



Rent Stabilization Board

2 X 2 JOINT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

RENT STABILIZATION BOARD (RSB)/BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (BUSD)

March 11, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

Berkeley Unified School District – 2020 Bonar St., Room 126, Berkeley, CA

Minutes – Approved

1. Roll Call: Board Secretary S. Cole called Roll at 5:30 p.m.
Members Present: Shanoski, Chang, Marrero.
Members Absent: Simon-Weisberg
Staff Present: S. Cole.
2. Land Acknowledgment Statement: The Recording of the Land Acknowledgment Statement was read aloud.
3. Approval of agenda: M/S/C (Marrero). Motion to approve the agenda. Roll call vote. YES: Shanoski, Chang, Marrero; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Simon-Weisberg.
Carried: 3-0-0.
4. Public Comment: No public comment.
5. Approval of December 18 meeting minutes: M/S/C (Marrero). Motion to approve December 18, 2023 minutes. Roll call vote. YES: Shanoski, Chang, Marrero; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Simon-Weisberg. Carried: 3-0-0.
6. Presentation from BUSD Director Mathew Espinosa – Office of Family Engagement, Berkeley Unified School District
 - Engagement and equity specialists act as assigned community liaisons
 - Work includes outreach, forums to connect families to resources (city, state, non-profits) and workshops.
 - Upcoming events focused on sharing resources on migrant rights.
 - Marrero suggests internal capacity building around case management with families with housing barriers and options for virtual events to be more inclusive.
7. Regional Advisory Committee-West Needs Assessment Report
 - Committee’s purpose is to work with government officials (state, government board members) to understand education needs.
 - Focus group comprised of the public and state staff shared feedback about their priorities and concerns
 - Increased chronic absenteeism after the pandemic, especially among black and

brown populations

- Affordable housing for teachers. Suggestion for continued city support to build affordable housing
- Tenant rights (eviction counseling) and how to support students living outside of district
- Mental health – need teacher training and increased allocation of social works and therapists
- Teacher retention – don't feel supported and respected. The teacher population lacks diversity and students don't feel represented.
- Report goes to Secretary Cardona to determine what comprehensive learning centers will focus on in the region.
 - RFPs are available and can be an opportunity for city investment

8. Future agenda items:

- ➔ Request for PIU unit (Nate) to attend next committee meeting
 - Committee agreed to not meet in the summer (June, July, and August)

9. Discussion and possible action to set the next meeting: M/S/C (Shanoski/Chang)
Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 15th, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment: M/S/C (Marrero/Shanoski) Motion to Adjourn. Roll call vote. YES: Marrero, Shanoski and Chang; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Simon-Weisberg. Carried: 3-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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