

# City & County of San Francisco Homelessness Oversight Commission (HOC) August 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes



Meeting Date: Thursday, August 6, 2026 Meeting Time: 9:00 AM  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Room 416, City Hall

## **Commission Members:**

Katie Albright (Chair)  
Obai Rambo (Vice Chair)  
Dontaye Ball  
Bevan Dufty  
Joaquin Guerrero  
Sharky Laguana  
Thomas Rocca

## **Daniel Lurie**

Mayor

## **Mike Levine, Executive**

### **Director**

Department of Homelessness  
and Supportive Housing

## **Commission Secretary**

Bridget Badasow

## **Meeting Minutes**

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Members of the Homelessness Oversight Commission will attend this meeting in-person. Members of the public are invited to observe the meeting in-person or remotely online as described below. Members of the public attending the meeting in person will have an opportunity to provide public comment on every action or discussion item. In addition to in-person public comment, the Commission will hear up to 10 minutes of remote public comment on each action or discussion item.

The Commission will hear remote public comments on items in the order that commenters add themselves to the queue to comment on the item. Because of the 10-minute time limit, it is possible that not every person in the queue will have an opportunity to provide remote public comment. Remote public comment from people who have received an accommodation due to disability (as described below) will not count toward the 10-minute limit. Members of the public are encouraged to provide public comment via email. Send an email to the Commission Secretary [bridget.badasow@sfgov.org](mailto:bridget.badasow@sfgov.org) by 5pm the day before the meeting to ensure your comment is received by the Commission in advance of the meeting.

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## **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

### **1) CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Albright called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. and read the Ramaytush Oholone Land Acknowledgement

### **2) ROLL CALL**

Present:

Katie Albright (Chair)  
Obai Rambo (Vice Chair)  
Bevan Dufty  
Joaquin Guerrero  
Sharky Laguana  
Thomas Rocca

Excused:

Dontaye Ball

The Homelessness and Supportive Housing Executive Director, Mike Levine, and Deputy City Attorney Anne Pearson were present.

### **3) ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SOUND PRODUCING DEVICES DURING THE MEETING**

The Commission Secretary made the prohibition of sound producing devices announcement.

### **4) ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

No announcements

### **5) COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No Commissioner announcements.

### **6) APPROVAL OF JUNE 4, 2026 HOC MEETING MINUTES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

On motion to approve the June 4, 2026 HOC meeting minutes.

AYES:

Katie Albright (Chair)  
Obai Rambo (Vice Chair)  
Bevan Dufty  
Joaquin Guerrero  
Sharky Laguana  
Thomas Rocca

Absent:

Dontaye Ball

Action: June 4, 2026 minutes were adopted.

**7) EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Employee recognition will resume during the September 3, 2026 HOC meeting.

**8) DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Levine presented the Director's Report and provided an overview of HSH's priorities and key initiatives for the coming year. He shared that, during his first several weeks with the Department, he had met with staff, City partners, community providers, and clients to better understand current programs, challenges, and opportunities. He emphasized his goal of establishing clear and measurable departmental priorities that will allow the Commission and the public to monitor HSH's progress throughout the year.

The Director identified several key priorities, including relaunching procurement, enhancing safety in Permanent Supportive Housing, maximizing Medi-Cal revenue, implementing FY 2026–27 budget investments, reviewing the Good Neighbor Policy and residency requirements, addressing shelter length of stay, expanding recovery and drug-free housing options, redesigning Coordinated Entry, implementing the Contract Lifecycle Management System, and responding to state and federal policy and funding changes.

Director Levine provided additional detail regarding the Department's procurement efforts. He described the procurement process as an opportunity to strengthen San Francisco's homelessness response system by establishing clearer expectations, increasing accountability, and focusing more directly on client outcomes.

The Director stated that HSH plans to release a Request for Information (RFI) to gather input from providers, community members, clients, and other stakeholders before developing Requests for Proposals

(RFPs). HSH also plans to conduct community listening sessions, which will be open to the public and Commission members.

Director Levine stated that the procurement process will emphasize measurable outcomes and explore moving away from a primarily expense-based reimbursement model toward an approach that more closely connects funding with services provided and outcomes achieved. He also emphasized the importance of balancing increased provider accountability with greater flexibility to achieve those outcomes.

The Director concluded by noting that additional information on these initiatives will be presented to the Commission at future meetings and handed the Meeting over to Interim Deputy Director for Administration and Finance Dylan Schneider for a brief update on the final HSH FY26-27 Budget

Interim Deputy Director of Administration and Finance Dylan Schneider provided an update on the final two-year budget, noting that it remained largely consistent with the Mayor's proposed budget previously presented to the Commission.

Interim Deputy Director Schneider reported that the final budget maintained existing programs at current service levels and included several strategic investments, including a \$98 million reserve to address anticipated federal and state funding reductions, \$37.3 million for prevention, \$54.7 million for interim housing, and \$140 million for supportive housing, including 800 new time-limited housing subsidies.

Interim Deputy Director Schneider noted that a key change from the Mayor's proposed budget was a \$2.7 million annual investment to support families leaving shelter, which would fund long-term housing subsidies rather than the originally proposed time-limited subsidies.

Director Levine thanked Interim Deputy Director Schneider, Department staff, former Executive Director Shireen McSpadden, the Board of Supervisors, and the Mayor's Office for their work and partnership in developing a strong final budget.

Director Levine handed the meeting over to Deputy Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs Emily Cohen who provided an update on the Good Neighbor Policy. Deputy Director Cohen reported that public feedback from providers, businesses, and community members had been incorporated into the revised policy, which further clarifies provider responsibilities, strengthens safety requirements, and reduces administrative burdens.

The Deputy Director stated that HSH is working with the Mayor's Office of Innovation to develop an application to streamline reporting and allow providers to escalate issues requiring assistance from appropriate City departments. She emphasized that responsibility for addressing neighborhood concerns is shared between providers and the City.

The final policy is expected to be released in mid-August, followed by provider training and application development in September, with full implementation anticipated in October.

Commissioner Dufty encouraged HSH to partner with SFGovTV to develop educational materials explaining the Good Neighbor Policy and how community members can address neighborhood concerns related to service sites.

Chief Deputy Director Marion Sanders provided an update on the 2026 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) competition, noting that changes to HUD's funding structure have made the process significantly more competitive. San Francisco's annual renewal demand is approximately \$59 million, with projects divided between two funding tiers.

The Chief Deputy Director reported that Tier 1 funding, which previously covered approximately 90–95% of renewal demand, is now capped at 60%, placing projects in Tier 2 at greater risk. She also noted HUD's increased emphasis on transitional housing, supportive services, recovery-focused models, employment, and self-sufficiency.

Chief Deputy Director Sanders stated that HSH is prioritizing large site-based Permanent Supportive Housing projects in Tier 1 and strategically ranking Tier 2 projects to maximize San Francisco's competitiveness for federal funding. The final federal application is due August 26, with HUD awards anticipated in December.

Commissioner Laguana asked the Chief Deputy Director to explain the meaning of Tier one and Tier two.

In response to Commissioner Laguana's question, Chief Deputy Director Sanders explained that Tier one primarily includes Permanent Supportive Housing projects that are generally protected from national competition, while Tier two projects compete nationally for funding. Tier two includes projects such as domestic violence and youth demonstration programs, as well as projects aligned with HUD's newer priorities, including transitional housing and outreach services.

Deputy Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs Emily Cohen provided a state and local legislative update. The Deputy Director reported that the State approved \$900 million for round seven of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program. She noted several policy changes, including new local match requirements, and stated that San Francisco is well positioned to meet the requirements.

Deputy Director Cohen also provided an update on AB 1556, state legislation sponsored by Mayor Lurie and authored by Assemblymember Haney that would establish a funding framework for recovery-focused supportive housing while maintaining Housing First principles and resident choice.

At the local level, Deputy Director Cohen reported that Supervisor Dorsey's drug-free supportive housing legislation had passed the Board of Supervisors. The legislation applies to future Permanent Supportive Housing projects when allowable under the applicable funding source and does not require conversion of existing projects.

In closing the Director provided an update on accountability measures and the transition of four expiring HomeRise agreements to qualified new providers, emphasizing resident stability, continuity of services, responsible use of public funds, and careful monitoring throughout the transition. He also noted that a rapid rehousing contract with Hamilton is moving forward through June 30, 2030, and that the Department continues to address staffing vacancies within its approved budget. Regarding system performance data, the Director emphasized his goal of providing clear, meaningful information that highlights key trends while maintaining robust supporting data, noting the need for greater investment in prevention and problem-solving, ongoing challenges with the shelter waitlist, and encouraging progress in reducing permanent supportive housing vacancies.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Aisha McCain**- the sister of the late Eric McCain expressed support for Director Levine's acknowledgment of ongoing complaints and performance concerns involving HomeRise but urged the City to take further action beyond transitioning four contracts. Aisha called for increased administrative and fiscal oversight of HomeRise and greater accountability from its leadership and Board of Directors. Aisha described concerns regarding the circumstances surrounding her brother's death and the handling of his apartment afterward, stating that these experiences demonstrated broader failures in resident safety and accountability. She concluded by expressing confidence in Director Levine's leadership and urging the Department to take additional action to protect vulnerable residents and prevent similar incidents.

**Tabitha Allen**- Deputy Director of the Tenderloin Housing Clinic and Co-Chair of the Supportive Housing Providers Network, welcomed Director Levine and expressed appreciation for the format and transparency of the Director's Report, particularly its focus on departmental goals and data. She also thanked the Department for its follow-up on the Good Neighbor Policy and for listening to concerns previously raised by supportive housing providers. She expressed interest in reviewing the revised policy and hoped there would be additional opportunities for stakeholder feedback as it is finalized.

**Jordan Wasilewski**- a permanent supportive housing tenant activist, supported maximizing available state funding while urging caution regarding federal funding that may impose requirements inconsistent with local priorities. Jordan emphasized that maintaining housing stability should be considered a success even when tenants are unable to work or participate in services and urged thoughtful implementation of Good Neighbor Policies and drug-free housing to avoid creating additional burdens, barriers, or eviction risks. Jordan also expressed support for permanent funding to help families leave SROs and raised concerns about accountability among supportive housing providers. She stressed that changes in providers should protect tenants and ensure they are not transitioned into worse conditions.

**Jennifer Friedenbach**- Jennifer Friedenbach welcomed Director Levine and raised concerns about residency requirements for homelessness services, arguing that they may disproportionately affect people with longstanding ties to San Francisco who have been displaced, as well as immigrants seeking assistance. Jennifer urged the City to avoid policies that create barriers or pit vulnerable communities against one another and called for greater overall investment in homelessness services. Jennifer also

criticized the Our City, Our Home investment plan, stating that too little funding was directed toward permanent housing and long-term solutions. She encouraged the Department to develop a stronger future investment strategy focused on preventing and permanently resolving homelessness.

**Isabel Luevano**- raised concerns regarding her treatment by Catholic Charities while participating in the Scattered Sites program, citing inconsistent communication and a lack of support from staff. She stated that she had initially been approved to relocate to San Jose, secured a willing landlord, and began preparing to move, but was later informed that she could no longer relocate there and would need to remain closer to San Francisco. She expressed concern that the change occurred after significant time and expense had already been invested in the move and described difficulties obtaining timely information and assistance from her case management team. She stated that the situation has negatively affected her family stability and support network and asked for assistance in finding a resolution.

**Marnie Regen**- Division Director at Larkin Street Youth Services and Chair of the Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA), expressed strong concerns regarding potential residency requirements for people experiencing homelessness. She stated that such requirements could create additional barriers for vulnerable populations, including youth, survivors of domestic violence, immigrants, transgender individuals, and families seeking stability. Marnie urged the Commission and Director Levine to engage with homeless service providers and consider the potential impacts of any residency policy on the populations they serve. She emphasized that access to services should be based on need rather than residency status.

**Charles Pitt**-raised concerns about accountability for employees of service providers whose contracts are not renewed, questioning whether problematic staff may simply move to other contracted organizations. Charles argued that ending a provider's contract does not necessarily address concerns about individual employee conduct or prevent similar issues from occurring elsewhere. He also referenced a recent public records request regarding policies addressing alleged staff misconduct and expressed dissatisfaction with the response received. Charles urged the Department to establish stronger accountability measures for staff working within contracted programs.

**Christin Evans**-former Homelessness Oversight Commissioner, expressed concern that the Department's key initiatives for the coming year did not appear sufficiently focused on people experiencing homelessness. She criticized the allocation of housing resources and rising housing costs, arguing that City policies have contributed to increased homelessness and greater demand for shelter. Christin also expressed concern that the reported increase in the shelter waitlist was not given sufficient attention in the Director's Report. Christin urged the Department and Commission to center future policies, discussions, and initiatives on the needs of people experiencing homelessness and expanding access to housing and supportive services.

### **Commissioner Comments on the Director's Report**

Commissioner Guerrero thanked the Director and staff for the report and emphasized the importance of adequately training and supporting frontline staff who work with individuals experiencing homelessness and complex behavioral health needs. Drawing from his own experience working in and opening shelters, the Commissioner noted that many current provider challenges may be connected to the rapid expansion of homelessness services during the COVID-19 pandemic, when organizations were required to scale operations quickly without sufficient time to hire and train staff. Commissioner Guerrero encouraged the Department to consider this history when evaluating provider performance and accountability, noting that challenges should not necessarily be viewed simply as a matter of “good” or “bad” providers. The Commissioner praised the Department for incorporating feedback from providers and advocates into funding decisions, including the shift of additional funding toward longer-term interventions, and viewed this as an example of productive collaboration. He also expressed appreciation for the Director's focus on increasing transparency and encouraged continued listening sessions and meaningful engagement with people experiencing homelessness, service providers, and the broader community. Regarding the Good Neighbor Policy, the Commissioner acknowledged legitimate community safety concerns while cautioning against placing additional responsibilities on providers that are already operating beyond capacity. Commissioner Guerrero encouraged the Department to take a balanced approach in which the City shares responsibility for training, resources, implementation, and community safety while ensuring that the needs and experiences of people receiving services remain part of the discussion.

**Commissioner Laguana**-formally welcomed Director Levine and expressed appreciation for his leadership, experience, and approach to presenting the Director's Report, particularly the concise summary of key data and trends. The Commissioner emphasized the importance of maximizing state and federal funding and expressed strong support for increased investment in homelessness prevention, asking how new prevention funding could be targeted to reach those most at risk of losing housing and provide flexible support to keep them housed. Commissioner Laguana also echoed concerns raised during public comment regarding residency requirements and emphasized the importance of providing assistance to people experiencing homelessness regardless of where they previously lived. Additionally, the Commissioner discussed opportunities to improve service levels within shelters and highlighted written public comment suggesting that the City examine successful hostel operating models for potential lessons in providing quality, cost-effective services. Commissioner Laguana concluded by thanking members of the public for submitting thoughtful written comments and recommendations.

**Chair Albright**- expressed appreciation for the presentation of the Department's data and thanked staff for the years of work that helped build the Department's current data capacity. The Chair supported adding a summary slide highlighting the key findings and trends identified by the Director and staff. Chair Albright also echoed concerns raised during public comment regarding potential residency requirements and requested that, if the Department moves forward with such a policy, the matter be placed on a future Commission agenda for a comprehensive discussion. Regarding the Department's key initiatives for the coming year, the Chair acknowledged the significant amount of work underway and discussed opportunities to consolidate or prioritize certain initiatives. Chair Albright asked what resources or support the Department needs to successfully accomplish its priorities and, specifically, how the Commission can assist the Director and Department in achieving those goals.

9) **HSB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MIKE LEVINE, PROVIDED A DETAILED PRESENTATION ON THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SAFETY INITIATIVE.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Aisha McCain**- emphasized the importance of resident and public safety in connection with the Civil Grand Jury report and expressed appreciation that the City is acknowledging existing safety gaps and considering changes. Aisha argued that resident safety extends beyond physical security measures and should include timely responses to whistleblowers, wellness checks on residents, and stronger accountability when concerns involving provider staff are reported. Referencing her brother Eric's experience and reported incidents involving HomeRise, Aisha expressed concern that failures in oversight and case management contributed to unsafe conditions for residents and staff. She cited the Civil Grand Jury's finding that safety has not been sufficiently central to the evaluation of supportive housing and urged the Commission and Department to make safety a measurable component of provider performance. Aisha also suggested greater coordination with the Medical Examiner's Office regarding resident deaths and circumstances in which residents are not discovered promptly. She concluded by urging the Department to establish meaningful accountability measures and prioritize the protection of vulnerable supportive housing residents.

**Jordan Wasilewski**-stressed that resident safety in permanent supportive housing is critical and shared personal experiences involving break-ins and unsafe living conditions. Jordan cautioned against relying primarily on armed security or law enforcement, advocating instead for a care-first approach that includes additional nursing and behavioral health services, psychiatric support, and staff training in de-escalation. Jordan also raised concerns about wellness checks, resident deaths that go undiscovered, sexual violence, and other serious safety risks within supportive housing. Jordan concluded by urging the Department to strengthen provider accountability while ensuring that safety strategies prioritize care and the well-being of residents.

**Race Anderson**- an independent supportive housing advocate and volunteer resource concierge for the Resident Advisory Board, proposed a voice-based reporting system to help tenants report safety concerns and incidents more easily. The system would allow residents to call a hotline, provide information through a guided conversation, and submit detailed reports to management, including anonymously when desired. Race stated that the system could improve incident reporting and accountability and expressed interest in piloting it within a supportive housing building. Race emphasized that the system could potentially be expanded across supportive housing sites.

**Tabitha Allen**-stated that safety has been a longstanding concern for supportive housing residents and staff and expressed appreciation that the Department is prioritizing the issue. She noted that many buildings have only one staff member working at a time, leaving that individual to manage and de-escalate difficult situations with limited support beyond contacting law enforcement. While acknowledging that security may sometimes be necessary, Tabitha agreed that it should not be the primary solution. She urged the Department to focus on preventive resources and interventions that allow providers to obtain support for residents and staff before a situation escalates into a safety incident.

**Charles Pitt**- stated that concerns regarding safety, staffing, and provider accountability existed well before the pandemic and called for greater oversight of the homelessness response system. Charles raised concerns about hiring practices, staff misconduct, inadequate staffing levels, and the City's processes for investigating complaints involving shelter and supportive housing providers. Charles suggested establishing a Commission subcommittee focused specifically on safety and accountability and called for an independent process through which residents could submit complaints and receive meaningful investigations. Charles also expressed concern that the former Shelter Monitoring Committee lacked sufficient authority and urged the City to strengthen oversight mechanisms following its dissolution.

**Margaret McNulty**-shared that she has 15 years of experience in public and permanent supportive housing, emphasized that accessible mental health services should be a primary component of resident safety. She suggested having peer counselors available on-site and establishing an emergency resource similar to 911 that residents and staff could contact when situations begin to escalate. Drawing from her experience in supportive housing, she noted that security staff were not always readily available when residents needed immediate assistance. Margaret encouraged the Department to invest in mental health resources, de-escalation support, and other preventive services that can address crises before they develop into serious safety incidents.

**The Chair called the following agenda items out of order. New order: 11, 12, 10, 13**

**11) OLD BUSINESS**

No old business

**REGULAR CALANDER**

**ITEM 12A through 12I WERE ACTION ITEMS THAT REQUIRED A SEPERATE VOTE BY THE COMMISSION**

- A)** Requesting review and approval to enter into a new contract agreement with Hatchuel Tabernik & Associates, Inc. for Housing Expungement and Recovery through Treatment and Support Services (HEARTSS) Evaluation, for the period of September 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028 in the amount of \$240,000, which includes a 20% contingency.. HSH Deputy Director of Planning, Performance & Strategy Sarah Locher presented this item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Lorena Cole**-stated that they were employed and attending the meeting regarding a grievance, expressed concern about the effectiveness of current service management and enforcement practices. They questioned the value of using an outside contractor to evaluate the system, suggesting that existing committees, councils, staff, and community members may already have the knowledge necessary to identify needed improvements. The speaker suggested examining established oversight models, such as the Fire Department's use of clear policies, procedures, and enforcement standards. They urged the City to prioritize existing expertise and resources rather than spending significant funding on outside analysis.

On motion to approve item 12A

AYES:

Katie Albright (Chair)  
Obai Rambo (Vice Chair)  
Bevan Dufty  
Joaquin Guerrero  
Sharky Laguana  
Thomas Rocca

Excused:

Dontaye Ball

Action: Item 12A was approved.

- B)** Requesting review and approval to enter into a new contract agreement with for RDA Consulting, SPC Just Home Project Evaluation, for the period of September 1, 2026 – October 31, 2027 in the amount of \$120,000, which includes a 20% contingency. HSH Deputy Director of Planning, Performance & Strategy, Sarah Locher, presented this item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

On motion to approve item 12B

AYES:

Katie Albright (Chair)  
Obai Rambo (Vice Chair)  
Bevan Dufty  
Joaquin Guerrero  
Sharky Laguana  
Thomas Rocca

Excused:

Dontaye Ball

Action: Item 12B was approved.

- C)** Requesting review and approval to enter into a new contract agreement with Code Tenderloin, Inc. for People with Lived Experience Engagement, for the period of September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2028, in the amount of \$780,000, which includes a 20% contingency. HSH Deputy Director of Equity, Compliance, and Capacity Building Anthony Bush presented this item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Jordan Wasilewski**-expressed support for the initiative and emphasized that people with lived experience should serve as meaningful partners throughout the process. She specifically encouraged the inclusion of

permanent supportive housing tenants, noting that they have direct experience with inconsistencies in services and provider practices. Jordan stressed the importance of including a broad range of perspectives, including voices that may challenge existing systems and decision-makers. She also expressed her willingness to participate and contribute her lived experience to the process.

**Lorena Cole-** asked what portion of the grant funding would be allocated to the participating boards and requested additional information regarding the allocation of those funds.

On motion to approve item 12C

AYES:

Katie Albright (Chair)  
Obai Rambo (Vice Chair)  
Bevan Dufty  
Joaquin Guerrero  
Sharky Laguana  
Thomas Rocca

Excused:

Dontaye Ball

Action: Item 12C was approved.

- D)** Requesting review and approval to enter into a new grant agreement with Larkin Street Youth Services for the G-House TAY Transitional Living Program, for the period of September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2031 in the amount of \$9,500,400 which includes a 20% contingency. HSH Shelter System Supervisor Sky Mihaylo presented this item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

On motion to approve item 12D

AYES:

Katie Albright (Chair)  
Obai Rambo (Vice Chair)  
Bevan Dufty  
Joaquin Guerrero  
Sharky Laguana  
Thomas Rocca

Excused:

Dontaye Ball

Action: Item 12D was approved.

- E) Requesting review and approval to enter into a new grant agreement with Larkin Street Youth Services for the 1020 Haight TAY Transitional Living Program, for the period of September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2031 in the amount of \$4,071,600 which includes a 20% contingency. HSH Shelter System Supervisor Sky Mihaylo will presented this item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

On motion to approve item 12E

AYES:

Katie Albright (Chair)  
Obai Rambo (Vice Chair)  
Bevan Dufty  
Joaquin Guerrero  
Sharky Laguana  
Thomas Rocca

Excused:

Dontaye Ball

Action: Item 12E was approved.

- F) Requesting review and approval to enter into a new contract agreement with Homeless Prenatal Program, Inc. for Family Rapid Re-housing, for the period of September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2030, in the amount of \$4,817,736 which includes a 20% contingency. HSH Manager of Scattered Site Housing Programs Cricket Miller presented this item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

On motion to approve item 12F

AYES:

Katie Albright (Chair)  
Obai Rambo (Vice Chair)  
Bevan Dufty  
Joaquin Guerrero  
Sharky Laguana  
Thomas Rocca

Excused:

Dontaye Ball

Action: Item 12F was approved.

- G)** Requesting review and approval to enter into a new grant agreement with Larkin Street Youth Services for Transitional Age Youth Rapid Re-housing, for the period of September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2030, in the amount of \$3,868,268 which includes a 20% contingency. HSH Manager of Scattered Site Housing Programs Cricket Miller will present this item. HSH Manager of Scattered Site Housing Programs Cricket Miller presented this item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

On motion to approve item 12G

AYES:

Katie Albright (Chair)  
Obai Rambo (Vice Chair)  
Bevan Dufty  
Joaquin Guerrero  
Sharky Laguana  
Thomas Rocca

Excused:

Dontaye Ball

Action: Item 12G was approved.

- H)** Requesting review and approval to enter into a new grant agreement with Unity Care Group for Transitional Age Youth Rapid Re-housing for the period of September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2030, in the amount of \$5,802,400 which includes a 20% contingency. HSH Manager of Scattered Site Housing Programs Cricket Miller presented this item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

On motion to approve item 12H

AYES:

Katie Albright (Chair)  
Obai Rambo (Vice Chair)  
Bevan Dufty  
Joaquin Guerrero

Sharky Laguana  
Thomas Rocca

Excused:

Dontaye Ball

Action: Item 12H was approved.

- I) Requesting review and approval to enter into a new grant agreement with the Housing Authority of the City and County of San Francisco for Emergency Housing Voucher Administration, for the period of October 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029 in the amount of \$28,750,000, which includes a 15% contingency. HSH Manager of Scattered Site Housing Programs Cricket Miller presented this item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

On motion to approve item 12I

AYES:

Katie Albright (Chair)  
Obai Rambo (Vice Chair)  
Bevan Dufty  
Joaquin Guerrero  
Sharky Laguana  
Thomas Rocca

Excused:

Dontaye Ball

Action: Item 12I was approved.

**10) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DECIDE WHETHER TO SUBMIT AN OPTIONAL RESPONSE, AND TO CONSIDER ANY PROPOSED DRAFT RESPONSES, TO THE CIVIL GRAND JURY'S (CGJ) "AT SCALE, AT RISK" REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**Attachments:**

- "At Scale At Risk" Updating Data and Oversight to Improve Homelessness Services Report
- Commissioner Guerrero's Position on the 2025-2026 CGJ Report.
- Proposed Response on the 2025-2026 CGJ Report, submitted by Commissioner Laguana

The Commission discussed whether to submit an optional response to the Civil Grand Jury's (CGJ) *At Scale, At Risk* report and recommendations and considered proposed draft responses. The Commission tabled the item and directed the Commission Secretary to notify the Superior Court and Civil Grand Jury that the Commission would revisit the matter at its September 3, 2026, HOC meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Aisha McCain** -representing her late brother Eric McCain, expressed appreciation for the Civil Grand Jury report, stating that it validated longstanding concerns regarding supportive housing oversight and resident safety. She urged the Commission to support recommendations that strengthen transparency, provider accountability, and protections for vulnerable residents. Citing her brother's death and other reported safety incidents, Aisha emphasized the need for stronger monitoring of contracted providers and meaningful action to prevent future harm. She concluded by urging the Commission to prioritize resident safety in its response to the report.

**Christin Evans** -raised concerns about the erosion of oversight following the dissolution of the Shelter Monitoring and Shelter Grievance Committees and urged the Commission to have a more comprehensive discussion about its oversight role. Christin supported stronger benchmarking and monitoring of providers, particularly regarding shelter exits and denials of service for individuals with complex needs. She concluded by emphasizing the importance of maintaining meaningful oversight, transparency, and public accountability as the Commission assumes greater responsibility.

**Del Seymour**- expressed concern about the findings of the Civil Grand Jury report and emphasized the need for action rather than continued discussion. Del argued that low wages for frontline shelter workers contribute to staffing challenges, stress, and the quality of services provided to residents. Drawing from his experience with shelter environments, he noted that frontline employees perform difficult work and often face challenging conditions while struggling financially themselves. Del urged HSH to consider requiring higher minimum or prevailing wages in provider contracts as a way to attract and retain qualified staff and improve conditions within shelters.

**Lorena Cole** – described experiencing ongoing safety, harassment, and quality-of-life concerns within the shelter system, including difficulties entering the facility and disruptions that interfere with sleep and basic daily needs. She expressed frustration that residents may experience mistreatment without adequate accountability or meaningful avenues for resolution. Lorena urged Commissioners to consider the daily experiences of shelter residents and strengthen oversight of providers and staff. She emphasized the need for greater accountability to ensure residents are treated safely and respectfully.

**Charles Pitt**- expressed concern that individuals accessing shelter and housing services may experience abuse, trauma, and mistreatment from both other residents and staff. Drawing from personal experience, Charles stated that distrust of the homelessness response system contributed to their decision to remain unsheltered for several years rather than access services. Charles raised concerns about accountability, complaint procedures, security practices, and whether providers consistently follow applicable laws and policies. He urged the Commission to take meaningful action in response to the Civil Grand Jury report and improve oversight and complaint-resolution processes for people using homelessness services.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

AT THIS TIME, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC THAT ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION THAT ARE NOT ON THIS MEETING AGENDA. WITH RESPECT TO AGENDA ITEMS, YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION WILL BE AFFORDED WHEN THE ITEM IS REACHED IN THE MEETING. EACH MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS THE COMMISSION FOR UP TO THREE MINUTES. THE BROWN ACT FORBIDS THE COMMISSION FROM TAKING ACTION OR DISCUSSING ANY ITEM NOT APPEARING ON THE POSTED AGENDA, INCLUDING THOSE ITEMS RAISED AT PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE SEE PAGE 2-3 OF THIS AGENDA FOR INFORMATION REGARDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING PUBLIC COMMENT.

**Aisha McCain** -emphasized the importance of the Commission’s oversight role and expressed concern that Commissioners may need additional staffing and administrative support to effectively carry out their responsibilities. She also spoke about the personal difficulty of continuing to advocate following the death of her brother, Eric McCain, and stated that her advocacy is focused on preventing similar tragedies and saving lives. Aisha concluded by thanking the Commission and expressing support for ensuring it has adequate resources to perform its oversight work.

**Jordan Wasilewski** -raised two concerns related to permanent supportive housing. She encouraged HSH to provide tenants with more flexible and accessible rent payment options, including remote and check payments, rather than relying on third-party payment arrangements or money orders. Jordan also advocated for permanent supportive housing units to include refrigerators and cooking appliances, noting that some units may be exempt from state requirements. She encouraged the Commission to take a more proactive role in advancing policies and resolutions that improve living conditions and protections for supportive housing tenants.

**Charles Pitt** - expressed concern about the worsening affordability crisis, noting that many low-wage workers can no longer afford housing despite being employed. They also discussed the Commission’s capacity to provide effective oversight, particularly the need for adequate staffing and resources to investigate concerns within the homelessness response system. The speaker further noted that the legislation establishing the Commission ultimately included fewer accountability measures than originally proposed. They emphasized the importance of strengthening the Commission’s oversight capacity and ensuring sufficient resources to carry out its responsibilities.

#### **14) DATA OFFICER REPORT**

**Commissioner Guerrero**-will present a data report during the September 3, 2026 HOC meeting

#### **15) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

**(Continued if needed)**

No public comment

#### **16) COMMISSION MATTERS:**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

**17) ADJOURN**

**The Chair**-adjourned the meeting at 1:11PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Badasow  
Commission Secretary

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