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APPROVED AT ITS  
BOARD MEETING ON  
JANUARY 23, 2026 TK

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BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE  
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FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE  
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KAHOOLAE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION  
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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-260109.m4a>

Date: January 9, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM

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

**MEMBERS**

Ryan K.P. Kanaka'ole  
Calvin Young  
Denise Iseri-Matsubara  
Riley Smith  
James Carpio (Zoom)  
Karen Ono  
Kaiwi Yoon  
Miranda Steed, DAG

**STAFF**

Alan Carpenter, Acting SP Administrator  
Charles Taylor, DAR  
Brian Neilson, DAR Administrator  
Dustan Esteban, DOCARE  
Daniel Elvenia, DOCARE  
Luke Sarvis, CO  
Michael Cain, OCCL Administrator  
Dina Lau, Acting Chief Engineer  
Jesse Colandrea, ENG Div.  
Lauren Yasaka, Acting Land Administrator  
Candace Martin, Land Div.

**00:00:05** Acting Chair Kanaka'ole called the meeting to order. The contested case standard statement was read, and Roll Call of the Members conducted.

**00:04:55**  
**ITEM H-3** Election of a Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources pursuant to Haw. Admin. Rules (HAR) § 13-1-8.1.

Pursuant to Section 92-5(a) (4), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), the Board may go into Executive Session in order to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities.

00:05:24      **Executive Session**  
MOTION      (Yoon, Young)

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00:05:35      **PASSED**  
VOTE      6 – Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Young, Yoon)

00:05:58      The Board went into Executive Session  
00:27:03      The Board returned from Executive Session

00:27:08      Member Carpio joined the meeting.

00:28:10      **To Nominate Member Karen Ono as Vice Chairperson**  
MOTION      (Yoon, Smith)

00:28:56      **PASSED**  
VOTE      7 – Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Caprio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Young, Yoon)

**00:29:12**  
**ITEM E-1**      Authorize the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, to Directly Negotiate with Pacific Historic Parks, an Eleemosynary Organization, for a Concession Agreement for the Operation of Interpretive and Merchandising Kiosk at Lē'ahi, Diamond Head State Monument, O'ahu, Tax Map Key: (1)-3-1-042:006 portion;

Determine that Lē'ahi, Diamond Head State Monument, is environmentally, culturally, historically, or operationally unique under Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 102, Section 102-2; and

Declare the Project Exempt from the Requirements of Chapter 343, HRS, and Title 11, Chapter 200.1, Hawai'i Administrative Rules.

00:48:20      **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION      (Yoon, Ono)

00:48:32      **PASSED**  
VOTE      7 – Unanimous

**00:48:40**  
**ITEM F-1**      Request for Administrative Fines and Other Penalties Against Konane Zager for Longline Fishing, in Violation of Hawaii Revised Statutes § 189-2.5, on May 7, 2025, Offshore the Southwest Coast of Hawaii Island.

01:15:15      **Executive Session**  
MOTION      (Yoon, Canto)

01:15:19      **PASSED**  
VOTE      7 – Unanimous

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01:15:26 The Board went into Executive Session  
01:40:40 The Board returned from Executive Session

Amendment: The Board amended to add turning over the files to the NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement for federal review and for DOCARE to pursue consequences for fishing crew members that may be participating in illegal activities in State waters.

01:51:45 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Amended**  
MOTION (Smith, Iseri-Matsubara)

01:52:23 **PASSED**  
VOTE 7 – Unanimous

**01:52:38**

**ITEM H-1** Conveyance of State-Owned Land to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Anahola, Kawaihau (Koolau), Kauai, Tax Map Key: (4) 4-8-007: 013; and  
Grant of Immediate Management Right-of-Entry Permit to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Anahola, Kawaihau (Koolau), Kauai, Tax Map Key: (4) 4-8-007: 013.

Amendment: The Board approved staff submittal as amended to condition Chairperson's delegated authority to execute the quitclaim deed upon DHHL completing due diligence and beneficiary consultation and reporting back to DLNR with satisfactory results.

02:03:45 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Amended**  
MOTION (Ono, Yoon)

02:04:35 **PASSED**  
VOTE 7 – Unanimous

**02:04:42**

**ITEM H-2** Request to Conduct Two (2) Public Hearings on the Island of Oahu Regarding Eurus Energy America LLC's Application to Directly Lease State Lands for the Construction and Operation of a Renewable Hydrogen Generation Facility, Honouliuli, Ewa, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 9-1-031:001; Lot 12022, Map 888, Land Court Application No. 1069; Certificate of Title No. 498,504; and  
Amend Prior Board Action of November 14, 2025, Item H-1, *Authorize the Withdrawal of Approximately 100.7 Acres from Governor's Executive Order No. 4584 to the Department of Agriculture & Biosecurity (formerly known as the Department of Agriculture) for Agriculture Purposes, Honouliuli, Ewa, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 9-1-031:001; Lot 12022, Map 888, Land Court Application No. 1069; Certificate of Title No. 498,504.*

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The purpose of this amendment is to expand the scope of the executive order to withdraw approximately 100.7 acres from Governor's Executive Order No. 4584 to include removal of the reservation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources of the right to issue leases for renewable energy projects on the approximately 9.4 acres that will remain with the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

2:18:38      **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION      (Iseri-Matsubara, Ono)

2:18:48      **PASSED**  
VOTE      7 – Unanimous

**02:18:56**

**ITEM K-1**      Decision Making on Conservation District Use Application (CDUA) OA-3985 for the Waimea Valley Economic Resiliency Project by Hiipaka LLC (a sub entity of Hiilei Aloha LLC and the State of Hawaii Office of Hawaiian Affairs) Located at 59-864 Kamehameha Highway, Waimea, Waialua, Island of Oahu, TMKs: (1) 6-1-002:002 & (1) 6-1-002:005.

02:30:02      **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION      (Iseri-Matsubara, Young)

02:30:59      **PASSED**  
VOTE      7 – Unanimous

**02:31:42**

**ITEM L-1**      Approval to Authorize the Chairperson to Negotiate, Award, Amend, Manage, Enforce or Revoke State Grant Awards for the Act 134, SLH 2023 Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grants to Owners of the Waiakalua Reservoir, Kauai (KA-0010) for \$750,000 for Remediation Improvements; and Wailuku Water Reservoir 6, Maui (MA-0150) for \$500,000 for Dam Removal Study, and Authorize the Chairperson to declare a project covered by this request exempt from the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) or to approve an EA and issue a finding of no significant impact (FONSI).

02:59:11      **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION      (Ono, Smith)

02:59:21      **PASSED**  
VOTE      7 – Unanimous

03:00:05      The Board recessed for a lunch break.  
03:33:42      The Board returned from the recess.

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**03:33:58**

**ITEM D-5** Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to the Department of the Navy for Access Purpose; Halawa, Ewa, Oahu; TMK: (1) 9-9-010: portion of 058.

03:35:50 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION (Iseri-Matsubara, Young)

03:35:59 **PASSED**  
VOTE 7 – Unanimous

**03:36:11**

**ITEM D-6** Termination of Revocable Permit No. S-7899 to Mary Nakoa for Horse Paddock Purposes; and Issuance of New Revocable Permit to Pamela DeLo for Horse Paddock Purposes, Lualualei, Waianae, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 8-6-002:005.

03:39:20 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION (Iseri-Matsubara, Yoon)

03:39:30 **PASSED**  
VOTE 7 – Unanimous

**03:40:17**

**ITEM D-1** Withdrawal of 27,290 square feet from Governor's Executive Order No. 3774 and Withdrawal of 1,753 square feet from Governor's Executive Order No. 3775, to be Reset Aside to the County of Hawaii for Bridge and Roadway Purposes, Piihonua, South Hilo, Hawaii; TMK: (3) 2-3-026: portions of 005 & 009.

03:41:48 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION (Smith, Ono)

03:41:58 **PASSED**  
VOTE 7 – Unanimous

**03:42:06**

**ITEM D-2** Consent to Extension of Sublease Under General Lease No. S-4443, I. Kitagawa & Co., Ltd., Lessee, to Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii, Sublessees, Waiakea House Lots Extension, Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (3) 2-2-058:001.

03:44:03 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION (Smith, Ono)

03:44:11 **PASSED**  
VOTE 7 – Unanimous

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**03:44:16**

**ITEM D-3** Issuance of a Revocable Permit to Paradise Plants Home and Garden Center LLC, for Limited Industrial Uses Allowed Under the Current County of Hawaii Zoning Code Purposes, Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (3) 2-2-049:012.

Non-Action Item: Public Testimony on the Potential Issuance of New Direct Lease to Paradise Plants Home and Garden Center LLC for Limited Industrial Uses Allowed Under the Current County of Hawaii Zoning Code Purposes, Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (3) 2-2-049:012, to Fulfill One of Two Public Hearings Required Pursuant to Act 114, SLH 2024.

03:47:08 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION (Smith, Ono)

03:47:19 **PASSED**  
VOTE 7 – Unanimous

**03:47:26**

**ITEM D-4** Issuance of a Revocable Permit to The Food Basket Inc., for Limited Industrial Uses Allowed Under the Current County of Hawaii Zoning Code Purposes, Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (3) 2-2-050:096.

Amendment: Board unanimously approved Staff's recommendation with the amendment that rent will be gratis for the term of the RP.

03:52:25 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Amended**  
MOTION (Smith, Yoon)

03:54:05 **PASSED**  
VOTE 7 – Unanimous

**03:54:20**

**ITEM D-7** Cancellation of Governor's Executive Order No. 4634 and Reset Aside to City and County of Honolulu for Ocean Safety Purposes, Hau'ula, Ko'olauloa, O'ahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 5-4-001:045.

03:56:25 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**  
MOTION (Ono, Iseri-Matsubara)

03:56:34 **PASSED**  
VOTE 7 – Unanimous

**03:56:45** There being no further business, Acting Chair Kanaka'ole adjourned the meeting.  
**1:01 PM**

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Respectfully Submitted:

*Reeana Wright*

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Acting Land Board Secretary

Approved for Submittal:



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Ryan K.P. Kanaka'ole, Acting Chairperson  
Board of Land and Natural Resources  
Department of Land and Natural Resources