



OFFICE OF MAYOR DONNA DEEGAN

HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

Time: 2:01 p.m. – 3:14 p.m.

Commissioner Members

Shantel Davis (Chair)
Christopher Crothers (Vice Chair)
Jitan Kuverji (Secretary)
Dr. Megan Allyse (Excused)

Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll
Jolita Wainwright
John Trevathan (Excused)

Liaison Members

Capt. J. Parramore
CM Peluso

Commander Ricks

COJ Support Staff:

Kenny Logsdon (HCDD)
Carla Schell (OGC)

Neolita Maharaj (HCDD)
Kaylee Jones (HCDD)

Guests Present:

Malloy Tinhomme (Sunshine Digital Design)
Carol Register (COJ)
Darrell Dow (Trinity Rescue Mission)
Kari Messer (Sulzbacher)
Kristen Bietan (Youth Crisis Center)
Dawn Gilman (Changing Homelessness)
Ken Murphy (beaches Homeless Coalition)
Judy Thompson (Forgotten Majority)
Damie (?) (Jacksonville Housing Authority)-signature difficult to read/understand

John Wyche (Community at Large)
Michelle Isley (Community at Large)
Jaime Williams (Trinity Rescue Mission)
Cindy Funkhouser (Sulzbacher)
Moses and Claudia (Haven)
Chad Dominicis (Poinciana Media)
Ulysses Kapala (Deelytful Moving)
Terry Jones (Cambridge Estates)

Board Meeting called to order by S. Davis at 2:01 p.m.

Section I. Approval of Minutes-Quorum met for approval for December 8, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes; however, a motion was passed to amend the minutes to better reflect the discussion in Section VIII regarding the status of and access to the funds as recommended by HIC.

K. Logsdon will amend the minutes in Section VIII, last paragraph, to reflect the following (the underlined is the amended language): C. Crothers said that there is no legislation drafted on behalf of HIC recommendations for funding to providers. All Commissioners are waiting, and they would like to find out where the delay is. It is determined that the funding does not need legislation by City



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Council to move the funds, but it has not been determined which COJ entity will be monitoring and disbursing the funds. S. MacGillis reported that she cannot advocate for HIC, but had conveyed the recommendations to the liaison, CM Peluso. CM Peluso is aware of the recommendations. She also stated that the 5-year plan Extension, (2025-856) is up for approval tomorrow (December 9, 2025), and that the Committee asked for a December 31, 2026, extension, but it was amended in Neighborhoods Committee to October 31, 2026.'

Section II. JFRD and JSO Updates-Capt. Parramore reported the following: a total of 2,076 contacts since the new program year and 183 contacts were made since last December's meeting. All beds are full.

Comm. Ricks reported the following **crime stats for 2025**: Citywide, crimes against persons and property were down overall 12.59%; District 1 total crimes were down by 18.49%. Ricks reported the following **crime stats for YTD 2026**: Citywide crimes against persons and property are up by 3.24%; District 1 are down 6%. Homeward Bound numbers from 10/1/2025- 1/21/2026 are 206. Camping violations are warnings-1,633; arrests-586; and notice to appear (NTA)-167.

Section III. OGC-Update and Impact of Legislation- C. Schell said that there are no new filing or complaints about the Homelessness Statutes.

IV. Public Comments (Limit 3 Minutes)- Speaker #1-M. Isley thanked K. Logsdon and J. Hicks for engaging in conversations about housing. She said that much of the City's budget and priorities should be directed at the homeless.

Speaker #2-J. Wyche thanked HIC for a good job, but he stated that the Consultant's fees should be allocated to other homeless needs. He continued that he paid for hotel accommodations for 6 individuals and for 7-2 weeks bus passes.

Section V. Consultant Update- K. Jones reported that the Consultant's contract is at OGC, and it takes approximately two-three weeks for contract execution. This process should be finalized before the February Board Meeting.

Discussions:

C. Crothers asked about the next steps when this is finalized in reference to who would be interacting with the Consultant. K. Logsdon responded that it has not been determined about staff involvement with the contract.

S. Davis also asked about the next step with interaction with the Consultant. K. Logsdon said that K. Jones is the right person at the moment. Also, the Consultant will meet with HIC for the February Board Meeting and K. Jones and K. Logsdon will invite the Consultant. For email correspondence, either K. Jones or K. Logsdon will be copied.

C. Crother addressed priorities by creating a 'priorities list' with all HIC input. When the list is completed, it will be emailed to K. Logsdon.



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J. Kuverji said that during the break, he read about DIA (Downtown Investment Authority) study and wanted more information. C. Crothers responded that the City of Jacksonville (COJ) was one of four Cities in America to participate with the City of Toronto that focused on housing and healthcare. There is no cost for (COJ).

Rev. Moorehead asked about the reporting structure of activities in COJ.

CM Peluso mentioned the Office of Rental Registry is focused on improving house conditions in Jacksonville. The Plan should have long-term solutions to homelessness in Jacksonville, and it must be a living document for the next few years. The Goal is not to have more 'band aids', but to have solutions. He continued with the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) which is designed to help communities navigate resources and help plan additional resources at each phase of a crisis (mental and substance abuse). He spoke about the Miami model and how they have implemented wraparound services for their homeless community.

J. Kuverji asked about the difference between HMIS and SIM. HMIS is used to collect data on the provision of housing and services to individuals and families at risk of and experiencing homelessness. SIM is how individuals with mental and substance abuse disorders come into contact and move through the system.

Comm. Rick said that the process from intake to arrests is a few hours long. He briefly spoke about the Baker Act Program which can take time, up to 72 hours, for involuntary examination of individuals and that JSO has places to take individuals in crisis. In Jacksonville, if individuals present with harm to self and others, they are Baker Acted.

S. Davis asked about the partnership between Sulzbacher and JSO and how does the Baker Act process work.

C. Funkhouser (Sulzbacher) spoke about Cindy Schwartz and the Miami Model. She continued that her organization has wraparound services (like Miami) and they work with JSO, Public Defender, and State Attorney. JSO and the State Attorney provide a 'frequent flyers list' When an individual from that list arise, they are offered mental health services. This is funded by City Council. She mentioned the CHOP program which started ten years ago that provides permanent and supportive services for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness, and mental health issues. She spoke about the 10 Tiny Homes and that they had full capacity within a couple of weeks.

J. Wainwright asked about a woman at the corner of Davis and Union who has a dog and is living on the streets. J. Paramore says JFRD has an agreement with ACPS, but most dog owners do not want to surrender their dog. C. Funkhouser reported that duPont is funding Tiny Homes that considers animals, but all shelters accept service animals. People's animals are their family, so they do not want to surrender them, but she hopes that the consultant can research more models out there that handles the situation better.



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J. Kuverji spoke about creative ways to assist individuals by sending them to identified hotels throughout the County. He continued, via his experience with family support, that his hotels assisted seventy-five individuals from Hubbard House, Changing Homelessness, and Sulzbacher, from September through December 2025. He asked if the wraparound services can include hotels.

S. Davis responded that HIC is charged with finding the funding to support the process and the individuals and to ensure that it will continue. The framework is present. She continued that the process must be seamless in order to have backing from City Council. The goal is to make the process and services sustainable to address homeless individuals. She discussed the task of creating a sustainable platform that is measurable with dollars and names so that Jacksonville would be the model, like Miami.

C. Crothers asked for guidance from CM Peluso, not necessarily today, about how to begin the process to include City Council so that they are aware of the Consultant and the role for HIC.

Rev. Moorehead responded that there must be evidence of saving in Plan. The example of receiving \$25M but a saving of \$30M from hospitalization.

J. Kuverji asked if short-term rentals are included in the Rental Registry.

Rev. Moorhead wanted to know the format of introductions when the Consultant attends the February meeting.

K. Jones reported that there will be an initial kick-off meeting where the Consultant will present the entire overview of the Plan for HIC. This may include processes, key dates, HIC calendar, and future workshops. The Consultant must be present for all Board meetings, but there is an option for zoom workshops.

Section VI. Unfinished Business- N/A

Section VII. New Business- C. Crothers spoke about the call-in meeting with the City of Toronto. He will provide K. Logsdon with possible dates for a workshop.

J. Wainwright asked about the funding recommendation made by HIC and what the next steps are. C. Crothers respond that Neighborhoods have access to the funding. C. Crothers added to the comment with what are we doing now? He would like an update on where the funds are.

C. Crothers and J. Kuverji both agreed that someone who is responsible for making decisions need to be present during Board meeting to answer questions.

J. Kuverji spoke about roadblocks and what HIC needs is guidelines on where the funding is.

Meeting Adjourned - 3:14 p.m.



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Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m., 8th Floor, Ed Ball Building.

CERTIFICATION

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