



## MAUNAKEA STEWARDSHIP OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY (MKSOA)

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### PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 12, 2023

10:00 am

Online via ZOOM and livestreamed via YouTube

#### AUTHORITY MEMBERS

**PRESENT, Zoom:** Chairperson John Komeiji; First Vice-Chair Noe Noe Wong-Wilson; Second Vice-Chair Rich Matsuda; Bonnie Irwin; Ben Kudo; Laura Kaakua; Lanakila Mangaui; Doug Adams

**EXCUSED Members:** Paul Horner ; Kamana Beamer; Kolehua Krug; Pomai Bertelmann

**MKSOA SUPPORT:** Ryan K.P. Kanaka'ole, Deputy Attorney General (DAG); Pua'ena Ahn (MKSOA Executive Assistant); Wes Machida; Kapua Roback (UHH 'Imiloa)

**GUESTS:** Greg Chun, Executive Director (UHH CMS)

#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME PROTOCOL

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am. Opening protocol by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Wong-Wilson.

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment on agenda items.

#### III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 MEETING

**MOTION:** Motion by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Wong-Wilson to approve meeting minutes from September 14, 2023. Second by Member Kudo.

**ACTION:** The motion was unanimously approved.

#### IV. CHAIR REPORT

**A. MEETING WITH NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND HAWAII'S SENATE DELEGATION**

Chair and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Wong-Wilson traveled to Washington DC to provide status report to NSF Director and cultivate future working relationships. No discussion of TMT or NSF funding for TMT took place whatsoever. Chair and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair also met with Sen. Brian Schatz to provide status report on MKSOA activities and progress.

**B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION POSTING**

**I. Hiring process and procedure development**

**a. Appointment of Authority Screening Committee**

Executive Director Position has been posted. Internal posting period within State of Hawai'i has closed, external posting remains open. Board is still seeking and accepting applicants, approx. 4-5 applicants have applied thus far. Hiring process still under development, starting with screening committee to be comprised of Members Horner, Kaakua, and Bertelmann. Full board to consider 3 final candidates for selection.

**V. GOVERNANCE**

**A. DISCUSSION: CO-MANAGEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

Meetings with UH Regents have taken place and a working group composed of UH Regents and MKSOA Board Members is the current proposed framework. Chair is awaiting response from UH Board of Regents regarding written proposal from MKSOA. Also proposed is a similarly composed Operational Transition Group to develop an inventory and address what is to be transferred and how.

**VI. ADMINISTRATION – Public Testimony taken (written or oral) on any of these items**

**A. STATUS: PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUP REGARDING RETENTION OF CONSULTANTS**

Wes Machida summarized Draft RFP, two primary means of selecting and retaining consultants including Qualified List of Professional Services (QLPS) through DLNR, and a Request for Proposals (RFP). QLPS is likely a less appropriate process to meet the Board's needs. Current draft requires further refinement, including a scoring rubric. Any deliberation to be deferred and will take place at next meeting.

**VII. FINANCE**

No report.

**VIII. OPERATIONAL UPDATE: CENTER FOR MAUNAKEA STEWARDSHIP**

**A. INFORMATIONAL: Visitor Information Station (VIS) Storage Enclosure**

Proposal is to enclose outdoor covered area outside of VIS entrance for safe and secure equipment storage after hours, including solar telescope and signage. Project is considered a type A Project in that it is a permitted land use with no ground disturbance under CDUP. No comment or suggestions to CMS regarding project by Mauna Kea Management Board or Kahu Kū Mauna.

**B. INFORMATIONAL: Traffic Report**

Report compiled by MKSS, traffic data typically compiled annually. Highest volume time period in the day is approximately between 4pm and 8pm. Observatory vehicle traffic has decreased in recent years due to increased use of remote viewing. Independent 4WD vehicles made up 61% of total traffic in 2022. Some issues exist with non-permitted Commercial Tour Operators, implementation of Hā'ena-type reservation system is being considered by CMS, to be discussed with MKSOA in the future.

**C. INFORMATIONAL: Nomination of Maunakea as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP)**

Notice received from KAHEA and Mauna Kea 'Anaina Hou by Executive Director Chun and Member Irwin regarding TCP Nomination, area to include lands held by UH, DHHL, DLNR and private landowners from 6500 ft to summit. If listed or deemed eligible, level of analysis/consultation/mitigation under Sec. 106 National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and HRS 6E Historic Preservation will be elevated. CMS unclear how designation will affect Comprehensive Management Plan or Hawai'i Administrative Rules but does not anticipate any effect. MKSOA does not appear to have any decision-making authority in the matter.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**B.** The Authority has recognized the need to convene 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 power, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities on the following matters:

1. Proposed legislative amendments to Act 255, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2022
2. The Authority's exemption from Section 26-35, HRS

**MOTION:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Wong-Wilson moved to enter into Executive Session. Member Kaakaua second.

**ACTION:** The motion was approved unanimously.

Board entered into Executive Session at 11:06.

Board returned from Executive Session at 11:51.

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A.** Next public meeting, Thursday, November 9, 2023, 10:00 am.

**B.** BLNR hearing regarding contested case involving TMT CDUP- November 7, 2023, 1:00 pm.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Wong-Wilson moved to adjourn. Member Kudo second.

**ACTION:** The motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 am.

*Approved*\_\_\_\_\_