



Berkeley Homeless  
Services Panel of Experts

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_