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### PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 8, 2025

10:00 am

Online via ZOOM and livestreamed via YouTube

Meeting Recording Available at

<https://youtube.com/live/07IdlBs2DKM>

#### AUTHORITY MEMBERS

**PRESENT, Zoom:** Chairperson John Komeiji; First Vice-Chair Noe Noe Wong-Wilson; Second Vice-Chair Rich Matsuda; Paul Horner; Bonnie Irwin; Neil Hannahs; Kimo Alameda; Ryan K.P. Kanaka'ole; Ben Kudo; Kalehua Krug; Pomai Bertelmann;

**EXCUSED Members:** Lanakila Mangaui;

**MKSOA SUPPORT:** Pua'ena Ahn, Executive Assistant, Board Secretary (MKSOA); John De Fries, Executive Director (MKSOA); Lloyd Unebasami, Interim Administrative Services Officer (MKSOA); Bill Stormont, Project Director (MKSOA); Linda Chow, Deputy Attorney General (AG)

**GUESTS:** Greg Chun, Executive Director (CMS); Nahua Guilloz, Director of Stewardship Programs (CMS); Joy Yoshina, (CMS) Mike Miyahira, Regent (UH BOR); Bill Brillhante, Managing Director (Hawai'i County)

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

Chair Komeiji called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Opening remarks by Member Horner.

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Written Testimony by Wendy Laros, Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce.

#### III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 10, 2024 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**MOTION:** Motion by 1st Vice-Chair (VC) Wong-Wilson to approve

meeting minutes from April 10, 2025 10:00 am Regular Board Meeting. Second by Member Kanaka‘ole.

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

**IV. CHAIR REPORT– Public Testimony taken (written or oral) on any of these items**

No Report, matters deferred to Item V.

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

**A. Formation of Astronomy Management Systems Permitted Interaction Group (PIG)**

1. Purpose: To study, identify, investigate and analyze different systems for the management, operations and oversight of ground-based astronomy facilities.
  - a. Members: John Komeiji, Chair, Noe Noe Wong-Wilson, Richard Matsuda, Lanakila Manguail, Neil Hannahs: Invitation has been received by AURA to view astronomy facilities in Chile and/or Arizona for examples of Best Practices, integration of community into governance

**MOTION:** Motion by Member Kanaka‘ole to approve creation of PIG, Second by Member Horner.

**DISCUSSION:** Comment by Board members about the existence of more appropriate Polynesian or Pacific-centric examples?

**MOTION:** Motion by 1st VC Wong-Wilson to Amend name of PIG to Astronomy Site Management Systems PIG, Second by Member Kanaka‘ole.

**ACTION:** Unanimous approval to amend name of PIG.

**ACTION:** Approval to create PIG unanimous by Show of Hands.

**B. Formation of Executive Director Performance Evaluation Permitted Interaction Group (PIG)**

1. Purpose: To study, identify, create criteria and a process to evaluate, on an annual basis, the performance of the MKSOA’s Executive Director.
  - a. Members: Paul Horner, Chair Komeiji, Pomai Bertelmann, Ryan Kanaka‘ole.

**MOTION:** Motion by 2nd VC Matsuda, Second by Member Hannahs.

**ACTION:** Unanimous approval by Show of Hands.

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

- A. Report by Executive Director (ED) De Fries:
1. Update on Interim and Permanent Offices
    - a. Interim Office- Work in progress: Interim office at 688 Kinoole on track, estimated move-in June 15, 'Imiloa has been notified. Mahalo to 'Imiloa ED Kimura. Workstations have been made available at CMS as well, mahalo to ED Chun.
  2. Status of Management Plan Request for Proposals (RFP)- by Evaluation Committee Chair Unebasami: RFP Posted 4/18, (2) interested respondents, proposals due May 18, to be evaluated May 30<sup>th</sup>. Offerors will be given opportunity to present oral proposal. Expect to award June 11, contract negotiated by June 30. Up to \$2.4 million allocated.
  3. Community Talk Story Session in Waimea in April, Date April 17, 2025 Report- by Project Director Stormont: Highlights- (7) Board members present, led by 2nd VC Matsuda and Member Bertelmann. Protocol by Member Mangauil. Presentation included History and overview of MKSOA formation, primary substance was Strategic Framework Draft and breakout sessions to discuss and provide feedback. (66) present, (23) viewing online.

Comments by Members Hannahs and Alameda, VCs Wong-Wilson and Matsuda. Note by ED De Fries that Strategic Framework is still in draft form, and current version is #5, still subject to incorporating community feedback. Mahalo to HACBED and Mahina Paishon.

4. Community Talk Story Session in Kona, June 2025- Date and Location TBD: Save the Date June 26, Location still TBD, formal announcement to follow. Waimea format to be repeated, as many Board members as possible encouraged to be present.

Comment by Member Hannahs on scheduling ahead and laying out a calendar of Community Talk Story events. Note by ED De Fries about longer term plan for off-island Community Talk Stories.

- B. Long Term Transition Working Group (TWG)- Member Kudo:
1. TWG April Meeting: 4th Tranche of documents started, next meeting next week, likely starting 5th tranche, getting into the “nitty gritty.”

**VII. PROJECTS & MILESTONES INVESTIGATIVE GROUP REPORT– Public Testimony taken (written or oral) on any of these items**

- A. Discussion of MKSOA Strategic Framework Draft: Matter has been covered under prior Agenda Item.
- B. Waimea Talk Story Community Feedback to be Posted Online: Matter has been covered under prior Agenda Item.

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

- A. Report by Interim Administrative Services Officer Unebasami- March Financial

report including appropriations, budget, expenditures, balance: Details contained within attached document available at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Item-VIII-MKSOA-May-2025-Financial-Report.pdf>

**IX. CENTER FOR MAUNAKEA STEWARDSHIP (CMS)– Public Testimony taken (written or oral) on any of these items**

**A. Operational Update- Report by CMS ED Chun:**

1. NASA Infrared Telescope Facility (IRTF) Erosion and Safety Measures- Information Only: Details contained within attached document available at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Item-IX-A1-IRTF-Erosion-and-Safety-Concurrence.pdf>
2. Canada France Hawaii Telescope (CFHT)/Gemini OHANA Conduit Removal- Action Required: Details contained within attached document available at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Item-IX-A2-CFHT-OHANA-Site-Plan-Application.pdf>

Questions and comments by VCs Wong-Wilson and Matsuda and Members Krug and Hannahs. Recommendation to approve by Chair Komeiji, with condition that portion of conduit to be left until time of decommissioning.

**MOTION:** Motion by 2nd VC Matsuda to approve site plan application for CFHT conduit removal with the condition that remainder of conduit to be removed with facility and weather station at the time of decommissioning, Second by Member Hannahs.

**DISCUSSION:** Friendly amendment proposed by 1st VC Wong-Wilson to include “Weather Statement” to motion.

**ACTION:** Approved by show of hands, unanimous.

**B. Joint Management Committee (JMC)- CMS, MKSOA**

1. UH Plans Overview- Information Only Nahua Guilloz, Director of Stewardship Programs, CMS  
Comment by ED De Fries to preface presentation
  - a. Maunakea Master Plan: Details contained within attached document available at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Item-IX-B1a-Master-Plan-Overview-2025.pdf> including Foundations, Physical Plan, Implementation.

Question by Member Hannahs.

- b. Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP): Details contained within attached document available at: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Item-IX-B1b-CMP-Overview-2025.pdf> including Background,

2009 CMP Overview, Desired Outcomes, Development of Management Actions, 2021 Outcome Analysis Report, 2009 Completed Management Actions (sub-plans), Adaptive Management, MKSOA Strategic Framework (values), Guiding Principles  
Questions and comment by Members Alameda and Hannahs.

- c. Administrative Rules: Details contained within attached document available at: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Item-IX-B1c-Admin-Rules-Overview-2025.pdf> including Purpose, Background, Act 132, SLH 2009 Requirements  
1st VC Wong-Wilson, Members Alameda, Krug, Bertelmann left the meeting at approx. 12pm.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session.

### **X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. NEXT AUTHORITY MEETING- JUNE 12, 2025, 10:00AM-12:00PM, DOFAW-HILO, 19 E. KAWILI ST  
B. NEXT COMMUNITY TALK STORY SESSION IN KONA, JUNE 2025- DATE AND LOCATION TBA

### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm.

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