



Berkeley Homeless
Services Panel of Experts

MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2024

1. **Roll Call:** 7:00 PM
Present: Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, Segal, Meany, Jones (absent until 7:04), and Bookstein.
Absent: None.
Staff: Jacobs.
Council: None.
Public: 2.
2. Land acknowledgment.
3. Comments from the Public: 0.

Update/Action Items

4. Approval of the Agenda. Discussion and Possible Action.
Action: M/S/C Segal/Meany move to approve the agenda as written.

Ayes: Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake, Segal, Palmatier, Jones, Meany, and Bookstein.
Noes: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Jones.
5. Approval of Minutes from July 22, 2024. Discussion and Possible Action.
Action: M/S/C Meany/Jones move to approve the minutes as written.

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

Discussion; no action taken.
7. Discussion of possible letter or report on Council item at September 10, 2024 Council meeting addressing clearing identified encampments without offer of housing/shelter based on specified conditions. Discussion and Possible Action.
Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany move to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

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

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Noes: Segal. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Palmatier move to approve a letter to go to council expressing the stance that HSPE opposes the clearing of the encampments unless an offer of shelter and/or housing is made.

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

8. Discussion of possible letter or report on safety protocols at shelters and other homeless service programs that addresses provider responsibility to act as keen observers of residents/participants and to act expeditiously towards conflict resolution; plan modification; reporting or other actions. Recommendation may include addressing weapons in shelters and other homeless services programs as to whether improved staff training and oversight is sufficient or implementation of metal detectors should be explored as a matter of last resort. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion, no action taken.

9. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Minutes Approved on: 10/9/2024

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary:  _____