

**STATE OF HAWAII  
HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
KAKAAKO MEETING**

**Wednesday, May 05, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (“Authority” or “Board”), a body corporate and a public instrumentality of the State of Hawaii met virtually (utilizing the state-supported Zoom Meeting platform) for a meeting on May 05, 2021.

Board Chairperson, John Whalen, called the meeting to order at 1:12p.m.  
Those present were as follows:

**Members Present:** John Whalen, Chairperson  
Kevin Sakoda  
Jason Okuhama  
David Rodriguez, DOT (Ex-Officio)  
Craig Hirai, B&F (Ex-Officio)  
Wei Fang  
Chason Ishii  
Dawn Apuna, DPP (non-voting)

**Members Excused:** Daniel Ikaika Ito  
Phillip Hasha

**Legal Counsel:** Kelly Suzuka, Deputy Attorney General

**Staff Present:** Deepak Neupane, Executive Director  
Garet Sasaki, Administrative Services Officer  
Lindsey Doi Leaverton, Asset Manager  
Carson Schultz, Director of Planning & Development - Kakaako  
Craig Nakamoto, Compliance Assurance & Community Outreach Officer  
Francine Murray, HCDA Program Specialist  
Tommilyn Soares, HCDA Secretary

A quorum was present.

**Acknowledgement that the Meeting is Being Convened Virtually**

Chair Whalen reiterated the wording contained in the Meeting Agenda regarding the state’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the state’s efforts to slow the community spread of the virus and Governor David Y. Ige’s issuance of Supplementary Emergency Proclamations which suspended Chapter 92 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to the extent necessary to enable

public boards and commissions to conduct business without holding meetings open to the public.

With regard to the foregoing, Chair Whalen reiterated wording contained in the Meeting Agenda noting that HCDA welcomes public attendance via the Zoom link and HCDA's YouTube Channel contained in the meeting agenda, HCDA also welcomes public comment and public participation via submission of written and or verbal testimony (consistent with the social distancing guidelines and Emergency Proclamation directives in effect).

Chair Whalen stated that individuals, if any, from the public who have requested to provide testimony are on standby and will be permitted to speak during the public testimony session of the specific agenda item.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2021

Minutes were approved as presented.

## **III. ACTION ITEM**

Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Right of Entry Agreement and a Grant of Easement, Substantially in the Forms Attached, with the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation for the Purposes of Constructing and Maintaining the Ala Moana Boulevard Elevated Pedestrian Walkway Bridge Project Located at Oahu Tax Map Key No. (1) 2-1-058: 132 in Kakaako Makai.

HCDA Asset Manager, Lindsey Leaverton Doi, provided a summary of the staff report.

Chair Whalen asked for questions or comments from board members.

There were no questions or comments from board members.

### **Public Testimony**

Chair Whalen called for public testimony. There was no public testimony.

### **Motion**

Member Rodriguez motioned for the board to authorize the Executive Director to execute a Right of Entry agreement and a Grant of Easement, substantially in the forms attached, with the state of Hawaii Department of Transportation for the purposes of constructing and maintaining the Ala Moana Boulevard elevated pedestrian walkway bridge project located at Oahu Tax Map Key No. (1) 2-1-058:132 in Kakaako Makai.

Member Sakoda seconded the motion.

Ms. Leaverton Doi conducted the roll call vote. Motion passed with 7 votes and 2 excused.

**IV. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Monthly Report and Other Status Reports

- a. Approved permit applications that did not require HRS 206E-5.6 public hearings

HCDA Executive Director, Deepak Neupane, chose to stand on the written report as presented.

Chair Whalen asked for questions or comments from board members.

Referring to an item discussed in the ED Report, Member Okuhama asked how bad the leak at Kauhale Kakaako Parking Garage is. Ms. Doi Leaverton stated the degradation at the site has been ongoing for years. Mr. Neupane added saying the rusting of the structure is a contributing factor to the leak. In addition, he noted that the procurement process started, and his hope is that this matter can be brought back to the board for authorization at the next Kakaako board meeting. Member Okuhama stated his curiosity stemmed from worrying that the damage may have been extensive after many years.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comment or questions on the Report of the Executive Director, Chair Whalen thanked those who joined the meeting on Zoom and adjourned the meeting at 1:21p.m.

*John P Whalen*

June 2, 2021

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John Whalen, Chairperson

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Date