

**Vote:** Ayes: Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, Segal, and Bookstein.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* Meany. *Absent:* Palmatier and Jones.

8. Chair Update. Discussion only.

Discussion; no action taken.

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- 9. Transfer of \$549,785 previously allocated for acquisition of Insight Housing’s Russell House to Insight Housing’s Dwight Way shelter for rehab funds. Discussion and Possible Action.

**Action:** M/S/C Segal/Bookstein move to recommend the transfer of the \$549,785 previously allocated funds for acquisition of Insight Housing’s Russell House to Insight Housing’s Dwight Way shelter for rehab funds to enable the facility to meet the state standard for occupancy.

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

- 10. United States Supreme Court Grants Pass decision. Discussion and Possible Action.

**Action:** M/S/C Segal/Meany the Homeless Services Panel of Experts (HSPE) discussed at two meetings and reviewed extensive documents related to the recent Supreme Court of the United States decision on Grants Pass v. Johnson. We understand that City Council is reviewing the city’s direction and policies in response to this decision. As the statutorily mandated HSPE, we believe it is highly advisable that the city should consult with HSPE before it finalizes any action or makes changes to homeless response policies.

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

- 11. Letter to Council for one additional meeting to compensate for July 22, 2024 Special meeting so that HSPE can hold regular meetings in September, October, and November, 2024. Discussion and Possible Action.

**Action:** M/S/C Segal/Meany move to approve the report to City Council to compensate for July 22, 2024 Special meeting so that HSPE can hold regular meetings in September, October, and November, 2024 subject to the edits discussed by the panel to be submitted by the chair.

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

- 12. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Minutes Approved on: 9/4/2024

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary: 

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