



## **Minutes**

### **Regular Meeting**

Maunakea Management Board

February 6, 2024

Meeting In-Person and Remotely By Zoom

#### **Attending:**

##### **MKMB Members:**

**Present In Person:** Gregory Chun PhD, Andy Adamson

**Present Remotely by Zoom:** Chair Roberta Chu, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Julie Leialoha, Diana Van de Car

**Members Excused:** Dr. Billy Bergin, Alapaki Nahale-a (BOR), Wayne Higaki (BOR)

**Kahu Kū Mauna:** —

**UH:** (CMS) Gregory Chun PhD, Nahua Guilloz, Courtney Keli'i

Bonnie Irwin (UHH), Gary Takeuchi (OGC), Jesse K. Souki (OGC)

**MKSOA:** Chair John Komeiji

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Maunakea Management Board (MKMB) meeting was called to order by Chair Roberta Chu at 5:02 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 January 16, 2024 meeting. MKMB member Andy Adamson noted two changes: 1) He was present in-person, whereas Chair Chu was present via zoom; and 2) Incorrect spelling of a Board member's name.

Executive Director (ED) Greg Chun made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. MKMB member Adamson seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

#### **IV. KAHU KŪ MAUNA (KKM) REPORT**

ED Chun reported that KKM will be reviewing the cultural resource management actions listed in the Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) over the next 12 months. The purpose is to provide recommendations to the Maunakea Stewardship Oversight Authority (MKSOA) on how stewardship of cultural resources can be improved. KKM intends to issue a request for proposals for a consultant to assist with this task. MKMB will be updated as this progresses. The next scheduled meeting for KKM will be on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

#### **V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

##### Three-Year Outlook

The Maunakea observatories (MKOs) and Maunakea Support Services (MKSS) annually submit an update for upcoming projects. There are a number of projects planned for 2024. At this time, the majority of the projects are rated as minimal impact (or routine). Although no proposals have been submitted as of yet, MKMB will be updated as they come in.

##### Observatory Decommissioning

CalTech Submillimeter Observatory (CSO) decommissioning work is still paused until April 2024. The schedule for HELCO to remove the transformer has yet to be finalized. Currently, the Center for Maunakea Stewardship (CMS), the Office of General Counsel (OGC) and Caltech Counsel are working on a termination agreement of the CSO sublease. Termination terms include payment for CSO's allocated share of future summit-wide infrastructure removal costs.

As for Hōkū Kea, the contract for decommissioning work has been finalized with Sakoda Contracting. Work is planned to commence March 4, 2024. A pre-construction meeting with the contractors is scheduled for February 14, 2024 at Hale Pōhaku.

##### Legislative Update

The University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UHH) is tracking 14 bills this legislative session that have been introduced concerning astronomy, MKSOA, 'Imiloa, and the University's Space Science Initiative. The following bills concern MKSOA: Senate Bill (SB) 2297 attempts to have MKSOA remain subject to Conservation District Rules under the DLNR; House Bill (HB) 2697 is a short-form bill for legislation to be submitted in the future,; and the companion bills SB2761/HB2692 which seek temporary exemptions from the Sunshine law for MKSOA during the transition period.

##### MKSOA

CMS has been compiling a list of assets, liabilities, and obligations that would be transferred to MKSOA. Short of the real property assets, the compiled information is ready for the University's review. ED Chun will be discussing further with Chair Ben Kudo of the Transition Working Group, to plan further steps. In addition, recruitment for MKSOA's Executive Director is underway with expectations of an announcement in a few weeks.

##### TMT

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is continuing its Section 106 consultation process to identify the impacts of NSF's potential investment in the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) project. CMS has been invited as a consulting party and designated as the University's point of contact.

## **VI. 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, privileges, immunities, and liabilities regarding various legislative, transition, and Section 106 matters. 2nd Chair Julie Leialoha seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Executive Session started at 5:32 p.m. and concluded at 6:20 p.m. The public meeting was reconvened at 6:24 p.m. ED Chun summarized the discussion as being for informational purposes only: to seek clarification and further understanding of current legislative matters, and MKMB responsibilities during the MKSOA transition. No decisions or actions were made.

## **VII. AGENDA ITEMS**

No new items discussed.

## **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted:  
Courtney Keli'i  
February 6, 2024