



Berkeley Homeless
Services Panel of Experts

MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2024

1. **Roll Call:** 7:00 PM
Present: Meany (absent after 9:08), Bookstein, Marasovic, Kealoha-Blake (absent until 7:15), and Palmatier.
Absent: Jones.
Staff: Carnegie, Jacobs, Vasquez.
Council: None.
Public: 3.
2. Comments from the Public: 2.
3. Land acknowledgement.

Update/Action Items

4. Approval of Minutes from February 28, 2024.
Action: M/S/C Meany/Bookstein move to approve the minutes as written.
Vote: *Ayes:* Meany, Marasovic, Palmatier, and Bookstein.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Kealoha-Blake and Jones.
5. Agenda Approval.
Action: M/S/C Meany/Marasovic move to approve the agenda as written.
Vote: *Ayes:* Meany, Marasovic, Palmatier, Bookstein.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Jones and Kealoha-Blake.
6. Discussion of the FY 2025 – 2028 Community Agency Funding Process.
Action: M/S/C Meany/Palmatier HSPE commissioners concurred with the City Manager’s recommendation for Women’s Daytime Drop in Center – WDDC Family Housing Resource.
Vote: *Ayes:* Meany, Palmatier, Bookstein, and Kealoha-Blake.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* Marasovic. *Absent:* Jones
Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany HSPE commissioners concurred with the City Manager’s recommendation for Insight Housing – Women’s Shelter.

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

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany HSPE commissioners concurred with the City Manager's recommendation for Insight Housing – Shelter Plus Care Services.

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

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany HSPE decided to not fund Bonita House - SIL by \$24,480 and to reduce LLMC – COACH/Square One by \$63,454.00 to concur with the City Manager's recommendation that all shelter plus care services be coordinated through Insight Housing.

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

Action: M/S/C Meany/Marasovic HSPE commissioners concurred with the City Manager's recommendation for Insight Housing's Hope Center Men's Housing Program.

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

Action: M/S/C Palmatier/Meany recommend that BACS North County HRC / Housing Hub receive the current award and not city manager's recommendation.

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

Action: M/S/C Bookstein/Marasovic HSPE commissioners concurred with the City Manager's recommendation for DDH - Drop In Center.

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

Action: M/S/C Palmatier/Marasovic HSPE commissioners concurred with the City Manager's recommendation for DDH - Shelter and BESS.

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

Action: M/S/C Palmatier/Marasovic HSPE commissioners concurred with the City Manager's recommendation for BOSS - Housing Navigation.

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

Action: M/S/C Meany/Marasovic recommend that we do not change our recommendation on HAC – mainstream benefit enrollment

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

Action: M/S/C Meany/Marasovic Marasovic/Bookstein agree to extend the meeting.

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

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Bookstein HSPE commissioners concurred with the City Manager's recommendation for BACS - Pathways STAIR Center.

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

Action: M/S/C Palmatier/Marasovic HSPE commissioners concurred with the City Manager's recommendation for Downtown Streets – Workforce Development.

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

Action: M/S/C Palmatier/Marasovic HSPE commissioners concurred with the City Manager's recommendation for EDC – Housing Retention.

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

Action: M/S/C Palmatier/Marasovic HSPE commissioners concurred with the City Manager's recommendation for LSYS – Turning Point.

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

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Palmatier HSPE commissioners concurred with the City Manager's recommendation for LLMC – SHP.

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

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Kealoha-Blake HSPE commissioners concurred with the City Manager's recommendation for Toolworks – Supportive Housing.

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

Motion failed.

Action: M/S/C Palmatier/Bookstein HSPE commissioners concurred with the City Manager's recommendation for WDDC – Homeless Case Management.

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

Action: M/S/C Palmatier/Marasovic HSPE commissioners concurred with the City Manager's recommendation for WDDC – Transitional Housing, but note that the panel wants to see a cost of living increase for this project and across all programs.

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

Action: M/S/C Palmatier/Marasovic HSPE commissioners concurred with the City Manager's recommendation for Bonita House – Drop-in and Benefits Advocacy, DDH – Workforce Development; and BOSS – Step-Up Housing.

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

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Bookstein move to allocate \$136,000 to the Pacific Center for Human Growth in the expectation that City Council can identify other sources in the general fund and that PCHG can identify other funding to fund the project fully.

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

Action: M/S/C Bookstein/Marasovic move to reconsider the situation after looking at the overall budget and move to support the staff recommendation for HAC – Mainstream Benefits.

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

Action: M/S/C Meany/Kealoha-Blake nominate Carole Marasovic as chair.

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

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Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Meany, Jones


Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Bookstein nominate Paul Kealoha- Blake as vice chair.

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

Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 PM.

Minutes Approved on: 4-10-2024

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary:  _____