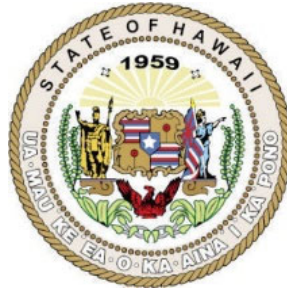


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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 14, 2026

10:00 am

Online via ZOOM and livestreamed via YouTube
Meeting Recording Available at

<https://youtube.com/live/JbJF9wRXwbM>

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 Former Member Paul Horner

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Written testimony by Momi Nu'uhiwa.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2026 REGULAR AUTHORITY MEETING

Details contained in document located at: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Item-III-2026-4-9-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. Legislative Report

1. H.B. 2592 C.D. 1: Passed by Legislature last week, changes transfer date from June 30, 2028 to December 1, 2029, sets certain benchmarks to meet or else lands and management to revert to University of Hawai'i (UH). Management Plan must be complete by June 30, 2028, and operational by December 1, 2029. Administrative Rules must be submitted to Gov by December 31, 2029. Mauna Kea Lands will remain with DLNR, but MKSOA will be manager as if they were the Lessor. DLNR Administrative Rules provide that no CDUP will be considered unless the managing entity signs off on application. MKSOA did not ask for the 10-year lease extension powers. If leases are extended, exempt from HRS 343 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) requirements and certain other prohibitions. UH Management Plan and rules may remain in effect until superseding MKSOA plan and rules are implemented.

Bill document located at: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Item-IV-A-1-HB2592-CD1-Committee-Report-and-Bill.pdf>

Member Mangauil joined the meeting at 10:11 am.

Additional explanation and comment on HB 2592 by 1st Vice-Chair Wong-Wilson. Specific clarification that lease extensions originated in separate bill (HB 2593) which was added into HB 2592 and made optional rather than its original automatic extension. MKSOA has already initiated EIS of its own accord despite statutory exemption, in acknowledgement of valid community concern over extension ability and EIS exemption.

Further comment by Chair Komeiji confirming that three out of five items included in HB 2592 did not originate from MKSOA, and MKSOA did not ask for. Lease extensions are considered a last resort.

Concurring comments by 2nd Vice-Chair Matsuda, Member Hannahs.

2. Board Member Reappointment Confirmation: Explanation of confirmation process and mahalo expressed to legislators and Legislative Reference Bureau for their assistance in this process.

Comment by Member Hannahs.

- B. Mahalo to Paul Horner: Mahalo to (former) member Horner for his contributions to MKSOA from its inception as an original Board member.

Mahalo from former Member Horner to Board members and staff.

Mahalo and comments from Vice-Chairs Wong-Wilson and Matsuda, Members Hannahs, Mangauil, Bertelmann, ED De Fries.

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

A. Report by Executive Director (ED) De Fries

1. MKSOA Staffing and Recruiting: Executive Assistant position, Business Transformation Fellows and Social Communications Fellow Special Projects positions postings are live. One of two informational webinars have taken place for Special Projects positions.
2. Management Plan Update: Planning workshop number three has taken place, in addition to to Honuiaiākea trainings facilitated by Edith Kanaka'ole Foundation. Board has taken training, as well as two sessions with Center for Maunakea Stewardship (CMS) staff. Planning work moving into Phase three, to be most intense phase so far, to include financial planning.

Comment by 2nd Vice-Chair Matsuda.

3. Status of Aspirational Statement: Communications consultant Donalyn Dela Cruz has drafted revised aspirational statement for PIG and Board input

B. Status of Long-Term Transition Working Group (LTTWG): Report by [ED De Fries]: Third draft currently in development.

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

A. Very Long Baseline Array (VLBA) Reroof/Repaint Project (Type A Project; CMS written report) – Information Only: CMS staff unable to provide verbal report, details contained in document located at:

<https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Item-VII-CMS-ED-Report.pdf>.

B. Geochemical Characterization of CMS Lithic Collections (Research proposal from UHH Departments of Antropology and Geology; See CMS written report) – Information Only: Details contained in document located at: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Item-VII-CMS-ED-Report.pdf>.

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

- A. Decision by UH-Board of Regents on MKSOA Proposed Operational Services Transition Package to Ensure the Continuity of Operations on Mauna Kea Through June 30, 2027: Agreement fully executed following approval by [UH Board of Regents, encumbrance and transfer pending.
- B. Status of Comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): Discussions with SPO have taken place, Professional Services method of procurement through DLNR Engineering in early stages. Members Mangauil and Krug will be notified how they may be involved in the

IX. 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/2026/05/Item-IX-April-2026-Financial-Report.pdf>.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. NEXT AUTHORITY MEETING- JUNE 18, 2026, 10:00AM-12:00PM; KŪKAHAU‘ULA, INSTITUTE FOR ASTRONOMY (IFA) 640 N. AOHOKU PL, HILO: June 11, 2026 falls on Kamehameha Day holiday, polling Board for June 18 date.
 - 1. AUTHORITY MEMBERS: PLEASE NOTIFY BOARD SECRETARY IMMEDIATELY IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

ACTION: Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

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