

## Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council Meeting

### Agenda

January 21, 2025

6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Online or call-in via ZOOM

(Zoom info listed below)

or

In-person at:

Windward Community College

Hale ʻĀkoakoa 101

45-720 Keaʻahala Rd., Kāneʻohe HI 96744

\*\*\*\*Please note that the in-person meeting venue has changed

#### 1. Call to Order (Non-Action Item)

Kimberly Fuller – DLNR DAR (Chair)

Kendall Tucker – DLNR DAR

Fred Reppun – HIMB Representative (voting member)

Liko Kaluhiwa – Kāneʻohe Bay Recreational Boating Representative (voting member)

Aunty Rocky Kaluhiwa – Koʻolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

Kristi Kaluhiwa – MCBH, Koʻolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

Kūʻike Kamakea-ʻŌhelo – OHA

Parker Spencer – OHA

Josh Hekeia – Office of Planning

Casey Ching – Heʻeia NERR

Kimberly Fuller stepped in as Chair for Brian Neilson. Chair Fuller reviewed the ground rules for the meeting.

#### 2. Approval of the January 21, 2025 Agenda (Action Item)

Quorum was not present to vote on this action item.

#### 3. Approval of Council minutes of the October 15, 2024 meetings (Action Item)

Quorum was not present to vote on this action item.

#### 4. Approval of Council minutes from December 10, 2024 meeting (Action Item)

Quorum was not present to vote on this action item.

5. Update on the Kāneʻohe Bay Master Plan Update (Non-Action Item)

Chair Fuller reviewed the agenda item from the previous December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, where KBRC created a temporary committee to continue the process of renewing the Kāneʻohe Bay Master Plan. The process involves the Heʻeia NERR contracting a facilitator to lead the group discussion... consultation with lineal descendents from the area will be part of the process. The temporary committee will be restricted to sunshine law.

\*Ask Kim for final language on Agenda Item.

Member Reppun provided the update that the NERR is still looking for potential facilitators.

6. Designation of Temporary Committee members to update the Kāneʻohe Bay Master Plan (Action Item)

Quorum was not present to vote on this action item.

7. Update on reef damage of Navy P-8A aircraft grounding in Kāneʻohe Bay (Non-Action Item)

Chair Fuller provided the update from DAR. Previously, DAR provided KBRC with a synopsis of the coral damage, including 4000-7000 colonies of different sizes that were affected. DLNR DAR is meeting with the Navy this Thursday to discuss mitigative actions. The Navy has expressed interest in partnering for restorative actions, including biocontrol with sea urchins and invasive algae removal.

Member Reppun asked what scale of mitigative action the Navy is willing to take in terms of time and money. Chair Fuller responded that DAR didn't have an idea of that just yet, but that it was promising that the Navy is willing to discuss restorative efforts to offset damage done even though they have sovereign immunity. The scope of work has yet to be discussed or decided.

Member Reppun offered support from KBRC in the form of crafting statements or letters. He suggested something be drafted by the next meeting so it can be voted on, if DAR finds that helpful. Chair Fuller shared appreciation for the community and KBRC's investment in the issue and encouragement to seek mitigative action.

8. Update from the Division of Aquatic Resources in pursuing Ch. 91 Rule Making to ban commercial aquarium harvest statewide (Non-Action Item)

Chair Fuller shared that DAR is in the process of identifying aquarium fishing rules with plans to take proposed rules to BLNR sometime in the spring.

9. Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council legislative priorities for the 2024/2025 legislative session to support legislation to restrict commercial fishing for aquarium purposes in Kāneʻohe Bay (Non-

Action Item)

Legislative Chair, Elena Bryant, was not present to share updates of this agenda item.

#### 10. Community concerns (Non-Action Item)

Aunty Rocky Kaluhiwa inquired about current KBRC seats.

Current members are: Clifford Loo, Cedric Bertelmann, Fred Reppun, Elena Bryant, Liko Kaluhiwa, Joe Pickard. The OHA seat is current vacant. Fred Reppun has re-upped his seat, but is waiting to hear back.

Parker Spencer shared that he and Kū'ike Kamakea-Ōhelo represent a division on 'Ōiwi Wellbeing and 'Āina at OHA. The OHA vacancy in KBRC was brought up at the OHA office. OHA did send an email to Brian Neilson and DAR to see what it would take to designate one of them to be a member and what paperwork would be required to be appointed by the Governor's office.

Aunty Rocky Kaluhiwa shared that she spoke to Brian Neilson about the vacant OHA seat because it would add a voting seat to KBRC. She suggested the paperwork be done ASAP because it has to go to the legislature. Chair Fuller noted this to ask Brian Neilson. Parker Spencer requested that Kū'ike Kamakea-Ōhelo be listed as primary with himself being the alternate.

Aunty Rocky Kaluhiwa asked which members need to be re-upped for their seat.

Kendall Tucker replied that Fred Reppun term ended in June 2023, Liko Kaluhiwa and Cedric Bertelmann terms ended in June 2024, and Clifford Loo, Elena Bryant, Joe Pickard, terms end in June 2025.

Member Reppun inquired about the process that other organizations have for nominating people for their seats. Parker Spencer replied that it was brought to their attention by constituents and based on the subject matter, it seemed appropriate for Kū'ike Kamakea-Ōhelo and him to fill the seat. Aunty Rocky Kaluhiwa shared that each group chooses their own. The neighborhood boards choose their own member, the fishing community chooses somebody, the recreational boaters choose someone, and commercial operators choose someone. They all have voting seats and represent who chooses them. Kū'ike Kamakea-Ōhelo expanded for OHA that it is an internal process with a letter of nomination coming from the Chair of their Board of Trustees and CEO. He inquired which committee it goes through. Aunty Rocky Kaluhiwa responded that Water and Land and Hawaiian Affairs. Member Reppun added that his went through Water and Land with Kai Kahele when he did it.

Kū'ike Kamakea-Ōhelo shared that the government was gearing up to send names to committees by next week and that the process might not be completed until March. Aunty Rocky Kaluhiwa replied that people stay on pro tem until the seat is legitimized.

Regarding timing to submit seats for renewal, Kū'ike Kamakea-Ōhelo suggested 3 months ahead. However, legislature passed a holdover bill last year so even if terms end, if nobody is present to replace the seat immediately, the person who occupies the seat can hold over if members are willing to serve.

Aunty Rocky Kaluhiwa brought up the illegal wedding business happening on Lilipuna Road, where illegal commercial boating is occurring and people are being taken to Moku o Lo'e and HIMB. Casey Ching shared that DOBOR issued them a cease and desist, but Makai Watch is aware that the activities have not ceased operation and DOBOR is on the look out. Kristi Kaluhiwa and Aunty Rocky Kaluhiwa offered to issue letters from KBRC, Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and Neighborhood Boards to support DOBOR's Cease and Desist.

#### 11. Announcements (Non-Action Item)

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Moved half an hour later to accommodate schedules and meet quorum.

#### 12. Adjournment