



Berkeley Homeless
Services Panel of Experts

MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2023

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

Present: Meany, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Wachspres, Jones (absent until 7:04 PM), Bookstein (absent until 7:30 PM), and Hynes.

Absent: Feller.

Staff: Jacobs, Radu, Vance-Dozier, McCormick.

Council: None.

Public: 33.

2. Comments from the Public: 18.

Update/Action Items

3. Approval of Minutes from July 13, 2023.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Kealoha-Blake move to approve the July 13 minutes as written.

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

4. Agenda Approval.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Kealoha-Blake move to approve the agenda as amended to move the land acknowledgement to a non-discussion item and to move items 8 and 9 before item 6.

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

5. Discussion of the Land acknowledgement.

Discussion; no action taken.

6. Update on reports to council including serving inclement weather needs, RV dwellers, and other vehicle dwellers, authorization for an additional homeless services panel of experts meeting in October 2023, and incorporating accommodations for literacy issues and cognitive impairments into Request for

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Proposals (RFP) for providers in the community agency allocation funding process.
Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

7. Update on Encampment Based Mobile Wellness Team, Health Housing and Community Services new health assessment report, and additional funds to Berkeley Food Network. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

8. Development of Good Neighbor Guidelines and Encampment Policy. Discussion and possible action.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Kealoha-Blake move to extend the meeting until 9:30 PM unless longer time is not needed.

Vote: Ayes: Meany, Hynes, Kealoha-Blake, Bookstein, Wachspress, Jones, and Marasovic.

Noes: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Feller.

Action: M/S/C Hynes/Marasovic move to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Meany, Hynes, Kealoha-Blake, Bookstein, Wachspress, Jones, and Marasovic.

Noes: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Feller.

Action: M/S/C Wachspress/Jones move to extend the meeting by 5 minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Meany, Hynes, Kealoha-Blake, Bookstein, Wachspress, Jones, and Marasovic.

Noes: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Feller.

Action: M/S/C Bookstein/Hynes the HSPE further moves to appoint a subcommittee to work on a draft policy to refer to council that will be posted and open to the public to allow us to get input in a proper forum in order to get a recommendation to council by the January 3 meeting and that we factor in everything we heard tonight. The subcommittee will consist of commissioners Wachspress, Marasovic, Jones, Kealoha-Blake.

Vote: Ayes: Meany, Hynes, Kealoha-Blake, Bookstein, Wachspress, Jones, and Marasovic.

Noes: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Feller.

9. Discussion of the 2024 Homeless Services Panel of Experts meeting schedule. Discussion and possible action.

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Action: M/S/C Hynes/Bookstein move to approve the HSPE schedule but adjust the January, July, and October meetings to meet the second Wednesday of the month instead of the first Wednesday to accommodate holidays.

Vote: Ayes: Meany, Hynes, Kealoha-Blake, Bookstein, Wachspress, Jones, and Marasovic.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Feller.

10. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Minutes Approved on: 2/14/2024

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary: _____

