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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-260227.m4a>

Date: February 27, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM

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

MEMBERS

Ryan Kanaka'ole
James Carpio
Denise Iseri-Matsubara
Karen Ono
Riley Smith
Kaiwi Yoon
Calvin Young
Colin Lau, DAG

STAFF

Alan Carpenter, Acting Parks Administrator
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Candace Martin, Land Div.
Brian Nelson, DAR Administrator
Charles Taylor, DAR
N. Keali'i Sagum, DAR
Meghan Statts, DOBOR Administrator
Richard Howard, DOBOR

00:00:13 Acting Chair Kanaka'ole called the meeting to order. The contested case standard statement was read, and Roll Call of the Members conducted.

00:05:15

ITEM A-1 Approval of February 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

00:05:41 **To Approve Meeting Minutes as Submitted**
MOTION (Ono, Smith)

00:06:24 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

00:06:28

ITEM E-2 Approval to Amend General Lease SP0548 to Ke'ehi Memorial Organization to Restructure the Current Annual Lease Rent to the Prevailing Nominal Rate and Extend the Current Term By Fifteen (15) Years for Continued Operation,

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Maintenance and Administration of Ke‘ehi Lagoon Memorial State Park,
Honolulu, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 1-1-003:004; and

Declare the Project Exempt from the Requirements of Chapter 343, Hawaii
Revised Statutes and Title 11, Chapter 200.1, Hawai‘i Administrative Rules.

00:33:47 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Amended**
MOTION (Iseri-Matsubara, Yoon)

The Board unanimously voted to approve Item E-2 as recommended by staff in
Item 1 and to amend Item 2 to state: Authorize the Chairperson to execute an
amendment General Lease SP0548 to Ke‘ehi Memorial Organization to
Restructure the Current Annual Lease Rent to the Prevailing Nominal Rate of
\$480.00 per annum for a period of five (5) years to reevaluate the lease rent
and progress of the capital improvement work and to extend the current lease
term for an additional thirty (30) years moving to the expiration date of October
10, 2028 to October 09, 2058 under the terms and conditions cited above.

00:34:47 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Kanakanā‘ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith,
Yoon, Young)

00:35:00
ITEM F-3

Request For Approval to Hold Public Hearings on 1) the Adoption of a New
Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter Within Title 13: Chapter 13-60.12,
“Ka‘ūpūlehu Fisheries Management Area, Hawai‘i” to establish the area
boundaries, establish bag limits, size limits, and open and closed seasons for
various marine life species, implement gear restrictions, establish a fishing
permit requirement including permit terms and conditions, and to establish rules
and boundaries for the ‘Opihi Rest Area Rotational Zones to implement
enhanced ‘opihi management measures, the Kai Malu Management Area to
align with the traditional fishing practices of Kahuwai Bay, and the Wai a Kāne
Cultural Site and Freshwater Spring to recognize and preserve the important
cultural and ecological role Wai a Kāne plays for Kahuwai Bay and the
surrounding nearshore ecosystem; and 2) Amendments to and Compilation of
Chapter 13-60.4, Hawaii Administrative Rules, “West Hawai‘i Regional Fishery
Management Area, Hawai‘i” to repeal rules for the Ka‘ūpūlehu Marine Reserve,
reestablish the Ka‘ūpūlehu Fish Replenishment Area, and make other
housekeeping amendments throughout the chapter.

The proposed rule amendments can be reviewed in person, by appointment
only, at the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) office on Oahu at 1151
Punchbowl St. Room 330, Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,
Monday through Friday, except Holidays. To schedule an appointment to review
the proposed rules in person, email: dar.rulemaking@hawaii.gov.

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The proposed rules, including a statement on the topic of the proposed rules, can be reviewed online at <https://ltgov.hawaii.gov/the-office/administrative-rules/proposed-changes/> or at <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dar/rules-and-public-notices/>.

02:28:20 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Amended**
MOTION (Smith, Ono)

The Board unanimously voted to approve Item F-3 as recommended by staff and to amend the action to include that the Division of Aquatic Resources continue to collaborate with Hui Kahuwai and the other users of the resource before going to public hearing and to delegate the Division of Aquatic Resources the authority to make amendments and appropriate decisions regarding Item F-3.

02:41:46 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Kanakanaka, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

**02:43:16
ITEM C-1**

Authorize the Division of Forestry and Wildlife to conduct public hearings to gather input on the potential set aside of lands as forest reserves on Moloka'i (Tax Map Key [2]5-8-003:012 as an extension of the Moloka'i Forest Reserve), on Maui (Tax Map Key [2]1-1-002:007 as an extension of the Ko'olau Forest Reserve), and on Hawai'i (Tax Map Keys [3]1-8-006:026, [3]1-8-006:027, and [3]1-8-006:029 as an extension of the 'Ola'a Forest Reserve); and as a Natural Area Reserve on Maui (Tax Map Key [2]1-7-003:036 as the Kailio Point Natural Area Reserve).

Authorize the Chairperson to establish the dates, locations, and times for the Public Hearings, and to appoint Hearing Officers for the hearings.

02:44:00 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Carpio, Ono)

02:44:12 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Kanakanaka, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

**02:44:49
ITEM D-1**

Amend General Lease No. S-5206 to Kapaa Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Lessee, for Church Site and Related Religious Purposes, Kapa'a, Kawaihau, Kaua'i, Tax Map Key: (4) 4-6-014:110.

The purpose of amending the document is to change the lease language for future rental reopenings so that such reopenings will be based on the Board's then prevailing minimum rent policy.

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02:47:19 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Ono, Smith)

02:47:29 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Kanaka’ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith,
Yoon, Young)

02:47:36
ITEM D-2

Issuance of a Revocable Permit to Hilo Products, Inc., for Limited Industrial Uses Allowed Under the Current County of Hawai’i Zoning Code Purposes, Kanoelehua Industrial Area, Waiākea, South Hilo, Hawai’i, Tax Map Key: (3) 2-2-050:085.

02:56:21 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Amended**
MOTION (Smith, Ono)

The Board unanimously voted to approve Item D-2 as recommended by staff and to amend the action to include approval of an extension of an additional six (6) months if needed for the applicant to submit an application for a direct lease.

02:57:12 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Kanaka’ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith,
Yoon, Young)

02:57:46 The Board recessed for a lunch break.
02:57:46 Member Yoon left the meeting.
03:31:20 The Board returned from the recess.

03:31:37
ITEM F-2

Request for Fines and Penalties against Trident Adventures LLC for Conducting Unpermitted Commercial Activities in the Sharks Cove, Three Tables, and Waimea Bay ocean waters of the North Shore Oahu Ocean Recreation Management Area (“ORMA”) regulated under HAR section 13-256-63, and Pūpūkea Marine Life Conservation District regulated under HAR chapter 13-34, island of Oahu, on June 9 and June 19, 2025.

04:20:53 The Board went into Executive Session.
04:41:26 The Board returned from Executive Session.

04:41:27 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Iseri-Matsubara, Ono)

04:42:56 **PASSED**
VOTE 6 – Unanimous (Kanaka’ole, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith,
Young)

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04:43:23 Member Iseri-Matsubara left the meeting.

04:43:36

ITEM E-1

Authorize the Acquisition in Fee Simple of Real Property and Improvements at Hā'ena Beach Park, Kaua'i, Hawai'i, Tax Map Key: (4) 5-9-005-019-0000, and Maninihola Dry Cave, Kaua'i, Hawai'i, Tax Map Key: (4) 5-9-005-017-0000, from County of Kaua'i to State by Way of Dedication; and

Approve and recommend to the Governor the issuance of an Executive Order Setting Aside Hā'ena Beach Park and Maninihola Dry Cave to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks for Park Purposes; and Recommendation for properties so acquired, to be added to Hā'ena State Park pursuant to the requirements of Section 171-11, HRS. Hā'ena State Park is currently set aside under Governor's Executive Order 3391, for Park Purposes.

Declare the Project Exempt from the Requirement of Preparation of an Environmental Assessment under Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200.1, HAR.

05:10:49 The Board went into Executive Session.

05:39:40 The Board returned from Executive Session.

05:40:06 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Amended**
MOTION (Ono, Young)

The Board unanimously voted to approve Item E-1 as recommended by staff and to amend the action, pending completion of due diligence between the State Parks and the County of Kaua'i, to authorize the acquisition of the subject lands in principle, and deferred Items 2, 3 and 4.

05:41:39 **PASSED**
VOTE 5 – Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Ono, Smith, Young)

05:43:15

ITEM F-1

Request for Approval for a FY26 State-Funded Project Agreement Between the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the University of Hawai'i for Statewide Coral Nursery and Restoration Support in Alignment with the Division of Aquatic Resources' Management Goals.

05:45:13 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Young, Ono)

05:45:26 **PASSED**
VOTE 5 – Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Ono, Smith, Young)

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05:45:49

ITEM J-1 Termination of Harbor Lease No. H-92-12 Issued to Moloka'i Ice House, Inc., situated at the Kaunakakai Small Boat Harbor, Kaunakakai, Island of Moloka'i, Hawai'i, Tax Map Key: (2) 5-3-001:011 (por.)

05:47:38 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Carpio, Ono)

05:48:02 **PASSED**
VOTE 5 – Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Ono, Smith, Young)

05:48:05

ITEM J-2 Consent to Sublease under Harbor Lease No. H-82-4, GKM, Inc., Lessee, to Harbor House Kona, LLC dba Harbor House, Sublessee, situated at Honokohau Small Boat Harbor, Kealakehe, Kona, Hawai'i, Tax Map Key: (3) 7-4-008:042 (por.).

05:48:49 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Smith, Carpio)

05:49:02 **PASSED**
VOTE 5 – Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Ono, Smith, Young)

05:49:08

ITEM J-3 Consent to Subleases Under Harbor Lease No. H-82-4, GKM, Inc., Lessee, to Hawaii Data Center LLC, Sublessee, situated at Honokohau Small Boat Harbor, Kealakehe, Kona, Hawai'i, Tax Map Key: (3) 7-4-008:042 (por.).

05:49:37 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Smith, Carpio)

05:49:55 **PASSED**
VOTE 5 – Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Ono, Smith, Young)

05:50:01

ITEM J-4 Consent to Sublease under Harbor Lease No. H-82-4, GKM, Inc., Lessee, to Litos Marine L.L.C., Sublessee, situated at Honokohau Small Boat Harbor, Kealakehe, Kona, Hawai'i, Tax Map Key: (3) 7-4-008:042 (por.).

05:50:30 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Smith, Carpio)

05:50:44 **PASSED**
VOTE 5 – Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Ono, Smith, Young)

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05:50:53

ITEM J-5 Consent to Sublease under Harbor Lease No. H-82-4, GKM, Inc., Lessee, to Precision Marine Power Inc., Sublessee, situated at Honokohau Small Boat Harbor, Kealakehe, Kona, Hawai'i, Tax Map Key: (3) 7-4-008:042 (por.).

05:51:24 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Smith, Carpio)

05:51:35 **PASSED**
VOTE 5 – Unanimous (Kanaka'ole, Carpio, Ono, Smith, Young)

5:51:42 There being no further business, Acting Chair Kanaka'ole adjourned the
2:59 PM meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tasha Kakuda

Land Board Secretary

Approved for Submittal:



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