



Minutes

Regular Meeting

Maunakea Management Board

March 4, 2025

Meeting In-Person and Remotely by Zoom

Attending:

MKMB Members:

Present In Person: Gregory Chun, Andy Adamson

Present Remotely by Zoom: Chair Roberta Chu, Diana Van De Car, Dr. Billy Bergin, Julie Leialoha

Kahu Kū Mauna: Excused

UH: (UHH) Bonnie Irwin
(CMS) Nahua Guilloz, Rodrigo Romo, 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 5:01 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 February 4th, 2025 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as circulated was made by Greg Chun and seconded by Dr. Billy Bergin. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. KAHU KU MAUNA REPORT

Greg Chun reported that Kahu Ku Mauna (KKM) met on February 6 to review relevant legislation introduced this session. They were interested in understanding MKSOA's legislative proposals, particularly regarding jurisdiction over conservation lands. Their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, where they will discuss the impact of executive orders on CMS funding.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. ED Greg Chun introduced Rodrigo Romo of CMS, who provided the following informational only briefing about the VIS Warehouse Power Restoration Project:
 - a. The power restoration project aims to reconnect electricity to the VIS Warehouse. The building currently relies on a battery pack and portable solar unit, making work difficult. Power was disconnected at the time of the VIS Ingress/Egress project.
 - b. Restoring power involves pulling new cables through existing underground conduit that runs under the parking lot, approximately 75 ft of trenching from a pull box to the warehouse where power can be reconnected. The project involves relocating and trimming a few Mamane trees and is estimated to cost \$5,000. This project is classified as a Type A project and CMS will be requesting a letter of concurrence from OCCL.
2. ED Chun provided the board with updates on the following matters:
 - a. Various bills related to Maunakea were introduced at the Legislature this session. Some introduced by request of the Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA) had not advanced in the legislative process..
 - b. Meetings continue to take place with MKSOA regarding the transfer of UH assets on Maunakea (e.g., subleases, permits, and physical assets), and ED Chun will make a presentation to the MKSOA board on March 13, 2025.
 - c. Per a request by MKSOA Board Chair John Komeiji, the Maunakea Observatory (MKO) directors have met to discuss establishing a framework for the future of astronomy, the decommissioning of observatories, and other issues. The Directors are considering submitting a recommendation that MKSOA adopt UH's Master Plan and Comprehensive Management Plan which limits future observatories to nine, uses the process of new lease negotiations so observatories can self-determine whether they will continue to operate, and identifies the steps for decommissioning a facility. No decision by the Directors has been made yet. Future discussions between the MKOs and between CMS and MKSOA through the Joint Management Committee are planned..

- d. There was discussion regarding federal funding impacts due to executive orders, with ongoing monitoring being managed at the system level.
 - i. Coordination efforts involve President Hensel, the Board of Regents, senior executive management, the Governor, and the Attorney General.
 - ii. Observatories have not yet indicated any funding impacts.
 - iii. CMS has been directed to prioritize mission-related spending and to evaluate closely all hiring and travel-related expenses.
 - iv. Various financial scenarios are being evaluated in anticipation of potential changes.

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 Andy Adamson. The motion passed unanimously, and at 6:00 p.m. the Board moved into an executive session. The session concluded at 6:32 p.m., and the public meeting reconvened at 6:36 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, April 1, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Chu at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Bergeson
March 19th, 2025