



UNIVERSITY of HAWAII at HILO
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Minutes Regular Meeting

Maunakea Management Board

September 6, 2022

Virtual Meeting By Zoom

Attending:

MKMB: Chair Roberta Chu, 2nd Vice Chair Julie Leialoha,
Gregory Chun PhD, Dr. Billy Bergin, Diana Van de Car and
Andy Adamson

BOR: Alapaki Nahale-a (*Excused: Wayne Higaki*)

Kahu Kū Mauna: ---

CMS: Gregory Chun PhD, Nahua Guilloz, Wally Ishibashi, Karie Klein,
Joy Yoshina

UH: Bonnie D. Irwin, Gary Takeuchi

Others: ---

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Maunakea Management Board (MKMB) meeting was called to order by Chair Roberta Chu at 5:00 p.m. It was noted that those in attendance constitute a quorum. Due to Sunshine Law requirements, each MKMB member was asked if anyone else was present with them at their remote location. None noted.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Chu asked if there were changes to the minutes of the August 2, 2022 meeting. There was a correction to the motion of item V.1.A. MKMB member Diana Van de Car made a motion to approve the August 2, 2022 minutes as corrected. 2nd Vice Chair Julie Leialoha seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. KAHU KŪ MAUNA (KKM) REPORT

Executive Director Gregory Chun reported on behalf of KKM Chair Shane Palacat-Nelsen. Due to lack of quorum, last week's meeting was rescheduled to this week and will cover the Canada-France project.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. EPA Site Visit – August 31, 2022

At the request of EPA's Region 9 Administrator Martha Guzman, CMS and DLNR staff met last week with her and her team who were in Kona for the Coral Reef Task Force conference. Accompanying Ms. Guzman was Region 9 Water Division Deputy Director Ellen Blake and Alejandro Diaz Public Relations Specialist with the region but who is based in their Hawai'i office. Joining them were Michael Cain, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) Administrator; Trevor Fitzpatrick, OCCL Planner; Gordon Heit, Hawai'i Island Land Division Manager; and Candace Martin, Hawai'i Island Land Manager. The meeting was the result of a request Ms. Guzman had made to Chair Case to learn about Maunakea while she was here for the conference. Chair Case passed the request on to Executive Director Chun. It was a casual discussion with plans to meet again in six months.

B. Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Site Visit – August 31, 2022

OCCL staff visited CMS staff at Halepohaku. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the organizational transition for Act 255 and related staff and fiscal impacts. DLNR staff wanted to learn about CMS, its staffing and operations, in anticipation of an eventual "transfer" of programs and positions to DLNR as part of the new Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA) being established (recall that the new Authority is attached to DLNR).

DLNR sent 13 people to spend the day with CMS (5 from HR, 4 Fiscal, 2 OCCL, and 2 Land Division). The bulk of the group met with CMS supervisors in the morning while the OCCL and Land Division folks joined in on the EPA meeting. Later, an overview was provided of CMS operations and budget to the entire group. Many of the questions DLNR had focused mostly on details which are not answerable until the MKSOA forms and decides on how they want to approach organizing themselves, their operations and business plan, and staffing.

The \$14 million legislative appropriation has already been allocated. DLNR has little experience in working with RCUH, which is where most of the CMS positions sit. Like the EPA, they too were surprised by the complexity of CSM operations. Discussion occurred around what the new special fund is supposed to be for. DLNR plans to request amendments to Act 255. The issue of DOCARE assuming responsibilities for MKSOA rules enforcement and how that might affect what happens to our Rangers was explored. Future meetings are planned.

C. Occupied Forces of Hawai'i (OFH)

As reported in the news, OFH had set up a tent at the intersection of DKI Highway and Maunakea Access Road the weekend before the EPA visit. On Saturday, August 27, 2022, several members of OFH drove to the VIS and notified the on-duty Rangers that they

wanted to issue to all UH and MKO employees the declaration of war against the United States of America that they are operating under. They also wanted to post the declaration on UH and MKO facilities on the mauna.

The Rangers handled the situation professionally and were able to diffuse the incident preventing any escalation. OFH were informed that these are private facilities so leaving any postings behind on the buildings would be considered littering. This is consistent with the Administrative Rules. OFH insisted on going to the summit to post their declaration on at least one building and to document it in a photo op. They were accompanied by the Rangers and posted the declaration and took photos at our UH 88” observatory after which they removed the poster and departed.

Upon departure, OFH notified the Rangers that their encampment at the intersection would be removed the next day, which did occur. A police report was made and HPD interviewed CMS staff on Sunday after the incident. No further incidents have occurred.

D. MKSOA Nominees

The Governor will be conducting interviews this week for nominees. Regent Ball is the University Board of Regent chair’s designee.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

**A. Information & Discussion – Canada France Hawaii Telescope (CFHT)
- Underground Storage Tank (UST) Soil Sampling**

Executive Director Chun shared that this project will be presented to KKM and the Environment Committee soon. The information presented today is for discussion purposes. This project is an initial phase to close their diesel tank. The eventual plan will require a Site Plan from OCCL, as well as a SHPD determination. The tank has a 5,000-gallon capacity and because of its proximity to the building foundation will not be completely removed until the observatory is decommissioned. The current plan is to close it and fill it. The soil sampling results, in this initial phase, will inform the final plan. Consultants will be available at the next MKMB meeting to answer MKMB member questions. The first approval to be sought will be just for the sampling phase.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Chu shared that the next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 5 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chu adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Leialoha, Secretary
September 6, 2022