

**STATE OF HAWAII  
HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
AT-LARGE MEETING  
(Kakaako, Kalaeloa, and Heeia Business)**

**Wednesday, August 26, 2020**

**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 special meeting on August 26, 2020.

Board Chairperson, John Whalen, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Those present and excused were as follows:

**Members Present:** John Whalen, Chairperson  
Amy Luersen, Vice Chair  
Shirley Swinney, Secretary  
Wei Fang  
Kevin Sakoda  
Chason Ishii  
Jason Okuhama  
Jo-Ann Leong  
David Rodriguez, DOT (Ex Officio)  
Kathy Sokugawa (DPP, non-voting)  
Donna Camvel  
Mitchell Tynanes  
Maeda Timson  
Robert Yu, B&F (Ex Officio)

**Members Absent:** Philip Hasha  
Daniel Ikaika Ito  
Jobie Masagatani (DHHL, non-voting)

**Staff Present:** Garrett Kamemoto, Interim Executive Director  
Tommilyn Soares, Secretary to the Executive Director

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

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 COVID-19 Pandemic and Social Distancing guidance and the necessity to convene the meeting virtually.

With regard to the foregoing, Chair Whalen reiterated the wording contained in the Meeting Agenda noting that the public may observe the meeting virtually in real time and, in addition to written testimony, the public may provide oral testimony via the Zoom Link.

Chair Whalen stated this meeting is a continuation of the Board's August 12, 2020 At-Large Special Meeting re: the Report of the Task Force (Permitted Interaction Group) established to HRS § 92-2.5 for the Purpose of Interviewing Candidates for the Position of the Hawaii Community Development Authority Executive Director.

**Public Testimony**

Chair Whalen stated that no public testimony had been received relating to the item on the Meeting Agenda as of 9:00 a.m. this morning.

Chair Whalen asked if there is anyone who would like to provide oral testimony. There were no responses from the public.

**II. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

**A. Report of the Task Force (Permitted Interaction Group) established pursuant to HRS § 92-2.5 for the Purpose of Interviewing Candidates for the Position of the Hawaii Community Development Authority Executive Director.**

Chair Whalen stated that the Board will convene in an executive meeting pursuant to HRS § 92-5 (a)(4) to consult with the Board's attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities relating to the above item Task Force's Supplemental Report concerning the Task Force's search for candidates for the Authority's Executive Director position.

Chair Whalen noted that no questions, comments or other public testimony was received.

Chair Whalen called for a motion to enter into an executive meeting.

Member Timson motion. Member Luersen seconded.

Chair Whalen called for a voice vote; all members unanimously affirmed:

To convene in executive session pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4) to consult with the Board's attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities relating to the Task Force's

Supplemental Report concerning the Task Force’s search for candidates for the Authority’s Executive Director position.

Chair Whalen asked that Deputy Attorney General’s Lori Sunakoda and Kelly Suzuka join the board in its executive meeting. HCDA will assign hosting duties over to Ms. Suzuka and end the live feed on HCDA’s Facebook page.

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Pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Authority convened in Executive Session at 10:08 a.m.

The Authority met in Executive Session until 11:41 a.m.

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Chair Whalen reconvened the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Whalen adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

*John P Whalen*

January 6, 2021

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John Whalen, Chairperson

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Date Approved by HCDA Board