

**STATE OF HAWAII
HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
KALAELOA BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 7, 2026
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 ("State") met in person at the HCDA's physical meeting site, American Brewery Building, 547 Queen Street, 2nd Floor Boardroom and provided an option to attend virtually (utilizing the State-supported Zoom Meeting platform) for a Regular Meeting on January 7, 2026.

Chairperson Sterling Higa called the January 7, 2026, HCDA Kalaeloa Authority Regular meeting to order at 11:25 a.m. Chairperson Higa welcomed Ms. Ipolani Duvauchelle as the new business community member to the Kalaeloa Board.

Acknowledgment that the Meeting is Being Convened Virtually

Mr. Craig Nakamoto, Executive Director, 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 Boardroom, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813. The HCDA welcomes public comment and public participation via the submission of written or oral testimony. Mr. Nakamoto stated that individuals from the public, if any, 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. Mr. Nakamoto also noted the time limits for public testimony.

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

Members Present:

Sterling Higa, Chairperson
Chason Ishii, Vice Chairperson
Miki'ala Lidstone, Secretary
Melissa Miranda-Johnson, DOT (Ex Officio)
Mark Anderson, B&F (Ex Officio)
Mary Alice Evans, DBEDT (Ex Officio)
Tim Streitz, City & County of Honolulu DPP (Ex Officio)
Ipolani Duvauchelle, Kalaeloa

Members Excused:

Trey Gordner, Kalaeloa

A quorum was present.

Legal Counsel:

Kelly Suzuka, Deputy Attorney General
Kevin Tongg, Deputy Attorney General

Staff Present:

Craig Nakamoto, Executive Director
Garet Sasaki, Chief Financial Officer
Francine Murray, HCDA Community Outreach Officer
Lindsey Doi, HCDA Asset Manager
Ryan Tam, HCDA Director of Planning & Development
Armaine Tomacder, HCDA Board Secretary

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2025

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

Secretary Lidstone joined the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Special Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2025

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

III. FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

Informational Presentation by the Principals of Kaze Power, formerly known as Kanoa Winds, Regarding the Key Performance Metrics of the Vertical Axis Wind Turbine Installed at the Kalaeloa Heritage Park, located at 91-1940 Coral Sea Road in Kapolei, and Further Described by Oahu Tax Map Key No. 9-1-013:069, in the Kalaeloa community development district.

Mr. Robert Cundiff and Mr. Jason Ho‘opai, of Kaze Power, presented the slide deck provided in the board packet. Mr. Cundiff provided a general timeline of their efforts, which included seeking HCDA approval in 2024 for right-of-entries to install VCCT turbines in Kaka‘ako and Kalaeloa, shipment and site selection process, the installation process in early 2025, and its current operational phase. He explained the general features of the model installed in Kalaeloa, noting that it is one of their smaller units but is capable of providing charging power for maintenance equipment and tools used by Kalaeloa Heritage Foundation. Mr. Ho‘opai added that the installation in this area provided a good opportunity to test the equipment in a rural environment near the airport.

Member Evans asked about the technology’s capabilities with alternating power and its ability to manage volatility in wind speed.

Mr. Ho‘opai answered that the system is capable of creating alternating power, as it is designed to balance solar and wind power into a single control unit, and has outlets to

provide direct access to the converted AC power. He affirmed that the system can balance the fluctuating wind power and the stable solar power. Mr. Cundiff added that the unit is capable of operating in high, hurricane-like winds.

Member Evans asked if Kaze Power intends to partner with HECO to do a larger installation.

Mr. Cundiff affirmed that Kaze Power would welcome that opportunity.

Secretary Lidstone asked if Kaze Power intends to install more units within Kalaeloa, and what the process would be for interested organizations.

Mr. Ho‘opai affirmed that Kaze Power would welcome that opportunity, given that Kalaeloa has difficulty in accessing reliable power. He answered that they have received interest from various power projects, and have begun evaluating how the system would operate on individual property, commercial private property, and public property. Mr. Cundiff added that the partnership with HCDA allowed Kaze Power to observe how the system would function in both an urban environment and a rural environment.

Member Streitz asked if the data collected from the Kaka‘ako installation differed from the data collected from the Kalaeloa installation, given their differing environments.

Mr. Ho‘opai answered that the data was similar between the two sites, with the Kalaeloa installation observing more gusts of wind. He noted that Kaze Power is focused on the data collected in Kaka‘ako, as it has an updated design to generate a significantly larger amount of energy. He added that wildlife impacts are near-zero in both systems.

There were no further comments or questions from the Board.

Public Testimony

Chair Higa 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

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

Mr. Craig Nakamoto, Executive Director, referred to the report provided in the board packet.

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

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V. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Higa thanked those who joined the meeting in person and on Zoom, and adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Miki‘ala Lidstone, Secretary

Date Approved by the Board

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