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**APPROVED WITH
AMENDMENTS
AT ITS BOARD MEETING
HELD
ON JULY 11, 2025**

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**SUMMARY MINUTES
FOR THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Audio Link: <https://files.hawaii.gov/dlnr/meeting/audio/Audio-LNR-250627.m4a>

Date: June 27, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

Place: DLNR Boardroom, Kalanimoku Bldg.
1151 Punchbowl Street, 1st floor/ & Online via Zoom

MEMBERS

Dawn Chang
Doreen Canto
Vernon Char
Riley Smith
Karen Ono
Aimee Barnes
Kaiwi Yoon (Absent)
John Dubiel, Deputy Attorney General

STAFF

David Smith, DOFAW Administrator
Van Matsushige
Ian Hirokawa, Land Administrator
Lauren Yasaka

00:00:06 Chair Chang called the meeting to order. The contested case standard statement was read, and Roll Call of the Members conducted.

00:06:55

ITEM C-1 Annual Review of Grants from the Land Conservation Fund for each Project that has been Pending for over Five Years:

- (1) LLCP 2019-04, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Kāne'ohe Pali to Lo'i, District of Ko'olaupoko, Island of O'ahu, Tax Map Key Numbers (1) 4-5-025:008, (1) 4-5-041:001, (1) 4-5-041:004, and (1) 4-5-042:018.

00:13:00 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Barnes, Char)

00:13:23 **PASSED**
VOTE 6 – Unanimous (Barnes, Canto, Chang, Char, Ono, Smith)

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00:13:42

ITEM D-1 Decision Making Regarding the Acceptance or Non-Acceptance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Army Training Land Retention of State Lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation, Island of O‘ahu, Tax Map Keys (TMKs) (1) 5-8-002:002; 5-9-006:026; 7-2-001:006; 6-9-003:001 (por.); 8-1-001:008 and portions of 007 & 012; and 8-2-001:001, 022, 024, 025, and portions of 002.

00:18:42 The Board recessed for a short break.

00:19:03 The Board returned from the recess and continued to hear public testimony on Item D-1.

01:32:10 The Board recessed for a 10-minute break.

01:42:00 The Board returned from the recess and continued to hear public testimony on Item D-1.

02:02:25 The Board recessed for a 15-minute break.

02:17:45 The Board returned from the recess and continued to hear public testimony on Item D-1.

03:32:45 The Board recessed for a lunch break.

04:09:23 The Board returned from the recess and continued to hear public testimony on Item D-1.

05:52:09 **Executive Session**
MOTION (Barnes, Char)

05:52:40 **PASSED**
VOTE 6 – Unanimous (Barnes, Canto, Chang, Char, Ono, Smith)

06:18:40 **To Reject the Final EIS as Submitted by USAG-HI and IMCOM.**
MOTION (Barnes, Char)

06:34:51 **PASSED**
VOTE 5 – Ayes (Barnes, Canto, Chang, Char, Ono)
1 – Nay (Smith)

Comments: The Board determined that the FEIS is inadequate as supported by staff submittal. The Board also made the following findings:

1. The FEIS complied with the procedural requirements;
2. Regarding content requirements, the FEIS is insufficient as there is a clear lack of baseline data for the Board to make an

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- informed decision that the impacts of the natural, historical, biological and cultural resources have not been satisfied; and
3. The DLNR comments on the draft EIS were not satisfactorily addressed in the Final EIS.

In addition to consideration of the contents of the staff submittal, the Board identified the following deficiencies:

- 1) The biological studies, both terrestrial and aquatic, do not provide information to determine impact to biological resources;
- 2) The archaeological surveys don't cover the full extent of area that is required to allow the Board to determine the impact to historic and cultural resources;
- 3) There was insufficient consultation with Aha Moku and other key individuals;
- 4) In turn, there was not enough information for a Ka Pa'akai analysis to be conducted;
- 5) The Conservation District Use issues were not addressed;
- 6) The Groundwater issues were not addressed;
- 7) Adequately considering staff comments regarding the use of state lands for forest reserves once current leases expire;
- 8) Issue of classifying the action as a "real estate action"; and
- 9) Comments provided by DLNR staff were not sufficiently addressed in the final document.

06:35:43 There being no further business, Chair Chang adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Reeana Wright

Acting Land Board Secretary

Approved for Submittal:



Dawn N.S. Chang, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources
Department of Land and Natural Resources