

STATE OF HAWAII
HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A general business meeting of the Members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (“Authority” or “HCDA”), a body corporate and a public instrumentality of the State of Hawaii, was called to order by John Whalen, Chair of the Authority, at 10:31 a.m., May 1, 2019, at Authority’s principal offices at 547 Queen Street in Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813.

Members Present: John Whalen
Jo-Ann Leong
Mitchell Tynanes
David Rodriguez (DOT Ex-Officio)
Wei Fang
Jason Okuhama
Amy Luersen
Shirley Swinney
Allen Yanos (DHHL non-voting)
Phillip Hasha
Beau Bassett
Maeda Timson

Members Excused: Donna Camvel
William Oh
Mary Pat Waterhouse
Kathy Sokugawa (DPP non-voting)
Mark Anderson (B&F non-voting)

HCDA Staff Present: Aedward Los Banos, Executive Director
Garett Kamemoto, Interim Kakaako Planning and Development Director
Lindsey Doi Leaverton, Asset Manager
Francine Murray, HCDA Specialist
Tommilyn Soares, HCDA Secretary to the Executive Director

Legal Counsel: Max Levins, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Whalen welcomed newly appointed Kalaeloa board member Mitchell Tyananes.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the April 3, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

III. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

2019 Legislative Bills that Affect the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Mr. Garrett Kamemoto, HCDA Legislative Coordinator provided a status update on the following legislative bills:

- HCDA's emergency appropriation for staff salaries was voted on and passed by the Conference Committee;
- The State budget passed; includes a majority of HCDA's funding for FY 2020 – 2022 with a combination of General and Revolving Funds;
- Pending in the conference committee is SB 1530, Relating to the Hawaii Community Development Authority; makes the conversion of the means of financing for HCDA staff from the revolving fund to the general fund contingent upon HCDA developing and submitting a plan to sunset the Kakaako Community Development District. HCDA's testimony submitted opposed the impact on HCDA's staff however it supported the study to assess the status of the Kakaako Community Development District for an orderly transition to sunset the Kakaako District to the City and County of Honolulu.
- The contested case hearing process will remain the same through HB 1261; relating to Judicial Proceedings.
- HB 1586 passed; establishes the stadium development district which includes all state property under the jurisdiction of the stadium authority and places that property under the jurisdiction of HCDA for development purposes.
- SCR 61, requesting HCDA to conduct a study for a Fire Station in Kakaako passed both houses.
- HB 1068 passed which makes an appropriation for a Heeia State Park community-based long-range plan and planning and design of the education center for the Heeia National Estuarine Research Reserve System. Requires the HCDA to consult with various entities in developing the plan and the education center.

Member Rodriguez stated that he believes some of the legislators may be asking for justification in funding staff positions through the general funds as HCDA is a development agency that has a revolving funds where staff salaries should be funded by. Member Rodriguez added that HCDA is a development agency and that decisions made by the board should be geared more toward "enterprising" as HCDA includes a revolving fund where the agency can be funded through; however, the recent decisions made by the board don't allow for "enterprising" opportunities for the agency and questions whether the board is fulfilling HCDA's mission. He further added that if the agency can rely more on its revolving fund, staff may not have to justify staff salaries being funded through the general fund.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

Ms. Michelle Matson, President, Oahu Island Parks Conservancy and also representing Kakaako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council expressed concerns of the transfer of HCDA's Kakaako Makai to the City and County of Honolulu and encourages preservation of Kakaako Makai. SB 1530 appears to be an effort to dissolve HCDA's good work in Kakaako and suggests the community gather to support HCDA as the community does not want to lose HCDA in Kakaako.

There were no further comments or questions and no public testimony.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

Shall the Authority Appoint a Task Force for the Performance Evaluation of the Hawaii Community Development Authority Executive Director?

Chair Whalen proposed a timeline for the Executive Director's evaluation where the taskforce would convene immediately, provide an interim report for the board to review at its June meeting, complete the evaluation by the end of June with an action item for the board to act on the task force recommendations in July which would conclude the evaluation process. Chair Whalen added that he would like for Executive Director Los Banos to submit a self-evaluation by the end of May and asked that this Task Force include the board officers, Vice-Chair Mary Pat Waterhouse, Secretary Shirley Swinney, Chair John Whalen and a representative from DBEDT perhaps Deputy Director Mary Alice Evans (who volunteered to participate in the last ED evaluation and who is also in transition to head DBEDT's Office of Planning). He also asked to include a Deputy Attorney General.

Members named: Board officers Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the board and DBEDT's Deputy Director (Mary Alice Evans) and its Personnel Officer – Steven Sung and Deputy Attorney General Max Levins.

Motion:

Member Swinney motioned for the board to appoint the three board officers to participate in the performance evaluation of HCDA's Executive Director task force, a representative from DBEDT, Mary Alice Evans and assistance by DBEDT's Personnel Officer Steven Sung and Deputy Attorney General Max Levins.

Member Leong seconded. Chair Whalen conducted a voice vote. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

VI. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Information: Monthly Financial Report for March 2019

Mr. Aedward Los Banos, Executive Director announced that he may not be at the June 2019 meeting as he and his wife are expecting a baby any day now. Mr. Los Banos deferred and stands on the report provided in the board packet.

There were no comments by board members and no public testimony.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Whalen adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Approved and Submitted by,

John Whalen, Chairperson

Date Approved by the HCDA Board