



Minutes

Regular Meeting

Maunakea Management Board

February 3, 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
(UHH) Bonnie Irwin
(OGC) Justin Luney, Erika Strawn
(BOR) Michael Miyahira, Wayne Higaki
(M3) Eric Grigel

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:22 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 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 January 6, 2026 meeting. Executive Director Greg Chun noted a typo in the minutes. Item 5B, subsection d should read "Legislative Proposals: Greg

Chun stated that MKSOA is seeking several amendments to Act 255” instead of Act 60. A motion was made by Greg Chun to approve the minutes with the amendment discussed, and seconded by Julie Leialoha. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. KAHU KU MAUNA REPORT

Greg Chun reported on the review process by Kahu Kū Mauna (KKM):

- A. Kahu Kū Mauna reviews a 3-year annual outlook report prepared by Joy Yoshina at the beginning of each calendar year.
 - a. The purpose of the report is to provide an outlook of projects that observatories or the university are projecting to initiate in the next 3 years.
 - b. Kahu Kū Mauna requested the report to avoid reviewing every minor project.
 - c. The report highlights the status of projects and any new projects added.
 - d. Kahu Kū Mauna relies on CMS staff’s judgment on which projects to review.
 - e. Joy Yoshina noted that the observatories provide conceptual information, and CMS staff assesses projects against OCCL rules to determine the level of permitting involved.
 - f. Kahu Kū Mauna expressed concern about visual impact and requested details about specific changes, such as equipment replacements.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

ED Chun reported on the following:

- A. **Board of Regents Maunakea Permitted Interaction Group Report - Recommendation to Amend the Maunakea Master Plan (MIG Report):**
 - a. ED Chun reported that the Board of Regents’ Maunakea Permitted Interaction Group (MIG) completed its review of the transition of Maunakea management from UH to MKSOA and presented its report in January.
 - b. Regents’ Action Under Consideration:
 - i. The regents will be asked to consider a recommendation to amend the Master Plan to allow reuse of already disturbed observatory sites, consistent with Act 255 and the Governor Congressional Delegation letter.
 - c. Coordination and Priorities:
 - i. Background was provided on coordination with MKSOA, DLNR, and other stakeholders.
 - ii. UH’s priority is advancing work to support new leases for future astronomy operations.
 - d. Planning Approach:
 - i. Options discussed include MKSOA adoption of existing plans and rules, a comprehensive EIS for existing uses, and a financial stabilization plan.

- e. Amendment Process and Timeline:
 - i. The Master Plan amendment process follows Section 8 and includes consultation and approvals.
 - ii. Estimated timeline is 8 months to 1.5 years, involving multiple agency reviews, approvals by MKSOA, the UH President, and the Regents, plus community outreach.
 - iii. Land Board approval is not required, but coordination is needed.

A. MKSOA Legislation Update:

- a. ED Chun provided an update on MKSOA-related bills in the legislature.
- b. HB2592 seeks to clarify MKSOA's powers and authorities, including the transfer of real property interests, the transfer of conservation district use permits, the adoption of UH plans, and sovereign immunity.
- c. HB2593 and SB3310 seek to extend the master lease of Maunakea lands for 10 years and require the extension of subleases to the observatories.
- d. The bills have been referred to multiple committees, and hearings are scheduled.

B. CMS/MKSOA Cost-sharing Update:

- a. ED Chun reported that a term sheet has been drafted and is under review by MKSOA management.
- b. The term sheet will need to go through MKSOA's permitted interaction group review, AG review, and OGC review.
- c. The goal is to have the cost-sharing agreement approved by May 1st.
- d. The purpose of the agreement is to ensure the stability of current operations through the transition period.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Subaru Repainting - M3 (For Approval):

- a. Eric Grigel (M3 Engineering) presented the Subaru Repainting Project, which will repair hurricane damage by recoating the telescope's lower structure and elevator tower and replacing two roof exhaust outlets
- b. The project uses low-impact methods, includes environmental and safety controls, requires OCCL/DLNR site plan approval as a Type B project, and was reviewed with no concerns.
- c. Motion to recommend approval that the project move forward was made by Greg Chun, seconded by Andy Adamson. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. 2025 Natural Resources Annual Overview - Justin Yeh (Information Only):

- a. Justin Yeh presented the 2025 Natural Resources Annual Report, outlining invasive and native species monitoring and management.

- b. Highlights included equipment inspections, early detection efforts, native species observations (such as the Wēkiu bug), and confirmed non-native threats including German cockroaches, yellow jackets, and Argentine ants.
- c. Management actions included trapping, barrier treatments, invasive plant removal, and partnerships with DLNR, staff, volunteers, and the community to prevent further spread.

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 Julie Leialoha. The motion passed unanimously, and at 6:33 p.m. the Board moved into an executive session. The session concluded at 6:58 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.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next MKMB public meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 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
February 4, 2026