



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

**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 Vacant-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**

**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 Manager)**

C'Mone Falls, Human Services Department's Community Homelessness Services Division 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 (LaTonda Simmons, Assistant City Administrator)**

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



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drafting a letter to City Council to expand the authority of the Homeless Working Group to be heard at the November 15<sup>th</sup> Special Commission Meeting.

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**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 of November 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 details on the Commission on Homelessness' Work Plan.

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 Commissioner 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**

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**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 adjourned at 6:54p.m.

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