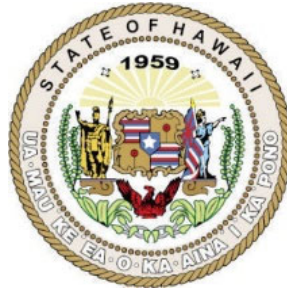


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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 9, 2026

10:00 am

Online via ZOOM and livestreamed via YouTube
Meeting Recording Available at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHBc66V18Bk>

AUTHORITY MEMBERS

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

EXCUSED Members: Kimo Alameda; Bonnie Irwin;

MKSOA SUPPORT: Pua'ena Ahn, Executive Assistant, Board Secretary (MKSOA); John De Fries, Executive Director (MKSOA); Linda Chow, Deputy Attorney General (AG); Keala Patterson, (incoming) Administrative Services Officer (MKSOA); Christopher Daggett, Strategic Consultant (MKSOA)

GUESTS: Nahua Guilloz, Director of Stewardship Programs (CMS); Rodrigo Romo, MKSS General Manager (CMS)

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME PROTOCOL

Chair Komeiji called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Opening remarks by 2nd Vice-Chair Matsuda.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Written testimony by Momi Nu'uhiwa.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2026 REGULAR AUTHORITY MEETING

Details contained in document located at: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Item-III-2026-3-12-DRAFT-Minutes.pdf>

MOTION: Motion by 1st Vice-Chair Wong-Wilson, Second by 2nd Vice-Chair Matsuda.

ACTION: Unanimous by show of hands.

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

- A. Status of HB 2592 “Relating to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority”: Only bill of three introduced related to Mauna Kea still alive, has become omnibus- all three bills have been consolidated into one, now includes lease extension ability and UH reversion clause, was supposed to be heard yesterday, deferred to today at 10:30 am (concurrent with this meeting, MKSOA will not be present)- decision making only, if passed likely to go into conference committee
- B. Status of HB 2593 “Relating to Mauna Kea”: See above.
- C. Status of SB 2003 “Relating to Natural Resource Management”: See above.

Item VIII. Taken out of order.

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

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

Member Kudo left the meeting at 11:00 am

- A. Report by [Project Director (PD) Stormont]:
 - 1. Introduction of Public Relations, Communications, Marketing and Advertising, DDC Consulting: Donalyn Dela Cruz
 - 2. Management Plan Update
 - a. Honuailākea Training 03/28/2026: Facilitated Edith Kanaka‘ole Foundation, utilizes indigenous management and cultural perspectives, frameworks in the deconstruction and interpretation of mele. Training has also been done with members of astronomy community, CMS staff training to take place 4/21/26 and 4/23/26.
 - b. Kua o Wākea Update Session 4/2/26: Workshop #3- Interim updates on management planning progress, community workshop results, draft aspirational statement, next steps, early look at preliminary draft Table of Contents.

- c. Regarding Previous Reports of Trash on Summit During 3/12/26 MKSOA Meeting: Areas of concern inspected, no trash found. Initial report originated circa 2019, summit area is generally one of the most highly monitored in Hawai'i.

- B. Status of Long-Term Transition Working Group (LTTWG), Report by Member Kudo: Draft transfer plan still being drafted, currently any disagreements to be kicked up to Joint Management Committee.

Member Mangauil left the meeting at 11:15 am.

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

- A. Kona Low Storm – Damage Assessment: Document containing photos depicting damage and cost breakdown located at: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Item-VII-A.pdf>. FEMA and HIEMA claims filed, UH Office of Risk Management and Maunakea Observatories contributed initially and costs to be recouped from Emergency Management Agencies.

Question by Member Hannahs, Clarification by Director Guilloz and General Manager Romo.

VIII. MKSOA-CMS JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (JMC) Public Testimony taken (written or oral) on any of these items

Items Taken Out of Order.

- A. Operational Services Transition Package to ensure the continuity of operations on Mauna Kea during the transition period. -ACTION ITEM

Questions by Vice-Chairs Matsuda and Wong-Wilson, Members Horner and Hannahs; Clarification by Director Guilloz and General Manager Romo.

MOTION: 1st Vice-Chair Wong-Wilson moved to approve Operational Services Transition Package to Ensure the Continuity of Operations on Mauna Kea During the Transition Period, 2nd Vice-Chair Second.

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION: Motion passed by Show of Hands

- B. Comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). -ACTION ITEM

Overview by Strategic Consultant Daggett- MKSOA has been advised to initiate procurement process for EIS as required for any new lease due to multi-year nature of project. Professional Services of procurement is the primary method for EISs. TMT would affect (increase) the scope of work depending on their own course of action. Decision at hand entirely related to starting the procurement process. Cultural Impact Assessment and Kapa'akai analysis required, contested cases

likely, public outreach and engagement necessary. Expected high level of inquiry and opposition regardless of direction. Approx \$3M cost, new stadium EIS \$5M for reference, three-plus years expected timeline.

Comments by Vice-Chairs Wong-Wilson and Matsuda, Question by Member Hannahs.

MOTION: 1st Vice-Chair Wong-Wilson moved to approve Initiation of EIS Procurement, 2nd Vice-Chair Matsuda Second.

DISCUSSION: Further questions by 2nd Vice-Chair Matsuda, Members Mangauil, Krug, Hannahs; Clarification by Deputy Attorney General Chow, Chair Komeiji,

ACTION: Motion passed by show of hands.

Member Irwin Joined the meeting at 10:58 am.

IX. TMT Project Status and Feasibility on a Decommissioned Site – Public Testimony taken (written or oral) on any of these items

- A. By Fengchuan Liu, TMT Project Manager: Acknowledgement that Act 255 prioritizes reuse of decommissioned sites, UH Board of Regents has moved to change its management plan so as to allow reuse of decommissioned sites, which were previously not allowed. Preliminary inquiry into decommissioned site, appears feasible to build on CalTech Submillimeter Observatory site. TMT is bigger but it is feasible. First permit was issued over a decade ago, admittedly a big project, questions around whether a new CDUP and EIS would be necessary, entire TIO board would need to be in favor in order to move in that direction.

Questions by Member Alameda delivered by Chair Komeiji in his absence, and by Vice-Chairs Wong-Wilson and Matsuda, Member Hannahs, PD Stormont; Comment by Chair Komeiji

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

- A. Report by Interim Administrative Services Officer Patterson- March Financial report including appropriations, budget, expenditures, balance: Details contained within attached document available at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Item-X-A.pdf>.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. NEXT AUTHORITY MEETING- MAY 14, 2026, 10:00AM-12:00PM;
KŪKAHAU‘ULA, INSTITUTE FOR ASTRONOMY (IFA) 640 N. AOHOKU PL, HILO
1. AUTHORITY MEMBERS: PLEASE NOTIFY BOARD SECRETARY IMMEDIATELY IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by 1st Vice-Chair Wong-Wilson, Second by 2nd Vice-Chair Matsuda.

ACTION: Motion Meeting adjourned at 11:53 am.

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