

RENT STABILIZATION BOARD
BUDGET & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.

Rent Stabilization Board Conference Room A – 2000 Center Street, 4th floor, Berkeley

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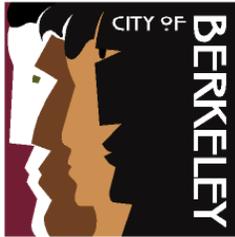
AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Land Acknowledgment Statement: *The Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board recognizes that the rental housing units we regulate are built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun-(Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-Chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors, and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's landlords and tenants have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878 and since the Rent Stabilization Board's creation in 1980. As stewards of the laws regulating rental housing, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today.*
3. Approval of agenda
4. Public Comment
5. Approval of October 3, 2024, meeting minutes (attached to agenda)
6. Future agenda items
7. Discussion and possible action to set the next meeting
8. **CLOSED SESSION:** Public Employee contract discussion pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1):

Title: Executive Director

9. Adjournment

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COMMITTEE: Comm. Chair-Dominique Walker, Soli Alpert, Nathan Mizell, Leah Simon-Weisberg.



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Thursday, October 3, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

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Minutes – To Be Approved

1. Roll Call: Executive Director Williams called Roll at 5:36 p.m.
Members Present: Alpert, Mizell, Simon-Weisberg and Committee Chair Walker.
Staff Present: D. Williams, S. Cole, F. Georgiev and S. Amora
2. Land Acknowledgment Statement: The Recording of the Land Acknowledgment Statement was played.
3. Public Comment: No public comment.
4. Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the October 3, 2024, Committee meeting agenda. Motion to move Item 8 on the agenda to follow Item 6. M/S/C (Alpert/Simon-Weisberg). Voice Vote. Carried: 3-0-0-1.
5. Approval of the April 11, 2024, meeting minutes (attached to agenda): Motion to approve the April 11, 2024, Committee meeting minutes. Voice vote. Carried: 3-0-0-1.
6. Low-Income Tenant Pass-through Reimbursement Program Fund Update for FY 24/25 (Verbal report only): Finance Director Shamika Cole presented a PowerPoint to the committee with an update on the Passthrough program fund. NO ACTION TAKEN
7. Update on Rent Board staffing, recruitment, and capacity building (verbal report only): Executive Director Williams provided an update on the current status of the staffing model, capacity building strategy and current increase to Rent Board Staff capacity particularly the Finance Unit- Introduction of new staff. NO ACTION TAKEN.
8. Preliminary FY 23/24 Year End Report (See Attached Staff Report). (Staff presentation): Registration Manager Amanda Eberhart gave a brief presentation on the enhancements to the Rent Registry home page and user enhancements. NO ACTION TAKEN.
9. Future agenda items:
 - ➔ Executive Director Contract
 - ➔ Alternate Fee Schedule for Affordable Units
 - ➔ Rent Board FY 2024 Budget Discussion

10. Discussion and possible action to set the next meeting: Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.
11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn in honor of Executive Director Williams Birthday on October 3rd. M/S/C (Alpert/Walker) Voice Vote. Carried: 4-0-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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COMMITTEE: Soli Alpert, Nathan Mizell, Dominique Walker (Chair), Leah Simon-Weisberg