

STATE OF HAWAII
HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, July 7, 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 regular meeting on July 7, 2021.

Member, Jason Okuhama, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Those present and excused were as follows:

Members Present:

Jason Okuhama
Chason Ishii
David Rodriguez, DOT (Ex-Officio)
Craig Hirai, B&F (Ex-Officio)
Wei Fang
Jo-Ann Leong
Donna Camvel
Mitchell Tynanes
Phillip Hasha
Kevin Sakoda
Pearlyn Fukuba, DHHL (non-voting)

Members Excused:

Kalaeloa – Vacant Seat
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Heeia – Vacant Seat
At-Large – Vacant Seat
Daniel Ito
Dean Uchida, DPP (non-voting)

Legal Counsel:

Kelly Suzuka, Deputy Attorney General

Staff Present:

Deepak Neupane, Executive Director
Carson Schultz, Kakaako Planning & Dev. Director
Garet Sasaki, Administrative Services Officer
Lindsey Doi Leaverton, Asset Manager
Craig Nakamoto, HCDA Communications Services Officer
Tasha Malama, Kalaeloa Planning & Dev. Director
Francine Murray, HCDA Program Specialist
Tommilyn Soares, HCDA Secretary

A quorum was present.

Member Okuhama noted for the board members and public that at the Authority's May 5, 2021 General Meeting, Chairperson John Whalen announced his resignation effective July 1, 2021. As such the Vice Chairperson would normally perform duties of the Chairperson, however Vice Chairperson Amy Luersen's term expired. Therefore, according to the HCDA ByLaws, in the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson the Authority member who is senior in service based on the current term of office shall perform the duties of the Chairperson.

Member Okuhama being the most senior in service presided over the Authority's July 7, 2021 General meeting.

Acknowledgement that the Meeting is Being Convened Virtually

Member Okuhama 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, Member Okuhama reiterated wording contained in the Meeting Agenda noting that HCDA welcomes public attendance via the Zoom link and HCDA's YouTube Page 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).

Member Okuhama stated that individuals 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

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2021

There were no comments or corrections by board members. The meeting minutes were approved as presented.

III. DECISION MAKING

2. Election of Officers: Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022.

Member Okuhama noted the HCDA bylaws call for the election of officers to be held on the first meeting following July 1 of each year. He then opened the nominations for the offices of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary and said members may make separate nominations for each office or they may nominate themselves if they wish to volunteer to serve as an officer.

Nominations for Chairperson:

Member Rodriguez nominated Member Phillip Hasha as Chairperson.

Member Leong nominated Member Wei Fang as Chairperson.

Member Fang nominated Member Jason Okuhama as Chairperson.

Nominations for Vice Chairperson:

Member Rodriguez nominated Member Jason Okuhama as Vice Chairperson.

Member Fang nominated Member Chason Ishii as Vice Chairperson.

Nominations for Secretary:

Member Rodriguez nominated Member Wei Fang as Secretary.

MOTION:

Member Okuhama called for a motion for the Office of Chairperson.

Member Fang made a motion for the following slate of board officers:

1. Member Jason Okuhama for Chairperson;
2. Member Chason Ishii for Vice Chairperson;
3. Member Wei Fang for Secretary.

Member Leong seconded that motion.

Member Rodriguez made a motion for the following slate of board officers:

1. Member Phillip Hasha for Chairperson;
2. Member Jason Okuhama for Vice Chairperson;
3. Member Wei Fang for Secretary.

Member Ishii seconded that motion.

Comments/Discussion:

Member Hasha noted his interest in serving as Chairperson last year, that interest to serve remains and appreciates the nomination and expressed his willingness to serve as Chairperson.

Member Fang noted for the board her concern with Member Hasha's lack of attendance to board meetings. She added that Member Okuhama has great attendance to board meetings and he has also volunteered and accepted nominations to sit on several Permitted Interaction Groups and recommends Member Okuhama to serve as Chairperson.

Member Leong agreed with Member Fang and noted attendance is critical and highly recommended Member Jason Okuhama as Chairperson.

Member Okuhama expressed his appreciation for the nomination as Chairperson and noted that he as well as Member Hasha serve on the Kakaako Community Development District

board and whoever is voted in to serve as the Chairperson will not have voting capabilities with the Kalaeloa and Heeia meetings.

There were no further comments or questions.

Member Okuhama stated that as he calls each member's name, they are to state what slate of nominations they are voting for, the slate of officers is as follows:

Slate A – Phillip Hasha as Chairperson, Jason Okuhama as Vice Chairperson, and Wei Fang as Secretary.

Slate B – Jason Okuhama as Chairperson, Chason Ishii as Vice Chairperson, and Wei Fang as Secretary.

With that motion made by Member Fang and Seconded by Member Leong, Member Okuhama conducted the roll call vote.

Members Rodriguez, Hirai, Hasha and Tynanes voted for Slate A.

Members Fang, Ishii, Sakoda, Leong, Camvel and Okuhama voted for Slate B.

Motion passes with Slate B's nominations for the following FY 2021 – 2022 HCDA Board Officers:

Chairperson, Jason Okuhama;
Vice Chairperson, Chason Ishii; and
Secretary, Wei Fang.

IV. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
3. Monthly Financial Highlights of May 2021.

Mr. Neupane stated the report included in the board packet consisted mostly of financial reporting and asked if there were any questions.

Member Leong stated that since HB 774 regarding the HCDA board structure was vetoed by the Governor, she asked if her term as well as Member Okuhama's term will be renewed.

Mr. Neupane stated that he understands that if the Governor has not yet officially renewed terms, all those whose terms are ending can be holdover members for one year or until the Governor appoints.

Public Testimony

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

There were no further comments or questions.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comment or questions on the Report of the Executive Director, Chair Okuhama thanked those who joined today’s meeting on Zoom or HCDA’s YouTube and adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Wei Fang, Secretary

Date Approved by the Board

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