

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

**Wednesday, March 04, 2020**

**MINUTES**

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

A regular business meeting of the Kakaako Members, Hawaii Community Development Authority (“Authority” or “Board”), a body corporate and a public instrumentality of the State of Hawaii, was called to order by John Whalen, Chair of the Authority at 10:00 AM, March 04, 2020 at the Authority’s principal offices at 547 Queen Street in Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813.

Chair Whalen conducted board attendance, as follows:

**Members Present:**

John Whalen, Chairperson  
Wei Fang  
Robert Yu, DOT (Ex-Officio)  
David Rodriguez, B&F (Ex-Officio)  
Kevin Sakoda  
Chason Ishii  
Phillip Hasha

**Members Excused:**

Kathy Sokugawa, DPP (non-voting)  
Jason Okuhama

**Legal Counsel:**

Kelly Suzuka, Deputy Attorney General  
Lori Sunakoda, Deputy Attorney General  
Corinne Carson, Tort Litigation Deputy Attorney General

**Staff Present:**

Garett Kamemoto, Interim Executive Director  
Garet Sasaki, Administrative Services Officer  
Lindsey Doi, Asset Manager  
Francine Murray, HCDA Program Specialist  
Tommilyn Soares, HCDA Secretary

A quorum was present.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of February 5, 2020

Meeting minutes for the February 5, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

## **III. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION**

Litigation Report Relating to Carolyn Ward Aki v. Hawaii Community Development Authority, et al., Civil No. 17-1-001861

*The Authority anticipates convening 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.*

Chair Whalen stated the board will convene in an executive meeting pursuant to Section 92-5 relating to the above item.

Chair Whalen asked members for any comments or questions and also for public testimony. There was no comments or questions by the board members and no public testimony.

Chair Whalen called for a motion to convene an executive meeting.

Member Yu motioned for the board to enter into executive session pursuant to HRS § 92-5 (a)(4). Member Hasha seconded.

Chair Whalen conducted a voice vote. All members unanimously approved, entering into an executive meeting.

Chair Whalen asked that Deputy Attorney General's Corinne Carson, Lori Sunakoda, Kelly Suzuka and HCDA Staff Garrett Kamemoto, Lindsey Doi Leaverton and Tommilyn Soares be included in the executive meeting.

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Pursuant to Section 92-5(4), Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Authority convened in Executive Session at 10:04 a.m.  
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Board members met in an executive meeting from 10:04 a.m.- 10:27 a.m.

Chair Whalen reconvened the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

There were no comments or questions.

## **III. ACTION ITEM**

Request for Settlement Authority Relating to Carolyn Ward Aki v. Hawaii Community Development Authority, et al., Civil No. 17-1-001861

Chair Whalen noted, there were no questions and no public testimony.

**MOTION:**

Member Ishii motioned for the board to approve Deputy Attorney General Carson's request for settlement authority relating to Carolyn Ward Aki v. Hawaii Community Development Authority, et. al., Civil No. 17-1-001861.

Member Hasha seconded the motion.

Interim Executive Director Kamemoto conducted the roll call vote. Motion passed with 7 votes and 1 excused.

**IV. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Kamemoto referred to the report provided in the board packet and noted the Kauhale-Kakaako item and informed the board that the parking garage elevator was damaged. He noted that HCDA's Security vendor is currently investigating the incident.

Member Hasha asked if the security camera caught the incident and if HCDA's security vendor was present.

Ms. Doi explained the current placement of the camera did not catch the incident and HCDA's staff is inquiring on the security presence at the time of the incident.

Deputy Attorney General Sunakoda noted that the security contract should include damage/liabilities provision that may need to be reviewed.

Mr. Kamemoto explained that staff brought the information to the board and may need to request board approval if the repair expenses exceed the \$25,000.00 threshold. HCDA's priority is to repair the elevators and will review the security contract.

There were no questions or comments and no public testimony.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Whalen adjourned the regular meeting at 10:34 am.

Approved and Submitted by,

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John Whalen, Chairperson

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Date Approved by HCDA Board