

**City of Alameda, California
SOCIAL SERVICE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023
APPROVED MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Scott Means called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Acting President Scott Means, Board Members Samantha Green, Dianne Yamashiro-Omi, Gerald Bryant, and Bernie Wolf (Late)

Absent: Board Member Michelle Buchholz (Excused)

City staff: Eric Fonstein and Amanda Olson

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-A Review and Approve December 1, 2022 Draft Minutes

This item will be carried over to the next SSHRB meeting due to the lack of the four members who were present and/or watched the video recording of the December 1, 2022 meeting.

[Note: According to the Alameda Municipal Code Section 2-9.3b, "The votes of a majority of the entire membership of the Board shall be necessary to take any action thereof." Also, according to SSHRB's Rules and Procedures G.4.m (Voting): "A vote of four (4) members at a properly called meeting shall be necessary for any action of the Board."]

3-B Review and Approve March 23, 2023 Draft Minutes

A motion to approve the March 23 minutes was made by Board Member Green and seconded by Board Member Bryant. Ayes: Acting President Means, Board members Green, Yamashiro-Omi, and Bryant. Nays: none. Motion passed 4-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5-A Presentations by Season for Nonviolence Speech Contest Winners

Staff member Eric Fonstein welcomed the first-place recipients, Awurama Obleton, a 6th grader from The Child Unique Montessori, and Asma Furkhunda, a 9th grader from Alameda Science & Technology Institute.

Board Comments: Board members applauded the students for their participation,

dedication and advocacy with their peers, and acknowledged the impact that the youth population has on the community.

5-B Revise As Needed and Approve the Social Service Human Relations Board (SSHRB) Fiscal Year 2023-24 Work Plan for the City Council Consideration

Staff member Eric Fonstein presented the current status of the SSHRB Fiscal Year 2023-24 Work Plan, highlighting previous discussions regarding dissolving the Community Needs Assessment and replacing it with, Homelessness.

Public Comments – None.

Board Comments: Board Member Yamashiro-Omi requested that the board is included in City hosted meetings when discussing homelessness. Staff member Amanda Olson stated she will notify SSHRB members of meetings when applicable.

A motion to approve the Revised SSHRB Fiscal Year 2023-24 Work Plan for City Council Consideration was made by Acting President Means and seconded by Board Member Yamashiro-Omi. Ayes: Acting President Means, Board Members Green, Yamashiro-Omi, Bryant, and Wolfe. Nays: none. Motion passed 5-0.

5-C Social Service Human Relations Board Workgroup Reports

- Domestic Violence Task Force (Buchholz/Wolf) – Quarterly meeting needs to be scheduled to discuss the directions of the task force and its goals.
- Alamedans Together Against Hate (Yamashiro-Omi, Bryant) – Board Member Bryant summarized the historical information and detailed the proposed changes.
- Infrastructure Workgroup (Means) – No update.

5-D Nominations and elections for President and Vice President to Complete the 2022-23 Term that ends in July 2023

Public Comment – None.

A motion to approve Scott Means as President for the remaining 2022-23 term was made by Board Member Bryant and seconded by Board Member Yamashiro-Omi. Ayes: Acting President Means, Board Members Green, Yamashiro-Omi, Bryant, and Wolfe. Nays: none. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion to approve Samantha Green as Vice President for the remaining 2022-23 term was made by Board Member Bryant and seconded by Acting President Means. Ayes: Acting President Means, Board Members Yamashiro-Omi, Bryant, and Wolfe. Nays: none. Abstained: Board Member Green: Motion passed 4-0.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

6-A Status Report on Homeless Services

Staff member Amanda Olson shared an update on Homeless Services.

6-B Future City Council Agenda Items

Staff member Eric Fonstein shared upcoming events that SSHRB members may be interested in attending:

- Community Needs Assessment, May 2
- Dignity Village Grand Opening, May 3
- SSHRB Fiscal Year 2023-24 Work Plan, June 6

7. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

None.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Acting President Means adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.