



MAUNAKEA STEWARDSHIP OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY (MKSOA)

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 13, 2023

10:00 am

Online via ZOOM and livestreamed via YouTube

AUTHORITY MEMBERS

PRESENT, Zoom: Chairperson John Komeiji; Doug Adams; Rich Matsuda; Paul Horner; Pomai Bertelmann; Lanakila Mangaui; Laura Kaakua; Kalehua Krug

EXCUSED Members: Bonnie Irwin, Gene Bal, NoeNoe Wong-Wilson, Kamana Beamer

MKSOA SUPPORT: Ryan Kanaka'ole, Deputy Attorney General (DAG); Jordan Ching, DAG; Craig Iha, DAG; Kapua Roback (UHH 'Imiloa); Ka'iu Kimura (UHH 'Imiloa)

GUESTS: Greg Chun (UHH CMS)

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME PROTOCOL

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am.

Member Adams opened with thoughts about “understanding vs. exploration” – the former inferring a completion and the latter inferring a continual learning process open to a variety of perspectives for new and innovative ways forward.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No online or written comments provided.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE June 8, 2023 MEETING

MOTION: Motion by Member Matsuda to approve meeting minutes from June 8, 2023. Second by Member Kaakua.

ACTION: The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. CHAIR REPORT

No report.

V. GOVERNANCE

No report.

VI. ADMINISTRATION

A. STATUS: Hiring of the Executive Assistant

Member Matsuda reported that an employment offer has been made to the candidate.

B. VOTE: Approve posting for MKSOA Executive Director position

MOTION: Motion by Member Adams to approve the position description for the MKSOA Executive Director position as drafted and presented. Second by Member Matsuda.

ACTION: The motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: Motion by Member Horner to approve posting for MKSOA Executive Director position. Second by Member Matsuda.

ACTION: The motion was unanimously approved.

C. VOTE: Approve the Appointment of MKSOA Interim Executive Director

The MKSOA Board anticipates convening in Executive Session pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(2), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to consider the hire of an employee, and Section 92-5(a)(4), HRS, to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

MOTION: Motion by Member Adams to move into Executive Session. Second by Member Matsuda.

ACTION: The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session began at 10:23am, and ended at 11:04am.

Chair Komeiji recommend the appointment of Wesley Machida as Interim Executive Director to address administrative matters including the hiring of a permanent executive director. The screening and hiring of the Executive Director would remain with the members of the Board, not with the Interim Executive Director. The goal is to hire the permanent Executive Director by the end 2023. The issue of mission, strategy and vision remain with members of the collective Board.

Mr. Machida has been instrumental in guiding MKSOA through administrative requirements. He is a graduate of Kamehame Schools and holds various degrees in Economics, Business Administration and Accounting. He has a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa as well as from

Chaminade University. He has worked as an auditor in the private sector, worked for the State of Hawai'i Office of the Auditor as Assistant State Auditor, long term employment with the Employment Retirement System and eventually became the Executive Director. He also served as Director of Finance for the State of Hawai'i Office of Budget and Finance for three years. He has great familiarity with state government, important to the standing up of the Authority. Mr. Machida is committed to EUTF and serves voluntarily on several committees. He is passionate about ensuring that State employees have good health and retirement benefits. Chair Komeiji's recommendation is to hire Mr. Machida at half time so that he can continue to serve on those committees.

MOTION: Motion by Member Adams to appoint, Wesley Machida, on a half time basis, as MKSOA Interim Executive Director contingent upon the position description for the Executive Director having been completed through the State of Hawai'i System and that the salary designation is made within the administration of the Department of Land and Natural Resources and that the appointment be made for the duration of hiring a permanent Executive Director and lasting no longer than 2023. Second by Member Matsuda.

DISCUSSION: Member Adams noted that it has been terrific to work with Wesley Machida. Can you share your views of this Authority and your ability to assist in standing up the Authority.

- Wesley Machida expressed appreciation for the effort that everyone has put into the Authority. Machida's goal is to assist the board in standing up the agency and to navigate through the state process in order to accomplish the goals and mission that the board will establish. Machida does have other commitments that he would like to continue to do (i.e. EUTF board). He appreciates the ability to continue to participate in those commitments and will be accessible at anytime to board members.

ACTION: The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. FINANCE
No report.

VIII. OPERATIONAL UPDATE

A. REPORT: CENTER FOR MAUNAKEA STEWARDSHIP (CMS)

Director Chun intends to share the high level overview of the scale of work and organization that gets the work done by CMS. A powerpoint presentation was shown and included in board materials.

- [Master Plan Land Uses](#) – University of Hawai'i vision and proposed uses of Maunakea lands.
- [Comprehensive Management Plan](#) supported by 4 subplans and a variety of Management Policies/Programs. These plans manage activities on Maunakea.
- [Administrative Rules](#), Act 132: Management of Public and Commercial Activities
- General lease, Subleases, OSDA's, Permits; Partnerships, Property Rights, and Compliance

Director Chun reviewed the University of Hawai'i organizational chart for Maunakea management operated by the CMS and the Institute for Astronomy (IFA). Also reviewed was the operating budget and forecast for FY24 for the Maunakea Support Services.

Director Chun presented a list of large projects and purchases currently in progress and/or needed for compliance and safety to support scale and scope of services provided.

(see attachment VIII-A.pdf provided in Board materials)

Member Adam asked about the timeline and funding for the underground storage tanks and dispensing station project. Is there a deadline?

- Director Chun noted that there is an engineering study done for the removal of the existing tanks and installation of new tanks. Estimated costs is \$1.2 million and CMS will work with the Maunakea Observatories to cover the costs. Target date to commence in quarter two of 2024. A CDUP is needed and a 343 assessment is needed.

Member Adams clarified that a timeline of decision making is needed by 2nd quarter 2024. Also clarified that HP refers to Hale Pōhaku and Repeaters Transfer is in reference to lunch provided at the summit.

Member Mangauil asked about the gallon capacity of the existing and new tanks.

- Director Chun introduced Rodrigo Romo, General Manager of the Maunakea Shared Services division, to respond to the questions. There are 3 underground storage tanks, one for gasoline at 6 thousand gallons, and two 3 thousand gallon tanks for diesel – total twelve thousand gallon underground storage capacity. Those will be removed and replaced with single, double-line split ten thousand gallon tank with 5 thousand gallon storage compartments for gasoline and diesel. These specs are to support the current operations. CMS anticipates less diesel consumption since the diesel boiler will be replaced with a propane boiler. However the delivery capacity of diesel would remain at the same levels given the capacity of the delivery trucks.

Chair Komeiji noted the complexity of the information provided. Director Chun is willing to sit with any of the board members for further review and clarification.

Member Mangauil asked about the greenhouse operations at Hale Pōhaku. Director Chun noted that the greenhouses are part of the Resource Management Programs under CMS. There is a resource manager that manages the greenhouse.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. The Authority anticipates convening in Executive Session pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), HRS, to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Authority's power, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities on the following matters:
 - i. Reporting by permitted interaction groups formed pursuant to Section 92-2.5(b), HRS; and
 - ii. Management of public land trust lands established pursuant to Article

XII, Section 4 of the Hawai‘i State Constitution.

- B. Consultation with the Authority’s attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Authority’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4) Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, regarding proposed Legislation, Governance, Administration and Finance.

MOTION: Member Horner moved to approve to go into Executive Session. Member Bertelmann seconded the motion.

ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Session began at 11:30am, and ended at 12:24pm.

Chair Komeiji noted that the executive session discussions included executive session agenda items listed above in the minutes.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next public meeting: Thursday, August 10, 2023, 10:00 am.
- B. Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) hearing on petitioner’s motion to reopen hearing for motion to confirm non-compliance with condition no. 4 of the Thirty Meter Telescope Conditional Use Permit (CDUP). Alternatively, Petition for Declaratory Orders Concerning the Same, *In the Matter of the Petition of Mauna Kea Hui for a Declaratory Order filed May 24, 2021*, BLNR Docket No. BLNR-CC-HA-22-02: Hearing scheduled for July 28, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Member Horner moved to adjourn. Member Mangauil seconded the motion.

ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27pm

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