



Minutes

Regular Meeting

Maunakea Management Board

February 4, 2025

Meeting In-Person and Remotely By Zoom

Attending:

MKMB Members:

Present In Person: Andy Adamson

Present Remotely by Zoom: Chair Roberta Chu, Diana Van De Car, Gregory Chun

Kahu Kū Mauna: Excused

UH: (UHH) Bonnie Irwin
(CMS) Nahua Guilloz, Joy Yoshina, Sarah Bergeson
(OGC) Gary Takeuchi, Jesse Souki
(BOR) Wayne Higaki, Michael Miyahira

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Roberta Chu at 5:07 PM. A quorum was confirmed. In accordance with Sunshine Law, remote attendees confirmed their locations and noted any individuals present with them (there were none).

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public testimony was presented.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board reviewed the minutes from the January 7th, 2025 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as circulated was made by Diana Van De Car and seconded by Andy Adamson. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Subaru Sensor Installation

- a. Subaru Telescope proposed installing sulfur dioxide and dust sensors to monitor air quality for worker safety and telescope maintenance.
- b. The project was deemed minimal impact as there was no ground disturbance or effects on cultural, recreational, or natural resources.
- c. No action was required as this was an informational update.

2. Keck Temporary Outdoor Storage

- a. Keck Observatory requested approval for temporary outdoor storage of an air compressor, storage containers, dumpster, and portable toilets to support indoor repairs.
- b. Kahu Kū Mauna raised concerns about potential public nuisances, security of the dumpster, and impacts on public access. Keck agreed to use a lidded dumpster and manage public interactions.
- c. The project will impact visitor access and parking from March to April 2025 and August to October 2025.
- d. A motion to recommend approval to the Chancellor was made by Diana Van De Car and seconded by Andy Adamson. The motion passed unanimously.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Kahu Kū Mauna Report

- a. Executive Director Greg Chun provided the report, highlighting a new request from Kahu Kū Mauna to include impacts on visual planes (star lines and ocean grid lines) in cultural assessments for projects. He also shared updates on the staff cultural training program led by Kaleo Pilago, aimed at improving cultural knowledge and engagement. Sessions are held weekly at Halepōhaku, with additional Zoom participation.

2. Legislative Updates

Greg Chun reviewed several proposed legislative bills:

a. HB 143 / SB 769

- i. Clarifies MKSOA's jurisdiction over conservation district use permits (CDUPs).
- ii. Seeks to prevent the transfer of UH's existing permits to MKSOA, with UH retaining oversight of observatory-related CDUPs.
- iii. Raises concerns about bifurcating permitting authority between MKSOA and DLNR.
- iv. No hearings scheduled yet; UH is preparing testimony.

b. HB 144 / SB 770

- i. Proposes a temporary exemption from the Sunshine Law for MKSOA during its transition period.
 - ii. A hearing for HB 144 has been scheduled by the House Water and Land Committee.
 - iii. UH is monitoring but not commenting.
- c. **SB 6**
 - i. Introduced by Senator Inouye to keep conservation district authority with DLNR and clarify MKSOA's regulatory scope.
 - ii. No hearing scheduled yet.
- d. **SB 197**
 - i. Introduced by Senator Fevella, proposing that all land use decisions concerning Maunakea be subject to public referendum.
 - ii. No movement on this bill.

3. Federal Funding Concerns

- a. Board discussed potential impacts of a federal executive order temporarily pausing grants and financial assistance programs.
- b. If federal cuts affect observatories, there could be significant financial impacts on CMS operations and service funding.
- c. These concerns will be discussed at a special UH Board of Regents meeting this week.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter executive session to consult with the Board's attorneys 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 MKSO, was made by Greg Chun and seconded by Diana Van De Car. The motion passed unanimously, and at 6:09 p.m. the Board moved into an executive session. The session concluded at 7:02 p.m., and the public meeting reconvened at 7:04 p.m. Greg Chun reported that no decisions were made and no votes were taken during the executive session.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Chu at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Bergeson
February 19th, 2025