

**STATE OF HAWAI‘I
HAWAI‘I COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HEEIA MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 4, 2023
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Hawai‘i Community Development Authority (“Authority” or “Board”), a body corporate and a public instrumentality of the State of Hawai‘i, met virtually (utilizing the state-supported Zoom Meeting platform) for a Regular meeting on January 4, 2023.

Chairperson Chason Ishii called the January 4 2023, HCDA Heeia Authority Regular meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

Acknowledgement that the Meeting is Being Convened Virtually

Executive Director Craig Nakamoto reiterated the wording contained in the Meeting Agenda regarding the guidelines and directives provided by Section 92-3.7, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (“HRS”), to enable public boards and commissions to conduct business virtually with a meeting site open to the public.

About the foregoing, Mr. Nakamoto reiterated wording contained in the Meeting Agenda, noting that the HCDA welcomes public attendance via the Zoom link provided and also at the meeting site, located at The American Brewery Building, 547 Queen Street, 2nd Floor Board room, Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813. Mr. Nakamoto stated that individuals, if any, from the public who had requested to provide testimony were on standby and would be permitted to speak during the public testimony session of the specific agenda item.

Chair Ishii conducted the roll call. Those present were as follows:

Members Present: Chason Ishii, Chairperson
Peter Apo, Vice Chair
Sterling Higa, Secretary
Dane Wicker, DBEDT (Ex Officio)
JoAnn Leong

Members Excused: Craig Hirai, DPP (Ex Officio)
Kaiwipuni Lipe
Luis Salaveria, B&F (Ex Officio)
Melissa Miranda-Johnson, DOT (Ex Officio)

A quorum was present.

Legal Counsel: Kelly Suzuka, Deputy Attorney General

Staff Present: Craig Nakamoto, HCDA Executive Director

Garet Sasaki, HCDA Administrative Services Officer
Francine Murray, HCDA Community Outreach Officer
Ryan Tam, HCDA Director of Planning and Development
Lindsey Doi Leaverton, HCDA Asset Manager
Tommylyn Soares, HCDA Executive Secretary

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2021

Chair Ishii asked for comments or corrections. There were none. The meeting minutes were approved as presented.

III. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Building Community Awareness of the Heeia Community Development District and the Role Played by the HCDA: Presentation by HCDA Communications Staff of a Proposed Staff Tour and Workday in the Heeia Community Development District.

Francine Murray, Community Outreach Officer provided background information on the Heeia Community Development District and Staff's proposed workday at Kako'o Oiwi, current lessee.

There were no comments or questions from the board members.

Presentation of Kako'o Oiwi's Annual Report Summarizing the Activities and Accomplishments for the Year 2022

Kako'o Oiwi is the Lessee of the Heeia Community Development District. Mr. Kanekoa Shultz, Executive Director of Kako'o Oiwi, provided a brief update of Kako'o Oiwi's activities and achievements in 2022. Mr. Shultz acknowledged his partners who help Kako'o Oiwi's staff and projects thrive, which include: Hawaiian Civic Club, NOAA, NERR, HCDA, various schools like King Intermediate, Castle High School, Kamehameha Schools, Punahou, etc. He added that the construction of the Opu Nui (poi mill and certified kitchen) has been completed and approved by the Department of Health, the remodeling of the Hoolauana (Washpack/Rootwash station) is currently underway, as is construction of the Hale Pepeiao (Mushroom shed). Mr. Schultz noted that 70 acres of wetlands and taro patches are currently in the restoration or management phase, and there is the potential for an additional 300 acres that can be realized as taro (Lo'i) land. While he noted current water resources are not available to restore all 300 acres to Lo'i, Kako'o Oiwi's goal is to restore at least 180 acres of Lo'i. So far, Kako'o Oiwi has been able to share over 20,000 pounds of food with a value of over \$120,000.00.

Vice Chair Apo thanked and complimented HCDA and Kako'o Oiwi for navigating through the difficulties of creating a framework of supporting organizations as such; and also for the transgenerational nature of connecting the past to the future. He noted it's not only what we should be doing as Hawaiians, but as a State.

Member Leong stated she's impressed as she has watched the community and this young generation commit to restoring these lands. As a microbiologist by trade, she noted that the poi from Kako'o Oiwi is clean and stays fresh for two weeks.

Chair Ishii thanked Mr. Shultz for the incredible work that Kako'o Oiwi has accomplished.

Public Testimony

Chair Ishii called for public testimony. There were no inquiries to provide oral testimony, and no written testimonies were received.

IV. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Monthly Report and Other Status Reports

Approved permit applications that did not require HRS § 206E-5.6, public hearings.


Mr. Nakamoto noted in addition to Director Schultz' updates, for sunshine law purposes, he and board members Apo and Todani conducted site visit and tour of Kako'o Oiwi, led by Executive Director Schultz.

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Chair Ishii called for public testimony. There were no inquiries to provide oral testimony, and no written testimonies were received.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ishii thanked those who joined the meeting on Zoom and then adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.



Sterling Higa, Vice Chair

October 4, 2023

Date Board Approved