



Minutes

Regular Meeting

Maunakea Management Board

January 6, 2026

Meeting In-Person and Remotely by Zoom

Attending:

MKMB Members:

Present In Person: Gregory Chun, Andy Adamson

Present Remotely by Zoom: Chair Roberta Chu, 2nd Vice Chair Julie Leialoha, Dr. Billy Bergin

Kahu Kū Mauna: Excused

UH: (CMS) Gregory Chun PhD, Nahua Guilloz, Sarah Clark, Joy Yoshina, Justin Yeh
(OGC) Justin Luney
(BOR) Michael Miyahira, Wayne Higaki

IfA: David Lonborg

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. In accordance with Sunshine Law, remote attendees confirmed their locations and noted any individuals present with them (there were none).

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no written or oral testimony presented.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 4, 2025 meeting. A motion was made by Julie Leialoha to approve the minutes, and seconded by Dr. Billy Bergin. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. KAHU KU MAUNA REPORT

- A. Greg Chun introduced Justin Luney as the new General Counsel, replacing the recently retired Gary Takeuchi.
- B. He also introduced Justin Yeh, Joy Yoshina, and David Lonborg, who would be presenting on agenda items.
- C. Greg Chun reported that Kahu Kū Mauna reviewed the UKIRT Notice of Intent for Decommissioning and the Fire Mitigation Memo at their December meeting and had no corrections or recommendations.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ED Chun reported on the following:

- A. UH Annual Report to the Legislature: Greg Chun noted that Andy Adamson caught a typo in the first paragraph of the annual report to the legislature, correcting the fiscal year dates. He reviewed the four required reporting items: Mauna Kea land activities, lease agreements, administrative rules, and income/expenditures of the Lands Management Special Fund. He noted that the report has been expanded to cover transition matters with MKSOA.
- B. MKSOA Transition
 - a. UH Master Plan: Greg Chun stated that he has offered to initiate a discussion on amending UH's Master Plan to allow the recycling of decommissioned sites for astronomy uses, including the CSO site. He noted that this would align the plan with the intent of Act 255.
 - b. Subleases: Greg Chun stated that UH was directed to halt all work on new MKO subleases upon adoption of Act 255. He reiterated concerns regarding the timeline for completing a new EIS and issuing new leases. He noted that these concerns were discussed at a November 13 meeting between the regents and MKSOA's permitted interaction groups and emphasized in President Hensel's follow-up letter. He reported that the Joint Management Committee was asked by the MKSOA Permitted Interaction Group to begin identifying the issues and processes required to initiate a comprehensive EIS covering astronomy and other existing uses on Maunakea.
 - c. TMT: Greg Chun reported that TMT continues to conduct due diligence on their Canary Islands option. He noted that TMT requested a 6-month deferral of rent payments in July 2025 due to a lack of sustained access to the project site, and UH agreed to allow additional time for sublease rent payments until sustained project site access is achieved. UH also agreed that Think Fund payments could be deferred for now.

- d. Legislative Proposals: Greg Chun stated that MKSOA is seeking several amendments to Act 60. One amendment would allow them to adopt UH's plans and administrative rules if their plans and rules are not completed by the transition deadline.
- C. Cost-sharing: Greg Chun stated that MKSOA is proposing a contract with CMS for all position and program costs currently covered by UH sources and TMT rent. MKSOA estimates they would be ready to execute an agreement in Q2 2026.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Fire Mitigation Memo: Nahua Guilloz introduced the fire mitigation proposal in response to recent fires on Maunakea. Justin Yeh presented the plan, which included removing vegetation from immediate zones around structures and removing invasive grasses and plants from intermediate and extended zones.
 - a. Clarification on Scope: Andy Adamson sought clarification on the scope of the project, noting that the plan seemed broader than just removing native plants. Justin Yeh confirmed that future projects, such as educational trails, other mitigation measures, or greenhouses, would require separate proposals.
 - b. OCCL Requirements: Joy Yoshina explained that OCCL requires a plan before projects are proposed. She clarified that the current request was specifically for the removal of native plants, which required a permit.
 - c. Mitigation Efforts: Justin Yeh stated that the removed native plants would be replanted elsewhere, and seedlings grown in the greenhouse would be used for out-planting.
 - d. Motion and Approval: Julie Leialoha made a motion to approve the plan and the application as submitted. Dr. Billy Bergin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- B. UKIRT Notice of Intent For Decommissioning: David Lonborg presented the Notice of Intent for decommissioning UKIRT. He stated that the telescope is still doing good science, but the decision was made to begin the decommissioning process due to the need for significant upgrades and the availability of funding. The Board acknowledged receipt of the Notice of Intent.
- C. Subaru Instruments Upgrade (Informational Only): Joy Yoshina presented information on Subaru Telescope's request to replace existing monitoring instruments with upgraded units. She stated that the upgrades would have negligible impact and would allow for continued remote operations. The Board had no comments or questions.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter executive session to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities pursuant to HRS

§92-5(a)(4), regarding the Board's decision-making process in its joint-management role with MKSOA, was made by Greg Chun and seconded by Andy Adamson. The motion passed unanimously, and at 6:25 p.m. the Board moved into an executive session.

The session concluded at 6:59 p.m., and the public meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m. Greg Chun reported that the board and its attorney discussed joint management issues with MKSOA, and that no decisions were made and no votes were taken during the executive session. Greg Chun also reported that Dr. Billy Bergin had a scheduling conflict and did not attend the executive session, but that all other members were present.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next MKMB public meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Roberta Chu at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Clark
January 7, 2026