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**APPROVED AT ITS
BOARD MEETING ON
JUNE 12, 2026**

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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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-260522.m4a>

Date: May 22, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM

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

MEMBERS

Dawn Chang
James Carpio
Denise Iseri-Matsubara
Karen Ono
Riley Smith
Kaiwi Yoon (Zoom)
Calvin Young (Zoom)
Cindy Young, DAG

STAFF

David Smith, DOFAW Administrator
David Penn, DOFAW
David Sischo, DOFAW
Janis Matsunaga, DOFAW
Seiji Ogawa, Land Div. Administrator
Candace Martin, Land Div.
Barry Cheung, Land Div.
Steven Domingo, Land Div.
Alan Carpenter, Acting SP Administrator
Brigida Ayson, SP
Brian Neilson, DAR Administrator
Luna Kekoa, DAR

00:00:07 Chair Chang called the meeting to order. The contested case standard statement was read, and Roll Call of the Members conducted.

00:05:13

ITEM A-1 Approval of May 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

00:04:48 **To Approve Meeting Minutes as Submitted**
MOTION (Ono, Smith)

00:05:15 **PASSED**
VOTE 5 – Ayes (Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Young)
2 – Recuse (Chang, Yoon)

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00:06:39

ITEM C-1 Approval to Enter into a Nondisturbance and Attornment Agreement; Agreement Regarding Distribution of Sales Proceeds; and Consent with Hookuaaina and the City and County of Honolulu to Facilitate Hookuaaina's Acquisition of Approximately 116.49 Acres at Pālāwai, Koolaupoko District, Island of Oahu, Tax Map Key Nos. (1) 4-2-008:001 and (1) 4-2-007:043, Under a Fiscal Year 2023 Legacy Land Conservation Program Grant Award; and Authorization for the Chairperson to Negotiate and Execute the Agreement.

00:18:21 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Iseri-Matsubara, Ono)

00:18:54 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Chang, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

00:19:28

ITEM C-2 Request for delegation of Authority to the Administrator of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife to negotiate and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Health for rare and endangered native invertebrate emergency evacuation to Department of Health, Environmental Management Division Facilities, Tax Map Key (1) 9-7-025:001, Pearl City, Oahu

And

Request approval of Declaration of Exemption of the project from Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

00:33:25 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Iseri-Matsubara, Carpio)

00:33:50 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Chang, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

00:33:55

ITEM C-3 Withdrawn May 19, 2026.

00:34:20

ITEM D-1 Rescission of Prior Board Action of April 27, 2018, Item D-2, as Amended, *Quitclaim of State's Interests, if Any, in the Abandoned Government Roadway off Kynnersley Road, to the County of Hawaii, Nunulu Nui, North Kohala, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (3) 5-4-001: 005; and*

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Quitclaim Sale of Remnant (Abandoned Government Roadway) to Alice Leiomalama Solomon, as Trustee of the Alice Leiomalama Solomon Revocable Trust dated February 3, 2000, as amended, and Hulali Flora Solomon Covington and Robert Tredwell Covington, Trustees of that certain unrecorded Revocable Living Trust of Hulali Flora Solomon Covington and Robert Tredwell Covington dated March 8, 2021; Dowling Family 2000 Trust; and Marilyn Kanehailua, Raylynn Kanehailua, and Reymond Kanehailua, (collectively as “Applicants”) Kaauhuhu, North Kohala, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (3) 5-4-001:005.

The reason for the rescission of the prior Board action and the request to convey the abandoned road to Applicants by way of quitclaim is that the County of Hawaii declined to accept the conveyance of the abandoned roadway after Board approval. The Applicants still desire to acquire the abandoned roadway in spite of the County’s decision not to accept the prior Board-approved conveyance.

00:41:45 **Executive Session**
MOTION (Iseri-Matsubara, Carpio)
No vote was taken.

00:41:55 The Board went into Executive Session.

01:13:29 The Board returned from Executive Session.

01:21:03 The Board agreed to defer the vote on Item D-1 to allow the parties time to confer.

01:21:51
ITEM D-2

Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to Kaikeha, Inc. for 8th Annual Garden Island Boogie Board Classic, Prince Kuhio Beach and Centers Surf Breaks Poipu, Koloa, Kauai, Tax Map Keys: (4) 2-6-005: seaward of 026 and (4) 2-6-005: seaward of 010.

01:24:48 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Ono, Smith)

01:25:01 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Chang, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

01:25:08
ITEM D-3

Issuance of Revocable Permit and Immediate Right-of-Entry to The Vilcek Foundation, Inc. for Commercial Parking Lot Purposes, Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 2-7-036: Portion of 079

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01:42:19 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Iseri-Matsubara, Carpio)

01:42:37 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Chang, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith,
Yoon, Young)

01:42:53

ITEM D-4

Issuance of a Month-to-Month Revocable Permit to Yamada Transfer, Inc., and Require Lessee to Post a Removal Bond Covering the Cost of Removing all Improvements from the Premises at the end of the Revocable Permit in the Event the Board Elects such Removal, Waiakea House Lots, Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (3) 2-2-037:089.

Non-Action Item: First Public Hearing on Potential Issuance of New Direct Lease to Yamada Transfer, Inc. for General Industrial Uses Allowed Under the Current County of Hawaii Zoning Code Purposes, Waiakea, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Key: (3) 2-2-037:089.

01:47:38 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Smith, Ono)

01:48:05 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Chang, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith,
Yoon, Young)

01:48:20

ITEM D-5

Issuance of Immediate Right-of-Entry Permit for Access and Grant of Perpetual, Non-exclusive Easement to Tiffany Jane Parker and Cathleen Sheila Cooley, for Access and Utilities purposes Hanapepe, Waimea, Kauai, Tax Map Key: (4) 1-9-012:037.

01:55:43 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Submitted**
MOTION (Ono, Smith)

01:55:54 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Chang, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith,
Yoon, Young)

01:56:07

ITEM D-1

Rescission of Prior Board Action of April 27, 2018, Item D-2, as Amended, *Quitclaim of State's Interests, if Any, in the Abandoned Government Roadway*

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01:58:08 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Amended**
MOTION (Yoon, Iseri-Matsubara)

Amendment: The Board unanimously voted to approve Item D-1 with the amendment to remove all references to 171 and correct the spelling of the Applicant’s name, Reymond Kanehailua, to Raymond Kanehailua.

01:58:38 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Chang, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

01:58:53 The Board recessed for a short break.

02:04:18 The Board returned from the recess.

02:04:43
ITEM E-4

Withdrawn May 21, 2026 due to clerical error.

02:04:52
ITEM E-1

Mutual Cancellation of General Lease No. SP0136, Ruth Elizabeth Piccard, Lot 22, *Kōke’ē* Camp Site Lots, *Kōke’ē* State Park, Waimea (Kona), Kaua’i, Hawai’i, Tax Map Key: (4) 1-4-004:013.

02:13:07 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Amended**
MOTION (Ono, Smith)

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Amendment: The Board unanimously voted to approve Item E-1 with the amendment to include that the effective date is today, May 22, 2026, the Board's effective date, and that the remaining fees will be prorated until the end date, so it will not carry over to December 2026.

02:13:50 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Chang, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

**02:13:55
ITEM E-2**

Consent to Assign General Lease No. SP0138 from Rick Ralston and Jim Romig to Rick Ralston, Lots 31 and 32, *Kōke'e* Camp Site Lots, *Kōke'e* State Park, Waimea (Kona), Kaua'i, Hawai'i, Tax Map Key: (4) 1-4-004:019;

and

Approval to Amend the Lease to Correct the Termination Date to December 31, 2028.

02:16:32 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Amended**
MOTION (Ono, Smith)

Amendment: The Board unanimously voted to approve Item E-2 with the amendment to waive the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment ("ESA").

02:17:10 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Chang, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

**02:17:19
ITEM E-3**

Consent to Assign General Lease No. SP0103 from Donn A. Carswell and Gale F. Carswell to Kelley Carswell-Haneberg, Karin Carswell Guest, and Christopher D. Carswell, Lot 61, *Kōke'e* Camp Site Lots, *Kōke'e* State Park, Waimea (Kona), Kaua'i, Hawai'i, Tax Map Key: (4) 1-4-004:028;

and

Approval to Amend the Lease to Correct the Termination Date to December 31, 2028.

02:22:08 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Recommended**
MOTION (Ono, Smith)

02:22:32 **PASSED**

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VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Chang, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

**02:23:14
ITEM F-1**

Request Approval for a Federally Funded Project Agreement between the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) for the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) Research Project Entitled “Investigation of Hawaiian Estuaries.”

02:25:32 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Recommended**
MOTION (Yoon, Smith)

02:25:46 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Chang, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

**02:25:50
ITEM F-2**

Request Approval to Enter into a Project Agreement between the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) for the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) Research Project Entitled "Statewide Marine Resource Monitoring and Outreach."

02:26:12 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Recommended**
MOTION (Yoon, Smith)

02:26:25 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Chang, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

**02:26:28
ITEM F-3**

Request Approval to Enter into a Project Agreement between the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) for the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) Research Project Entitled "Hawaii Marine Recreational Fishing Survey."

02:26:58 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Recommended**
MOTION (Yoon, Smith)

02:27:11 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Chang, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith, Yoon, Young)

**02:27:17
ITEM F-4**

Request Approval to Enter into a Federally Funded Project Agreement between the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Research

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Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) for the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) Research Project Entitled “Waiakea Public Fishing Area (PFA) Fishery Monitoring and Enhancement.”

02:36:33 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Recommended**
MOTION (Smith, Carpio)

02:36:47 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Chang, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith,
 Yoon, Young)

**02:36:50
ITEM F-5**

Request Approval to Add Funding and Extend Through September 30, 2027 an Existing Federally Funded Project Agreement between the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) for the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) Research Project Entitled “Community-Based Monitoring Hui Expansion”

02:37:25 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Recommended**
MOTION (Yoon, Carpio)

02:37:38 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Chang, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith,
 Yoon, Young)

**02:37:42
ITEM F-6**

Request Approval to Add Funding and Extend Through September 30, 2027 an Existing Federally Funded Project Agreement between the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) for the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) Research Project Entitled “Limu Aquaculture and Bio-Banking.”

02:38:11 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Recommended**
MOTION (Yoon, Carpio)

02:38:22 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Chang, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith,
 Yoon, Young)

**02:38:25
ITEM F-7**

Request Approval for a State-Funded Project Agreement between the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the University of Hawai'i for “Building Laboratory and Technical Capacity for Cooperative Research Between the Hawai'i Cooperative Fishery Research Unit and Hawai'i Division of Aquatic Resources” in Support of the Division of Aquatic Resources' Management Goals.

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02:40:37 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Recommended**
MOTION (Smith, Carpio)

02:40:53 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Chang, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith,
Yoon, Young)

**02:41:19
ITEM H-1**

Request For Approval to Reappoint Bin C. Li and Appoint Charles R. Taylor and William J. Wynhoff as Administrative Hearing Officers for the Civil Resource Violations System (CRVS) of The Department for a Term of Two Years.

02:45:49 **To Approve Staff Recommendation as Recommended**
MOTION (Smith, Ono)

02:46:13 **PASSED**
VOTE 7 – Unanimous (Chang, Carpio, Iseri-Matsubara, Ono, Smith,
Yoon, Young)

02:46:28 There being no further business, Chair Chang adjourned the meeting.
11:50 AM

Respectfully Submitted:

Tasha Kakuda

Land Board Secretary

Approved for Submittal:



Dawn Chang, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources
Department of Land and Natural Resources