



Minutes

Regular Meeting

Maunakea Management Board

December 5, 2023

Virtual Meeting By Zoom

Attending:

MKMB Members:

Present In Person: Gregory Chun PhD, Andy Adamson

Present Remotely by Zoom: Chair Roberta Chu, Diana Van de Carr, Wayne Higaki (BOR)

Members Excused: 2nd Vice Chair Julie Leialoha, Alapaki Nahale-a (BOR), Dr. Billy Bergin

Kahu Kū Mauna: —

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

Gary Takeuchi (OGC)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Maunakea Management Board (MKMB) meeting was called to order by Chair Roberta Chu at 5:05 p.m. It was noted that MKMB members in attendance constitute 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 November 7, 2023 meeting. There being none, MKMB member Diana Van de Carr made a motion to approve the minutes. MKMB member Andy Adamson seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

V. KAHU KŪ MAUNA (KKM) REPORT

No report to discuss as KKM did not meet last month. The next scheduled meeting for KKM will be on Thursday, January 11, 2023.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Upcoming Projects for 2024

ED Chun presented a brief update of the Caltech Submillimeter Observatory's (CSO) decommissioning process. All work has ceased for the winter, projected restart is expected to be in March or April of 2024. Material and equipment has been or is in the process of being removed from the site.

Next year, Hawaiian Electric (HELCO) will remove the transformer that is located on the CSO site. Institute for Astronomy (IfA) plans to remove the fiber optic cables from the site as well. Center of Maunakea Stewardship (CMS) and CSO are working with counsel to work on termination agreement for the CSO sublease. Payment for CSO's allocated share of summit wide infrastructure is being incorporated into the termination. This estimate was developed in 2019 with the assistance of UHH Facilities. The agreement is expected to be ready for review by MKMB and internally at University of Hawai'i (UH) in January or February of 2024.

The contract for decommissioning of Hōkū Ke'a has been awarded. The formal agreement is being negotiated with the contractor by UH system procurement. The notice to proceed with the decommissioning schedule will be finalized this Spring.

There is no update on the TMT start of construction matter by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR). A decision may be made in January of 2024, but may take longer.

B. Maunakea Stewardship Oversight Authority (MKSOA)

ED Chun followed up on the Ways and Means briefing that CMS provided on November 8th. UH received a request from the Legislature for a timeline in relation to the transfer of management to MKSOA. UH, with the assistance of CMS, was able to provide a list of items that UH is working on or has completed. UH responded to the request on November 27th. The details of activities and what was reported was sent to MKMB earlier today.

In preparation for the transfer, CMS Nahua Guilloz and Stewart Hunter are reviewing the real property assets (i.e., facilities, road, HP, infrastructure) on Maunakea including the history on how the facilities were built and paid for. The draft of the listing is expected to be completed in January 2024, but may take longer.

At the December meeting, MKSOA approved a working group to focus on management issues to be addressed during the transition period. Board of Regents (BoR) Alapaki Nahale-a and Wayne Higaki will be the formal UH representatives for this group.

CMS is finalizing the Annual Reports to the Legislature and Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) of major activities and accomplishments from this year. CMS's report includes the issues that overlap with Maunakea Stewardship Oversight Authority's reporting requirements.

MKSOA Chair John Komeiji requested for Jusitn Yeh and Kaleo Pilago to present their annual report to MKSOA at their next meeting.

VII. AGENDA ITEMS

No items were discussed.

IV. 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 the project review and decision-making process as part of the joint management role with MKSOA. MKMB member Van de Carr seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Executive Session started at 5:25 p.m. and concluded at 6:20 p.m. The public meeting was reconvened at 6:23 p.m. Chair Chu reported that discussions were held concerning efforts and issues regarding joint management with MKSOA under Act 255, especially in terms of project reviews and decision-making on policy and strategic matters. No decisions or actions were made.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Chu shared that the next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9th, at 5:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chu adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Courtney Keli'i
December 5, 2023