



Minutes

Regular Meeting

Maunakea Management Board

June 6, 2023

Virtual Meeting By Zoom

Attending:

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

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

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

Kahu Kū Mauna: —

CMS: Gregory Chun PhD, Nahua Guilloz, Joy Yoshina, Kaleo Pilago, Courtney Keli'i

UH: Gary Takeuchi (*Excused: Bonnie D. Irwin*)

Others: Rich Masuda (Interim Director of Keck Observatory)

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 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 May 2, 2023 meeting. No one requested changes. MKMB member Billy Bergin made a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. Chair Julie Leialoha seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Presented by Executive Director (ED) Greg Chun, the ED report covered the following for informational purposes only:

ED Chun shared a recent vehicle accident that occurred on May 27th, a mile below the Visitor Information Station (VIS). This incident was an example of how important it is for emergency response agencies to work together.

MKSOA will become an official state entity on July 1, 2023. Per Act 255, MKSOA and the UH are to jointly manage Maunakea beginning July 1, 2023. ED Chun has made it a priority to schedule meetings with both agencies to better clarify jurisdictions. ED Chun introduced the following projects to the Board as a means to create a conversation to get a mutual understanding of what “jointly manage” will look like going forward:

- The first project is to relocate two communication repeaters currently held in a small utility building, which is part of the Hokukea decommissioning project, to the summit lunch room.
- The second project is working with Hawaiian Electric Light Company (HELCO) to install EV charging stations at Halepohaku to support the transition to electric commuter vehicles.
- The third project is the replacement of two underground storage tanks (UST): one for diesel, one for gasoline. The old single wall tanks will need to be removed and replaced by July 2028 per Department of Health requirements.

In addition, Act 255 brings into question the relevance of existing Board of Regents (BOR) resolutions related to Maunakea. As authority is transferred to MKSOA, these resolutions may need to be amended. The BOR is reviewing the resolutions.

VI. KAHU KŪ MAUNA (KKM) REPORT

For the KKM report, the Interim Director of Keck Observatory, Rich Masuda, shared his experience in the Piko o Wākea (Spring Equinox) ceremony at Ale‘ale‘a Heiau in Honaunau, South Kona.

The next meeting for KKM is scheduled for Thursday, July 6, 2023.

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 MKSOA transition. MKMB member Bergin seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Executive Session started at 6:00 p.m. and concluded at 7:10 p.m. The public meeting was reconvened at 7:10 pm.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Chu shared that the next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11th, at 5 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chu adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Courtney Keli'i
July 5, 2023