



MAUNAKEA STEWARDSHIP OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY (MKSOA)

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

10:00 am

Online via ZOOM and livestreamed via YouTube

MKSOA MEMBERS

JOHN KOMEIJI
Chairperson

*LAURA KAAKUA

*DOUG ADAMS

*GENE BAL

KAMANA BEAMER

PAUL HORNER

KALEHUA KRUG

LANAKILA MANGAUIL

NOE NOEWONG-WILSON

RICH MATSUDA

POMAI BERTELMANN

*BONNIE IRWIN

*ex-officio

AUTHORITY MEMBERS

PRESENT, Zoom: John Komeiji, Chairperson; Noe Noe Wong-Wilson; Richard Matsuda; Laura Kaakua; Douglass Adams; Gene Bal; Kamana Beamer; Paul Honer; Kalehua Krug; Lanakila Mangaui; Bonnie Irwin

EXCUSED: Pomai Bertelmann

GUESTS: Gregory C. Chun, Karie Klein, (UH/Center for Maunakea Stewardship (CMS)), Margaret Leong, Deputy Attorney General (DAG)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. Roll call was conducted and quorum was established.

II. OPENING REMARKS AND BOARD MEMBER VERIFICATION

Chair Komeiji invited Member Mangaui to open the meeting with the appropriate protocol.

Chair Komeiji welcomed all of the MKSOA members and confirmed that all members participating virtually were alone at their respective sites.

Recently designated DLNR member Deputy Director Laura Kaakua was introduced to the other Members of the Authority.

Member Mangaui shared information regarding an incident that occurred recently on the Mauna. Native Hawaiian cultural practitioners had sought access to the Mauna. Due to weather conditions they were advised against proceeding. ED Chun informed the Authority he addressed the incident.

III. COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Minutes of the November 22, 2022 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Member Matsuda moved to approve the minutes of November 22, 2022 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by member Adams.

Discussion: Member Adams referred to the last paragraph in minutes section IX. Executive Session. Adams requested that in future draft minutes should clearly reflect that the summary is a re-encapsulation of the executive session.

ACTION: The motion was unanimously approved.

V. GOVERNANCE

A. Status of Permitted Interaction Group (PIG)

Chair Komeiji announced that Member Wong-Wilson was appointed Chair of the PIG. The PIG was tasked to research the Authority's governance, organizational structure and staffing needs.

Member Wong-Wilson shared that the other PIG members are Adams, Bal, Beamer and Matsuda. The PIG had its first meeting in December 2022 and intends to conduct further meetings in January.

VI. ADMINISTRATION

A. Status of Hiring Executive Assistant

Chair Komeiji shared that hiring an executive assistant is in process. A job description is being created with DLNR's human resources liaison.

VII. FINANCE

A. Status of Fiscal Year 2023 Legislative Appropriation

Act 255 provided an appropriation of \$14 million for the current fiscal year. DLNR has included a request in their budget for \$14 million annually for the biennium. The Authority was informed that a budget hearing before the Senate Ways and Means and Water Land Committees would be held shortly.

VIII. UPDATE: DECEMBER LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

Chair Komeiji explained that, at the request of State Legislators, members of the Authority and CMS staff provided a briefing on stewardship and operations on Mauna Kea . Representatives Linda Ichiyama and Jenna Takenouchi attended the briefing. Members Wong-Wilson and Mangauil provided the legislators with an overview of the cultural importance of Mauna Kea. At the briefing, CMS Executive Director provided the legislators with an overview of CMS operations. Due to weather conditions, the legislators were unable to visit the summit and observatories. Members Komeiji and Matsuda also participated in the briefing.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Komeiji discussed the need for an Executive Session to consult with the MKSOA's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Authority's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities pursuant to HRS§92- (a)(4), regarding Governance, Administration, and Finance.

MOTION: Member Adams moved to enter into Executive Session to consult with the MKSOA' s attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Authority' s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities pursuant to HRS§92- (a)(4), regarding Governance, Administration, and Finance. Member Wong- Wilson seconded the motion.

ACTION: The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session began at 10:15 am, and ended at 10:47 am. During Executive session, the matter of staffing, funding sources and legal implications was discussed.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

XI. NEXT MEETING AND FOLLOW UPS

Based upon availability, it was decided that the Authority would schedule monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. The next regular meeting will be hybrid format and scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2022 at 10 am.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 am.

Approved: _____

