



Minutes

Regular Meeting

Maunakea Management Board

March 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, Kehau Gomes

Kahu Kū Mauna: Excused

UH: (CMS) Gregory Chun PhD, Nahua Guilloz, Sarah Clark, Joy Yoshina
(UHH) Bonnie Irwin
(OGC) Erika Strawn
(BOR) Michael Miyahira, Wayne Higaki
(SMA) Ranjani Srinivasan, Clint Monceaux, Garrett Keating

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. on Tuesday, March 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 February 3, 2026 meeting. A motion was made by Julie Leialoha to approve the minutes as submitted, and seconded by Andy Adamson. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. KAHU KU MAUNA REPORT

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

- A. Greg Chun reported that Kahu Kū Mauna has been working with CMS on items that will be discussed in the Executive Director's report.
- B. Kahu Kū Mauna is interested in MKSOA's development of their management plan and their role in it.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ED Chun reported on the following:

A. Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA) Transition

a. MKSOA Legislation Update:

- i. HB2592 HD1: Relating to the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority: This bill seeks to clarify the powers of MKSOA and require the University of Hawaii to transfer conservation district use permits to the astronomical observatories. It passed out of the Water and Land Committee and the Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee with amendments. DLNR submitted testimony supporting the position that conservation district use permits run with the property interest.
- ii. HB2593 HD1: Relating to Maunakea: This bill authorizes MKSOA to extend existing leases and subleases for an additional ten-year term. It was heard by Water and Land and Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs and passed with amendments..
- iii. SB3310: Relating to Maunakea: This bill, a companion to HB2593, sought to extend the master lease of Maunakea lands for 10 years but received no hearing and will not move forward.
- iv. SB2003 SD1: Relating to Natural Resources: This bill, concerning an audit and reversion to UH, was amended to include a provision that Act 255 would be repealed if its timelines are not met by July 1, 2028. It also clarifies that Section 9 of 255 shall be completed by July 1, 2030. The Senate Ways and Means Committee passed the bill with these amendments.

b. UH Master Plan:

- i. ED Chun reported that CMS is preparing to amend the master plan to align with Act 255, allowing for the reuse of decommissioned sites for

future astronomy uses. External consultant support has been secured to assist with the review and amendment process.

- c. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):
 - i. ED Chun reported that CMS and MKSOA are in discussions regarding an EIS. CMS has proposed that the EIS be conducted based on existing uses, not new uses.

B. Financial Stabilization Plan

- a. ED Chun reported that CMS is close to agreeing on basic terms for a financial stabilization plan with MKSOA. MKSOA may contribute over \$5 million to cover lost revenues and support vehicle and equipment replacement needs. The funding would be through June 30, 2027

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

A. SMA Weather Instrument Upgrade, concurrence:

- a. Ranjani Srinivasan and Garrett Keating presented information on the SMA weather instrument upgrade.
 - i. The project involves replacing an older instrument with a newer weather station to obtain better measurements for correcting observed data.
 - ii. The replacement is a one-to-one swap on the SMA hangar facility rooftop.
 - iii. The instrument does not emit radio waves.
 - iv. The upgrade is similar to adaptive optics but will be done digitally.
 - v. If successful, up to four additional instruments may be deployed throughout the sublease area.
- b. Wayne Higaki inquired about potential soil disturbance for future deployments.
 - i. It was clarified that the instruments would be placed in existing locations with existing infrastructure.
- c. Andy Adamson noted that the proposal mentioned the bat population on the summit but did not state that bats have not been observed in the astronomy precinct.

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 5:49 p.m. the Board moved into an executive session. The session concluded at 6:22 p.m., and the public meeting reconvened at 6:24 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, April 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Roberta Chu at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Clark
March 4, 2026