

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee

April 24, 2025

Hearing Room 416, City Hall

9:39 AM – 11:26 AM

### Committee Members

Shanell Williams, Chair

Julia D'Antonio, Vice Chair

Jennifer Friedenbach

Lindsay Haddix

Jabari Jackson

Bonnie Preston

Ruby Bolaria Shifrin

Zia Villias-Martinis

Scott Walton

Members of the Our City, Our Home (OCOH) Oversight Committee attended this meeting in-person. The agenda, video recording, audio recording, and caption notes are posted at:

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### **1) Call to Order**

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 9:39 am and roll was taken.

Roll Call:

Vice Chair D'Antonio: Present

Member Friedenbach: Present

Member Haddix: Present

Member Jackson: Absent

Member Preston: Absent

Member Shifrin: Present

Member Martinis: Absent

Member Walton: Present

Chair Williams: Present

Chair Williams confirmed the presence of a quorum and read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement aloud.

Member Walton made a motion to excuse Members Jackson, Martinis, and Preston from the April 24, 2025 OCOH Oversight Committee meeting. Member Haddix seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Vice Chair D'Antonio: Yes  
Member Friedenbach: Yes  
Member Haddix: Yes  
Member Jackson: Absent  
Member Preston: Absent  
Member Shifrin: Yes  
Member Martinis: Absent  
Member Walton: Yes  
Chair Williams: Yes

The motion passed.

2) General Public Comment

***Opportunity for the public to comment on any matters within the Committee's jurisdiction that are not on the agenda.***

Chair Williams opened general public comment.

Lori C. provided in-person public comment. The speaker shared her recent experiences with HomeRise at 666 Ellis Street. She expressed frustration with the lack of support from HomeRise staff and asked for advice on how to resolve ongoing issues.

Sunbear provided in-person public comment. The speaker spoke in support of the Coalition of Homelessness (COH) and shared his personal story about how OCOH helped his family obtain permanent housing.

There were no over-the-phone public comments on this item.

3) Discussion/Potential Action Item

***Approval, with possible modification, of the meeting minutes from January 23, 2025, March 4, 2025, and March 27, 2025***

Member Walton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 23, 2025, March 4, 2025, and March 27, 2025. Member Haddix seconded the motion.

Chair Williams opened public comment. There were no in-person or over-the-phone public comments on this item.

Roll Call:

Vice Chair D'Antonio: Yes  
Member Friedenbach: Yes  
Member Haddix: Yes  
Member Jackson: Absent  
Member Preston: Absent  
Member Shifrin: Yes  
Member Martinis: Absent  
Member Walton: Yes

Chair Williams: Yes

The motion passed.

4) Discussion/Potential Action Item

***Vote to recuse Member Jackson from agenda item #5, recuse Vice Chair D'Antonio and Member Jackson from agenda item #6, and recuse Vice Chair D'Antonio from agenda item #7***

There was discussion between the Committee and Radhika Mehlotra, Homelessness Policy Specialist at the Controller's Office (CON), to clarify how the Committee would vote on the budget recommendations.

Member Haddix made a motion to recuse Member Jackson from agenda item #5, recuse Vice Chair D'Antonio and Member Jackson from agenda item #6, and recuse Vice Chair D'Antonio from agenda item #7. Member Walton seconded the motion.

Chair Williams opened public comment. There were no in-person or over-the-phone public comments on this item.

Roll Call:

Member Friedenbach: Yes

Member Haddix: Yes

Member Preston: Absent

Member Shifrin: Yes

Member Martinis: Absent

Member Walton: Yes

Chair Williams: Yes

The motion passed.

5) Action Item

***Budget discussion and recommendations for Mental Health service area***

Homelessness Policy Specialist Mehlotra provided an overview of the budget-related work that the Committee and partner City departments have done to date. She presented a draft of the [Mental Health service area budget recommendations](#) for the Committee's consideration.

Member Friedenbach expressed excitement about the planned expansion of behavioral health services through the upcoming openings of residential care facilities, board-and-care facilities, and step-down housing. She highlighted a few reasons why this expansion is greatly needed by those with substance abuse disorders.

Member Haddix requested a status update on the City's application for state Prop 1 funding. David Edelman, Budget Analyst at the Department of Public Health (DPH), reported that an award decision had not been made yet but that DPH remains hopeful. He clarified that Prop 1 funds are for capital expansion only. Operating funds would need to come from another source. If awarded, DPH would be able to use the funds to supplement previously appropriated OCOH funds.

Member Walton made a motion to accept the Mental Health draft budget recommendation as written.

Member Haddix seconded the motion.

Chair Williams opened public comment.

Christiana Porter provided in-person public comment. The speaker expressed frustrations with the inefficiencies in organizations meant to provide public services and questioned the status of promised programs and funding. The speaker urged leadership to fulfill their commitments to the community.

Maritza Salinas provided in-person public comment. The speaker shared her experiences while being unhoused and the difficulties she faced while seeking emergency shelter. She expressed concerns about the allocation of program funding, the availability of services for people seeking assistance, and how difficult it is to obtain shelter extensions.

There were no over-the-phone public comments on this agenda item.

Roll Call:

Vice Chair D'Antonio: Yes  
Member Friedenbach: Yes  
Member Haddix: Yes  
Member Jackson: Recused and Absent  
Member Preston: Absent  
Member Shifrin: Yes  
Member Martinis: Absent  
Member Walton: Yes  
Chair Williams: Yes

The motion passed.

6) Action Item

***Budget discussion and recommendations for Shelter and Hygiene service area***

Prior to the discussion of agenda item #6, Vice Chair D'Antonio excused herself from the remainder of the meeting and exited the hearing room at approximately 10:10 am.

Homelessness Policy Specialist Mehlotra presented a draft of the [Shelter and Hygiene service area budget recommendations](#).

Member Friedenbach, Shelter and Hygiene liaison, provided some background information on how the recommendation was formulated. There was discussion among the Committee about possible amendments.

Chair Williams opened public comment.

Megan Rohrer, Policy Director at Compass Family Services and member of Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA), provided in-person public comment. The speaker offered some suggestions on how to amend the recommendation for the Shelter and Hygiene service area.

Sunbear provided in-person public comment. The speaker expressed support for the topic.

There were no over-the-phone public comments on this agenda item.

There was further discussion among the Committee about how to best amend the recommendation. Member Friedenbach amended the Shelter and Hygiene recommendation to state:

*The OCOH Oversight Committee recommends the Mayor and Board of Supervisors fully fund all Shelter & Hygiene programs at the levels reflected in HSH's budget proposal for both FY26 and FY27. In addition, the Committee recommends leveraging between \$900,000 and \$1 million of projected surplus funding to expand hotel vouchers to serve as many homeless families as possible and/or approximately 40 families per year, including unhoused families with dependents and pregnant and postpartum people.*

Member Friedenbach made a motion to accept the amended recommendation. Member Haddix seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Vice Chair D'Antonio: Recused  
Member Friedenbach: Yes  
Member Haddix: Yes  
Member Jackson: Absent  
Member Preston: Absent  
Member Shifrin: Yes  
Member Martinis: Absent  
Member Walton: Yes  
Chair Williams: Yes

The motion passed.

7) Action Item

***Budget discussion and recommendations for Permanent Housing and Homelessness Prevention service areas***

Homelessness Policy Specialist Mehlotra presented drafts of the [Permanent Housing service area and Homelessness Prevention service area budget recommendations](#). She reminded the Committee that the housing service area recommendations are broken down by population. She also noted the level of specificity in these recommendations.

Member Shifrin, Permanent Housing service area liaison, provided some background information on how the recommendations were formulated. There was further discussion among the Committee on how to best amend the recommendations.

The Committee agreed to keep the draft Adult/General Permanent Housing budget recommendation as written.

The Committee agreed to amend the TAY Permanent Housing recommendation to state:

*The OCOH Oversight Committee recommends the Mayor and Board of Supervisors fully fund all TAY Housing programs at the levels reflected in HSH's budget proposal for both FY26 and FY27. In addition, the Committee recommends leveraging approximately \$10 million, and up to \$11 million, of projected surplus funding in TAY Housing to add rapid rehousing subsidies for approximately 50 households for 5 years.*

The Committee agreed to amend the Family Permanent Housing budget recommendation to state:

*The OCOH Oversight Committee recommends the Mayor and Board of Supervisors fully fund all Family Housing programs at the levels reflected in HSH's budget proposal for both FY26 and FY27. In addition, the Committee recommends leveraging approximately \$30 million to \$31 million of projected surplus funding in Family Housing to add rapid rehousing subsidies for approximately 125 households for 5 years.*

Chair Williams opened public comment.

Sunbear provided in-person public comment. The speaker expressed support for the recommendations and shared stories on how the programs are helping the community.

Arturo provided in-person public comment. The speaker shared their experience as a recipient of hotel vouchers and expressed support in the ongoing funding of housing vouchers.

Andrew Crater, Program Manager of Jelani House in the Bayview District, provided in-person public comment. The speaker expressed his gratitude to the Committee for their work and encouraged the Committee to support the increase in rapid rehousing.

Marnie Regan, Larkin Street Youth Services and co-chair of HESPA, provided in-person public comment. The speaker expressed gratitude and support for the Committee's recommendations.

A speaker provided in-person public comment. The speaker shared their experience with moving to a new country without stable housing. They expressed support for the housing recommendations.

A speaker provided in-person public comment. The speaker urged the Committee to support the housing recommendations.

Maritza Penagos, Chief Program Officer at Hamilton Families, provided in-person public comment. The speaker expressed support for the housing recommendations and encouraged the Committee to support them as well.

A speaker from Episcopal Community Services (and member of HESPA) provided in-person public comment. The speaker expressed strong support for the housing budget recommendations.

Darla Wall provided in-person public comment. The speaker shared experiences with being unhoused and as a recipient of supportive housing. The speaker urged the Committee to keep up with proposed funding and support the housing recommendations.

A speaker from SF District 5 provided in-person public comment. The speaker expressed concerns about the housing situation in San Francisco. The speaker also expressed support for additional funding for family and TAY housing.

Miguel Carrera provided in-person public comment. The speaker expressed support for the OCOH Committee and OCOH funding. The speaker voiced concerns about several housing topics and urged the Mayor to put more funding towards housing solutions.

Jasmine provided in-person public comment. The speaker shared deeply personal life challenges, including being unhoused. The speaker expressed support for the work being done with OCOH

funding. A second speaker (case manager at Jelani) expressed similar support.

Melanie Young, an employee at Homeless Prenatal Program, provided in-person public comment. The speaker expressed gratitude and support for the proposed OCOH housing recommendations. The speaker highlighted the importance of keeping funding for housing in the budget, especially for families.

Aaron Rodriguez, Shelter Case Manager at Homeless Prenatal Program, provided in-person public comment. The speaker shared how, as a case manager, he is able to see the direct impact of Prop C funding in the community, especially those who are in the shelter system. The speaker urged for the funding to continue to be allocated to housing and to the community members that are in most need.

A speaker provided in-person public comment. The speaker expressed gratitude for the assistance that Prop C funding provides, especially for those living in hotels. The speaker shared personal experiences with the City's housing programs.

Jovita Osorio provided in-person public comment. The speaker expressed gratitude for the support provided by Prop C funding/programs. The speaker shared personal experiences with the City's housing programs.

Christiana Porter provided in-person comment. The speaker presented questions about Prop C funding and urged City leaders to take immediate action to address housing issues in the community.

Megan Rohrer, Policy Director at Compass Family Services and member of Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA), provided in-person public comment. The speaker shared information about the continuum of care grants from the federal government and how these grants explicitly exclude certain members of the community.

Tina provided in-person public comment. The speaker shared personal experiences with being unhoused and expressed support for funding the housing subsidies.

Christiana Porter approached the podium to share additional comments on housing issues. The Chair reminded the members of the public of the Public Comment procedures.

Shiba, Policy Associate at Glide, provided over-the-phone public comment. The caller expressed strong support for the recommendations put forth by the OCOH Committee.

Ilsa Lund, Larkin Street Youth Services, provided over-the-phone public comment. The caller thanked the Committee for their support and commended the recommendations that the Committee drafted.

Member Walton reminded the public that the OCOH Committee does not get to make any final decisions. He urged the public to continue voicing their support and concerns as the recommendations move to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor. Member Friedenbach expressed similar sentiments.

Chair Williams and Member Haddix thanked the public for sharing their stories and experiences with the Committee.

The Committee discussed the Homelessness Prevention draft budget recommendation. The Committee agreed to keep the recommendation as written.

Member Walton made a motion to accept the Permanent Housing and Homelessness Prevention recommendations as discussed. Member Haddix seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Vice Chair D'Antonio: Recused  
Member Friedenbach: Yes  
Member Haddix: Yes  
Member Jackson: Absent  
Member Preston: Absent  
Member Shifrin: Yes  
Member Martinis: Absent  
Member Walton: Yes  
Chair Williams: Yes

The motion passed.

8) Discussion/Possible Action Item

***Opportunity to propose future agenda items with discussion and possible action by the Committee***

Chair Williams expressed continued interest in inviting the Housing Authority to a future meeting.

Member Shifrin expressed continued interest in inviting the Mayor's Office to a future meeting.

Member Walton shared that the Committee members appointed by the Mayor's Office recently met with Mayor's Office staff to discuss priorities. He encouraged members to share any Mayor-specific questions with the mayoral appointees, and they will bring them to future meetings with staff.

Chair Williams opened public comment. There were no in-person or over-the-phone public comments.

9) **Adjourn**

Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 11:26 am.

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