



UNIVERSITY of HAWAII *ʻāz* HILU
CENTER FOR MAUNAKEA
STEWARDSHIP

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Maunakea Management Board

January 16, 2024

Virtual Meeting By Zoom

Attending:

MKMB, In Person: Gregory Chun PhD, Chair Roberta Chu

MKMB, Remote: 2nd Vice Chair Julie Leialoha, Diana Van de Car, Andy Adamson
(Excused: Dr. Billy Bergin)

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

Kahu Kū Mauna: —

CMS: Gregory Chun PhD, Nahua Guilloz, Courtney Keli‘i

UH: Bonnie D. Irwin, Gary Takeuchi

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Maunakea Management Board (MKMB) meeting was called to order by 2nd Vice Chair Julie Leialoha at 5:12 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

2nd Vice Chair Leialoha asked if there were changes to the minutes of the December 5, 2023 meeting. No one requested changes. MKMB member Diana Van de Carr made a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. MKMB member Andy Adamson seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

VI. KAHU KŪ MAUNA (KKM) REPORT

Center for Maunakea Stewardship (CMS) ED Greg Chun informed the Board that KKM met last week Thursday and discussed the start of reviewing the cultural resource management actions listed in the Comprehensive Management Plan

(CMP). Any changes proposed will be discussed with DLNR and MKMB prior to implementation. The next meeting for KKM is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2023.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ED Chun provided a weather update on Maunakea the past two weeks. Strong winds have affected the communication and internet networks on Maunakea and impacted the mid-level facilities. In particular, the Visitor Information Station (VIS) relies on the networks during payment transactions. With the unstable network connections, transactions have been either lost or duplicated.

CMS Director Nahua Guilloz is continuing to work with the mid-level facility managers to build an inventory list of assets, liabilities, and obligations to use for transition planning with MKSOA. Managers have a deadline of this week to have a draft of their inventories completed. A second UH/MKSOA working group has been created to focus on the transfer process for permits, leases, contracts, assets, liabilities, legal obligations, etc.

ED Chun informed the Board that Pursuant to the Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) § 304A-1905, CMS submitted its Annual Report to the Legislature FY2023. The annual report was provided in the meeting materials. ED Chun provided clarification to MKMB members questions and is available to respond to further questions as members review the report. ED Chun provided an update on the decommissioning projects. CSO work has paused for the winter. Goodfellow Brothers Inc. plans to continue the work by April, weather permitting. The remaining work may last 2-3 months to complete. No update on the schedule for the upcoming projects by Hawaiian Electric and Hawaiian Telcom to decommission the power lines, transformers, and phone lines. An update for the decommissioning process for Hōkū Ke'a is that University of Hawai'i is continuing to work on the contract with Sakoda Construction. The work is still scheduled to begin in Spring 2024.

In January, CMS hosted the University of Hawai'i at Hilo IS 105 class with an in-class presentation and workday at HP. Also in January, CMS hosted the University of Nations workday at HP. In February, CMS will host the Rotary Club who will hold their youth leadership class at HP which will include a work day as well as the First Nations Futures Program which will follow a similar format. CMS will also participate in the Hawai'i Island Career Expo in February. Now until July, two groups are scheduled to visit Maunakea each month.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

No new business to discuss.

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, privileges, immunities, and liabilities regarding the Board's composition, project review process and decision making in our joint-management role with MKSOA. 2nd Vice Chair Leialoha seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Executive Session started at 5:45 p.m. and concluded at 6:26 p.m. The public meeting

was reconvened at 6:28 p.m.

ED Chun reported that MKMB discussed the composition and membership of the Board during the transition, and the role of the UH and MKSOA working groups. No decisions or actions were made.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

CMS Director Nahua Guilloz shared positive insight on the recent Volunteer Weed Pull event, where about a thousand pounds of weed were pulled. Chair Chu shared that the next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6th, at 5 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chu adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Courtney Keli'i
January 16, 2024