

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

**Wednesday, July 15, 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 platform) for a special meeting on July 15, 2020.

Board Chairperson, John Whalen, called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. Those present and excused were as follows:

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

**Members Absent:** Wei Fang  
Jobie Masagatani (DHHL, non-voting)

**HCDA Staff Present:** Garrett Kamemoto, Interim Executive Director  
Lindsey Doi Leaverton, Asset Manager  
Francine Murray, Program Specialist  
Garet Sasaki, Administrative Services Officer  
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 Meeting Link and information posted in the Meeting Agenda Notice.

Chair Whalen stated the Board will now proceed with the action items set forth on the Meeting Agenda.

## **II. ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: FY 2020 - 2021**

Chair Whalen stated the Board will now conduct the election of HCDA officers for the 2020 – 2021 fiscal year. Chair Whalen noted HCDA's bylaws call for the election of officers to be elected on the first meeting following July 1 of each year.

Chair Whalen opened the nominations for the respective offices of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary, he noted that board members may make separate nominations for each office and that board members may nominate themselves if members wish to volunteer to serve as an officer.

Member Swinney nominated John Whalen for Chairperson to HCDA's board for fiscal year 2020 – 2021.

Member Swinney nominated Member Amy Luersen for Vice Chairperson to HCDA's board for fiscal year 2020 – 2021.

Chair Whalen asked Member Luersen if she is willing to serve as HCDA's Vice Chair. Member Luersen confirmed, she is willing to serve.

Member Timson nominated Member Shirley Swinney for Secretary to HCDA's board for fiscal year 2020 – 2021.

Chair Whalen asked Member Swinney if she is willing to serve as HCDA's board Secretary. Member Swinney confirmed, she is willing to serve.

Chair Whalen asked if there were any other nominations for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary.

Hearing no further nominations, comments or questions, Chair Whalen asked for Public Testimony.

**Public Testimony**

Mr. Garrett Kamemoto, Interim Executive Director stated no public testimony had been received relating to the item on the Meeting Agenda as of 12:30 p.m. this afternoon and there were no request to provide oral testimony.

**Roll Call Vote**

Mr. Kamemoto conducted the roll call vote for Chairperson John Whalen to the HCDA board for fiscal year 2020 – 2021.

Motion passed with 14 votes and 1 excused.

Mr. Kamemoto conducted the roll call vote for Vice Chairperson Amy Luersen to the HCDA board for fiscal year 2020 – 2021.

Motion passed with 14 votes and 1 excused.

Mr. Kamemoto conducted the roll call vote for Secretary Shirley Swinney to the HCDA board for fiscal year 2020 – 2021.

Motion passed with 14 votes and 1 excused.

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

Chair Whalen stated the Authority 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 were received. Mr. Kamemoto stated no public testimony had been received as well as no request to provide oral testimony.

Chair Whalen called for a motion to enter into an executive meeting.  
Vice Chair Luersen moved, seconded by Board Member Tynanes:

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 conducted a voice vote on the Motion. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Kamemoto noted HCDA staff will stop recording the meeting as well as the facebook live feed and assign hosting rights to Deputy Attorney General Kelly Suzuka. All HCDA staff will exit the meeting and rejoin when the board continues the meeting in public session.

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Pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Authority convened in Executive Session at 12:47 p.m.

The Authority met in Executive Session until 1:30 p.m.

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Chair Whalen reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

**3. Legislative Update (Information)**

Mr. Kamemoto provided an update on the following legislative bills:

- SB 2940 SD2 HD2, Relating to the Stadium Development District;
- HB 1928 HD1 SC2, Relating to Development Districts (Pulehunui);
- HB 2200 HD1 SD1, Relating to the State Budget; and
- SR 28 SD1/SCR 49 Requesting HCDA to Update and Report on Transit-Oriented Development Planning and Implementation for the Kakaako District.

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

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Whalen thanked those who joined today’s board meeting via facebook. There being no further comment or questions the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

*John P Whalen*

January 6, 2021

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John Whalen, Chairperson

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Date Approved by HCDA Board