

2024 Legacy Land Conservation Commission Draft Minutes, Meeting 87
State of Hawai'i Department of Land & Natural Resources
Division of Forestry & Wildlife

DATE: January 21, 2025

PLACE: Kalanimoku Building
In-person at Kalanimoku Building, Boardroom Room 132
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

And remote by interactive conference technology (online via ZOOM and by telephone)

PARTICIPANTS

COMMISSIONERS:

In Person

Ms. Christiane "Kauī" Lucas

Via Zoom

Mr. John Sinton (Chair)
Ms. Beryl Blaich (Vice-Chair)
Ms. Kanoe Wilson
Ms. Kim Falinski
Ms. Elizabeth "Beth" Robinson
Mr. Jay Penniman
Ms. Alexandra "Alex" Kelepolo

STAFF:

In Person

Van Matsushige Project Development Specialist, Land Division

Via Zoom

David Penn Program Specialist, Legacy Land Conservation Program, Division of
Forestry & Wildlife
Daouda Njie Research Associate

PUBLIC:

In Person

Bella Koga
Mario Miscioscia
Breeanne Fong

Via Zoom

Kamuela Ka'apana
Reyna Ramolete
Adam Borello
Shane Akoni Palacat-Nelsen
Heather Howard

Julius Metcalf
Jordon Loudon
Maile DeSoto
Alayna DeBira
Tanya Rubenstein
Puanani Rogers
Mele Coleman
Skye Haraga
Clever Keiki Hawaii

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PROCEDURES
 COMMISSION ROLL CALL
 STAFF INTRODUCTIONS
 REVIEW DECISION MAKING PRIORITIES, CRITERIA, AND PROCESS**

Chair Sinton called Meeting 87 to order at 9:03 AM on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 which is being held in person at the Kalanimoku Boardroom and remotely via Zoom. The Chair started the meeting by requesting a roll call with each commissioner who was not at the meeting in person to state their location and identify others who were sharing the same space. One (1) commissioner was present in person, Commissioners Lucas, and seven (7) participating via Zoom. Chair Sinton confirmed quorum with eight (8) commissioners participating in the meeting.

David Penn, Program Specialist for the Legacy Land Conservation Program, introduced staff in attendance that included new staff member, Daouda Njie and Van Matsushige.

Chair Sinton continued by explaining the in-person and remote meeting procedures and reviewed the procedures should the connectivity go down and scheduling of the next meeting if connectivity cannot be re-established. Chair Sinton asked if there was any discussion on the procedures from the commission or any public testimony. David Penn noted that the documents related to the decision making priorities, criteria and process were not include in Meeting 87 board packet. Since it was discussed at the last meeting it

**ITEM 2: FISCAL YEAR 2025 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE LAND
 CONSERVATION FUND (LAND ACQUISITION) – PRESENTATION OF
 PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUP REPORTS**

Chair Sinton explained that at the last commission meeting eight Permitted Interaction Groups (PIG) were established to investigate the applications submitted for this grant cycle. At this meeting, seven of the PIG will present the results of the investigation including the field visit and written report which is included in the board packet. This is for reporting purposes only, so commissioners who are not part of the PIG should not ask questions or comment on the presentation until Meeting 88. Same with any public comments or testimony.

Item 2.A. Hawaiian Kingdom Foundation requesting \$800,000 to acquire approximately 1 acre for Haneo'o Fishpond Complex, District of Hāna, Maui, TMK (2) 1-4-008:001

Commissioner Penniman was the group leader with commissioners Blach, Robinson and Falinski part of the PIG team (recording clip below)



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Kingdom.mp4

Chair Sinton called for any public testimony. Seeing none, the chair moved on Item 2.B.

Item 2.B. Bella Bond Foundation requesting for \$1,462,500 to acquire approximately 131 acres for Kahalu'u Nature Sanctuary, Ko'olaupoko, Oah'u, TMK (1) 4-7-001:02

Commissioner Kelepolo was the group leader with commissioners Falinski, Lucas and Sinton part of the PIG team (recording clip below)



Bella Bond.mp4

Chair Sinton called for any public testimony. Seeing none, the chair moved on Item 2.C.

Item 2.C. North Short Community Land Trust requesting for \$3,000,000 to acquire approximately 170.913 acres for Ke Kīpuka o Kalaeuila, Ko'olaupoko, Oah'u, TMK (1) 5-6-003:011; 019; 020; 021; 022; 023; 024; 026; 030; 031; 046; 049

Commissioner Lucas was the group leader with commissioners Kelepolo, Sinton and Wilson part of the PIG team (recording clip below)



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Chair Sinton called for any public testimony. Seeing none, the chair moved on Item 2.D.

Item 2.D. DLNR – Division of Forestry and Wildlife requesting for \$3,810,000 to acquire approximately 615 acres for East Maui Coastal Forest, Ko'olau, Maui, TMK (2) 1-2-001:045; 1-2-001:001(por); 1-2-001:002; 1-2-003:002; 1-2-001:027; 1-2-003:018

Commissioner Falinski was the group leader with commissioners Blach, Penniman and Robinson part of the PIG team (recording clip below)



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Chair Sinton called for any public testimony. Seeing none, the chair moved on Item 2.E.

Item 2.E. Ho'āla Kealakekua Nui, Inc. requesting for \$1,000,00 to acquire approximately 1.26 acres for Kōkua Kealakekua, Kona, Hawai'i, TMK (3) 8-1-009:007-008

Commissioner Robinson was the group leader with commissioners Kelepolo, Wilson and Blaiich part of the PIG team (recording clip below)



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Chair Sinton called for any public testimony. Seeing none, the chair moved on Item 2.F.

Item 2.F. Makahanloa Fishing Association requesting for \$4,704,750 to acquire approximately 81.19 acres for Kawainui Makai, Hilo, Hawai'i, TMK (3) 2-7-011:001; 2-7-010:027

Commissioner Falinski was the group leader with commissioners Kelepolo, Penniman and Robinson part of the PIG team (recording clip below)



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Chair Sinton called for any public testimony. Seeing none, the chair moved on Item 2.G.

Item 2.G. Ka 'Ohana o Honu'apo requesting for \$2,000,000 to acquire approximately 1916.058 acres for Makaanau Pakua, Kā'u, Hawai'i, TMK (3) 9-5-018:001

Commissioner Wilson was the group leader with commissioners Kelepolo, Penniman and Lucas part of the PIG team (recording clip below)



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With no further comments or public testimony, Chair Sinton moved on to Item 3.

ITEM 3: ACCEPTANCE OF PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUP REPORTS

MOTION: Chair Sinton requested for a vote to accept the permitted interaction group reports. Commissioner Lucas moved to accept the reports and Commissioner Wilson seconded it. A vote was taken, and all were in favor with no abstentions. The motion to accept the permitted interaction group reports for the fiscal year 2025 land acquisition grant carries unanimously and has been adopted.

ITEM 4: ADJOURNMENT

Before adjourning, David Penn reminded everyone that Meeting 88 will be two days scheduled for January 29th and 30th held in person at the DLNR boardroom and also on Zoom. The agenda will be posted next week with the board packet to follow. Notification of the meeting will be on the State of Hawaii Calendar and those on the LLCP mailing list will receive an email about the

upcoming meeting. Chair Sinton asked for a motion to adjourn Meeting 87. Commissioner Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Penniman. Seeing no further discussion, Chair Sinton adjourned Meeting 87 at 11:08 AM.

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