

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee

March 26, 2026

Hearing Room 416, City Hall

9:43 AM – 12:02 PM

Committee Members

Shanell Williams, Chair

Julia D'Antonio, Vice Chair

Lindsay Haddix

Jabari Jackson

Billy Lemon

Bonnie Preston

Ruby Bolaria Shifrin

Scott Walton

LaShonti Woods

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 9:43 am and roll was taken.

Roll Call:

Vice Chair D'Antonio: Present

Member Haddix: Absent (unexcused)

Member Jackson: Absent (unexcused)

Member Lemon: Present

Member Preston: Present

Member Shifrin: Present

Member Walton: Present

Chair Williams: Present

Member Woods: Present

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

Member Preston made a motion to excuse Member Walton from the April 23, 2026 OCOH Oversight Committee meeting. Vice Chair D'Antonio seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair D'Antonio: Yes

Member Haddix: Absent

Member Jackson: Absent
Member Lemon: Yes
Member Preston: Yes
Member Shifrin: Yes
Member Walton: Yes
Chair Williams: Yes
Member Woods: 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.

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

- 3) Action Item
Approval, with possible modification, of the meeting minutes from February 26, 2026

The Committee did not have any comments or modifications to the meeting minutes from February 26, 2026.

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

Member Walton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 26, 2026. Member Preston seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Vice Chair D'Antonio: Yes
Member Haddix: Absent
Member Jackson: Absent
Member Lemon: Yes
Member Preston: Yes
Member Shifrin: Yes
Member Walton: Yes
Chair Williams: Yes
Member Woods: No

The motion passed.

- 4) Discussion Item/Possible Action Item
Emergency Housing Vouchers Update

Dan Adams, Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) and Acting Director of SF Housing Authority provided a detailed update on the [Emergency Housing](#)

Vouchers Program.

There was a question-and-answer discussion between the Committee and Director Adams.

Chair Williams opened public comment.

Solomon M. provided in-person public comment. The speaker shared their personal experience of being unhoused and urged the Committee to collaborate with the community to address systematic homelessness.

Jennifer Friedenbach provided in-person public comment. The speaker praised the City's efforts to prevent Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) households from returning to homelessness but urged additional actions from the departments.

A speaker provided in-person public comment. The speaker works with EHV families daily and emphasized the fear and instability that they are experiencing. The speaker urged the Committee to take strong action to stop additional child homelessness and to support long-term housing solutions.

Flo Kelly provided in-person public comment. The speaker highlighted the importance of regular, proactive inspections and suggested that housing sites should receive routine oversight/visits, similar to licensed daycares.

Martiza Salinas provided in-person public comment. The speaker advocated strongly for preserving EHV's and encouraged the Committee to continue and possibly expand EHV availability.

Jessica Hernandez provided in-person public comment. The speaker shared that many families are panicking as they learn that the program is ending. The speaker urged the City to create a transparent, accessible process that helps prevent families from returning to homelessness.

Patricia Kirby provided in-person public comment. The speaker shared their experiences with applying for housing programs without success. The speaker urged the City to provide more stable housing options for seniors who need secure, independent living conditions.

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

5) Discussion/Potential Action Item ***OCOH Fund Deep Dive***

Radhika Mehlotra, Homelessness Policy Specialist at CON, introduced the Committee's OCOH Fund Deep Dive session. She highlighted that the goal of the session was to provide the Committee with additional information they may need to make budget recommendations at the next OCOH Oversight Committee meeting. To prepare for this session, the Committee was asked to submit questions (for department staff) ahead of the meeting.

The following department staff members were present and answered the questions that the Committee submitted:

- Kelly Kirkpatrick, Director of New Beds & Facilities, Behavioral Health Services, at the Department of Public Health (DPH);
- Reyna McKinnon, OCOH Budget Manager at the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH);

- Stephanie Coram, Director of Coordinated Entry, Housing Placement, and Problem Solving at HSH;
- Lisa Rachowicz, Director of Outreach and Temporary Shelter at HSH;
- Salvador Menjivar, Director of Housing, at HSH; and
- Helen Hale, Director of Housing Services at MOHCD.

There was further question-and-answer discussion between the Committee and department staff. Committee members shared additional questions for departments to consider and respond to at a later time.

Chair Williams opened public comment.

Jennifer Friedenbach provided in-person public comment. The speaker provided suggestions on how to allocate OCOH Funding. The speaker urged the Committee to increase TAY subsidies and called for 100 adult flex pool subsidies to increase permanent exits out of homelessness. The speaker also highlighted the recent decrease in non-congregate hotel shelter capacity and urged the City to replace the lost rooms, ideally using behavioral health funding.

Yolanda provided in-person public comment. The speaker criticized federal policies that exclude undocumented immigrants from public housing services. The speaker urged the City to stop criminalizing families that are living in vehicles and instead, provide them with better housing options.

Rudy provided in-person public comment. The speaker shared concerns about possibly losing their housing and food benefits. The speaker also shared concerns about other vulnerable residents who may end up unhoused, if the City does not intervene.

Flo Kelly provided in-person public comment. The speaker encouraged the Committee to fund 150 family flex pool subsidies using Prop C new revenue. The speaker stated that shelter and housing waitlists are at historic levels and that most City interventions for families have been temporary, causing a cycle of homelessness. The speaker also criticized the City's past policies related to RV residents.

Zach provided in-person public comment. The speaker thanked Vice Chair D'Antonio for raising concerns about meeting accessibility for community members. The speaker highlighted that the waitlist for shelters is extremely long and urged the City to restore shelter capacity to maintain system flow.

Sunbear provided in-person public comment. The speaker shared their personal experience with homelessness and emphasized the importance of having stable housing. The speaker strongly supported expanding permanent housing subsidies.

Maritza Salinas provided in-person public comment. The speaker emphasized the importance of properly training program staff, especially those working closely with clients experiencing different types of traumas.

Jessica Hernandez provided in-person public comment. The speaker urged the Committee to use new Prop C revenue to fund 150 family flex pool subsidies. The speaker emphasized the need for permanent housing solutions, not just temporary assistance.

Christian Jimenez provided in-person public comment. The speaker shared their experience growing up in a Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotel with unsafe conditions. The speaker encouraged the

Committee to fund 50 flex pool subsidies for SRO families, especially families with children. The speaker urged the City to re-invest in families living in sub-standard SRO conditions.

Miguel Carrera provided in-person public comment. The speaker encouraged the Committee to fund different types of subsidies. The speaker also expressed concerns about the recent closures of two hotels, which caused the displacement of 154 residents.

A speaker from Argentina provided in-person public comment. The speaker stated that hundreds of individuals are currently waiting for shelter/housing services. The speaker urged the Committee to prioritize families with children.

Cody Keene provided in-person public comment. The speaker provided context on the budget pressures that supportive housing providers are facing. The speaker stated that Prop C local funds are now a “critical lifeline” for permanent supportive housing operations. The speaker urged the Committee to maintain voter-mandated spending categories. The speaker invited the Committee to meet with the supportive housing provider network and resident advisory board to better understand the community’s real conditions and needs.

Solomon M. provided in-person public comment. The speaker shared personal experiences with homelessness. The speaker encouraged the Committee and the City to connect budget decisions with residents’ lived experiences.

Celeste provided over-the-phone public comment. The speaker shared some data about homelessness in San Francisco. The speaker emphasized the importance of expanding services to keep clients permanently housed.

Don Staley provided over-the-phone public comment. The speaker expressed concerns about possible corruption.

6) Action Item
Officer Elections

This item was tabled.

7) Discussion/Possible Action Item
Opportunity to propose future agenda items with discussion and possible action by the Committee

This item was tabled

8) **Adjourn**

Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 12:02 pm.

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