



**CITY OF OAKLAND
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS**

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 5:15 PM
1 Frank H Ogawa Plaza
Hearing Room 1

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Yolanda Anderson, Janny Castillo, Marcus Christmas, Joey Harrison, Alexis Lozano, Candice Elder, Marlene Hurd – 7

Excused: Mark Walker-1

Vacancy-1

2. Public Comment

There were no speakers on this item.

3. Approval of Draft Minutes for the meeting of September 27, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Christmas and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to approve the draft meeting minutes of September 27, 2023. Upon call of the vote, the motion passed by **Ayes: Anderson, Christmas, Lozano, Harrison, Elder, Vice-Chair Castillo – 5, Excused: Chair Walker –1, Abstain: Hurd – 1**

Vice Chair Castillo will preside over this meeting.

4. Receive a Presentation on the City of Oakland's Homeless Emergency Intervention Sites

C'Mone Falls, Human Services Department's Community Homelessness Services Division Interim Manager presented a summary of the City of Oakland's Emergency Homelessness Intervention sites.

There were no speakers on this item.

5. Discussion and Action on Creation of a Homeless Working Group

Assistant City Administrator, LaTonda Simmons provided a summary of Oakland City Council Resolution 88438 C.M.S. on creation the Homeless Working Group. The commission discussed options that included ways to allow the commission to create a Homeless Working Group sub-committee by expansion of the Commission's membership and/or assignment to the Policy Committee to develop outreach strategies. The commission assigned the Policy Committee the tasks of drafting a letter to the City Council to allow for the expansion of its



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membership and also the development of an outreach program to collect feedback from the unhoused community. The policy sub-Committee will meet within the next two weeks to draft a letter to City Council to expand the authority of the Homeless Working Group to be heard by the November 15th Special Commission Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hurd and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to receive the presentation. Upon call of the vote, the motion was passed by **Ayes: Anderson, Christmas, Lozano, Harrison, Elder, Hurd, Vice-Chair Castillo – 7, Excused: Chair Walker -1.**

6. Motion to Approve the Selection of Officers Pursuant to the Commission on Homelessness' Bylaws

Vice Chair Castillo announced the rescheduling of this item to the Special Meeting on November 15th. A motion was made by Commissioner Christmas and seconded by Commissioner Elder to move the item to the next commission meeting. Upon call of the vote, the motion was passed by **Ayes: Anderson, Christmas, Lozano, Harrison, Elder, Hurd, Vice-Chair Castillo – 7, Excused: Chair Walker -1.**

7. Discussion and Action on the Presentation of the Proposed Commission on Homelessness' Work Plan

Commissioner Lozano presented the Commission on Homelessness Work Plan and timeline.

Commissioner Harrison was noted out of his seat and excused at 6:42pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hurd and seconded by Commissioner Christmas to receive the presentation. Upon call of the vote, the motion was passed by **Ayes: Anderson, Christmas, Lozano, Elder, Hurd, Vice-Chair Castillo – 6, Excused: Chair Walker, Harrison -2**

Commissioner Harrison was noted back in his seat and present at 6:45pm.

8. Discussion and Action on the Proposed Schedule of Future Meetings and Agenda Topics

A motion was made by Christmas and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to hold a Special Meeting on November 15, 2023 and to cancel the December meeting due to the holidays. The Commission members will discuss items and proposed items for future agendas. Upon call of the vote, the motion was passed by **Ayes: Anderson, Christmas, Lozano, Harrison, Elder, Hurd, Vice-Chair Castillo – 7, Excused: Chair Walker -1**



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9. Open Forum

There were no speakers on this item.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Hurd and seconded by Commission Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Upon call of the vote the motion was passed by **Ayes: Anderson, Christmas, Lozano, Harrison, Elder, Hurd, Vice-Chair Castillo – 7, Excused: Chair Walker –1**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54p.m.

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