



UNIVERSITY of HAWAI'I*at HILO
CENTER FOR MAUNAKEA
STEWARDSHIP

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Maunakea Management Board

July 2, 2024

Meeting In-Person and Remotely By Zoom

Attending:

MKMB Members

Present In Person: Andy Adamson

Present Remotely by Zoom: Chair Roberta Chu, 2nd Vice Chair Julie Leialoha,
Gregory Chun, Diana Van de Carr

Members Excused: Dr. Billy Bergin

Kahu Kū Mauna: Excused

UH: (CMS) Nahua Guilloz, Rodrigo Romo, Courtney Keli'i
Bonnie Irwin (UHH), Gary Takeuchi (OGC)

MKSOA: Lloyd Unebasami

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 constituted a quorum. In accordance with Sunshine Law requirements, each MKMB member attending remotely was asked if anyone else was present with them at their remote location. None noted.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public testimony was presented.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Chu asked if there were changes to the minutes of the June 4, 2024 meeting. None were mentioned. Executive Director (ED) Greg Chun made a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. MKMB member Diana Van de Carr seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Kahu Ku Mauna (KKM) Report

ED Chun reported that the next meeting for KKM will be on July 11, 2024. He summarized discussion with KKM Chair Shane Palacat-Nelsen regarding the Caltech Submillimeter Observatory (CSO) site restoration component of decommissioning. As the project progressed, it became clear that the amount of material proposed to be excavated was underestimated. There was concern of not achieving the re-naturalized look pursuant to the decommissioning plans if material continued to be removed. Chair Palacat-Nelsen reviewed photos of the site as it looked at that point, and concurred that the site did in fact meet re-naturalization. Moving forward, the work will be focused on completing the cosmetic refurbishment of the site.

The next scheduled meeting for KKM will be on Thursday, July 11, 2024.

B. Observatory Decommissioning

The final inspection on the decommissioning of Hōkū Ke‘a was completed on May 30, 2024. The on-site work has been completed. However, there is an off-site conduit that provided power to Hōkū Ke‘a. UH Facilities is amending the contract with the contractor to complete the removal of the exposed conduit. Due to the steep slope, no trenching will be conducted. Anything beyond the transformers by the summit lunch room will not be touched at this point.

CSO is planning for a final project review. OGC and CSO counsel continue to work on the termination of the sublease agreement.

C. Maunakea Stewardship Oversight Authority (MKSOA)

On June 27, 2024, the University of Hawai‘i (UH) and MKSOA held a meeting to discuss joint management during the transition period for the respective organizations. Members from MKSOA, UH Board of Regents (BoR), UH Office of General Counsel (OGC) and MKMB attended the meeting. MKSOA ED John DeFries, and MKMB ED Chun were tasked to collaborate on identifying a path forward in terms of how to implement joint management. A date to meet for further discussion has not yet been scheduled.

D. Annual Report to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR)

ED Chun presented the CMS Annual Report to BLNR on June 28, 2024 as required under the Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP). The purpose is to provide a status report on where we are in implementing the various management actions.

Mr. Kalani Flores submitted testimony asserting that UH and TMT International Observatory (TIO) are in violation of the TMT sublease, and that the submitted Report was incomplete as it does not provide a status report on all management actions listed in the CMP. As this was a non-action item, BLNR did not take further action; however, ED Chun was able to elaborate on the status of the TIO sublease and reported that there are no violations to the terms of the agreement. BLNR did suggest for ED Chun to provide a response to Flores for the projects in question.

BLNR Chair Chang confirmed that as far as the department and Board is concerned, UH holds all legal obligations from its permits, leases and management plans, and BLNR holds UH solely responsible for fulfilling those commitments. Chair Chang also called for more public engagement by UH.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Informational Purpose Only: Underground Fuel Storage Tank Decommission & Replacement
Pursuant to Hawai'i Administrative Rules 11-280.1-21, the Underground Fuel Storage Tanks (UST) that are currently located at the entrance of the Utilities Department, are subject to be removed and replaced. The completion deadline is July 15, 2028.

Currently, there are two (2) Gasoline UST, one (1) Diesel UST, and a fuel dispensing pump. The proposed replacement would consist of two (2) 3,000-gallon, double-walled above ground fuel storage tanks with built-in dispensers, relocated to the East end of the Utilities yard on Maunakea. One tank for diesel, one for gasoline.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ED Chun made a motion to move into executive session pursuant to HRS Section 92-5 (a)(4) to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, and privileges with regard to joint management with MKSOA. MKMB 2nd Vice Chair Julie Leialoha seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Executive Session started at 5:40 p.m. and concluded at 6:20 p.m. The public meeting was reconvened at 6:23 p.m. ED Chun reported that MKMB consulted with their attorney on various questions and issues related to our role and responsibilities in our joint management relationship with MKSOA. The session was for informational and discussion purposes only. No decisions or commitments were made during this session.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Chu shared that the next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 6th, at 5:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chu adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Courtney Keli'i
July 22, 2024