



**Minutes
Regular Meeting**

Maunakea Management Board

March 15, 2022

Virtual Meeting By Zoom

Attending:

MKMB: Chair Roberta Chu, 2nd Vice Chair Julie Leialoha, Dr. Gregory Chun, Dr. Billy Bergin, Diana Van de Car and Andy Adamson

BOR: *(Excused: Alapaki Nahale-a, Wayne Higaki)*

Kahu Kū Mauna: ---

CMS: Dr. Gregory Chun, Nahua Guilloz, Karie Klein

UH: Gary Takeuchi, Bonnie Irwin, Jesse Souki

Others: (PSI) Jim Hayes, Julia Tashima; (Hookuleana) Peter Young

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Maunakea Management Board (MKMB) meeting was called to order by Chair Roberta Chu at 5:06 p.m. It was noted that those in attendance constitute a quorum. Due to the new Sunshine Law requirements, each MKMB member was asked if anyone else was present with them. None noted.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Chu asked if there were changes to the minutes of the February 1, 2022 meeting. There were none. MKMB member Gregory Chun made a motion to approve the February 1, 2022 minutes. MKMB member Diana Van de Car seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. KAHU KŪ MAUNA REPORT

Executive Director Gregory Chun reported on behalf of Kahu Kū Mauna Chair Shane Palacat-Nelsen. KKM's last meeting was with PSI (Hayes, etc) to review the draft CMP

and mainly on the Cultural Resources section. The focus was on an idea of periodic respite periods for Maunakea.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) Update

Executive Director Chun reported that the public comment period is ongoing. The current comments and proposed changes will be discussed during the agenda item.

B. Sunshine Law Amendments

1. Governor Ige's temporary waiver of some of last year's changes made to the Sunshine Law will expire after March 25, 2022. One of the changes that will be implemented starting with the next regular meeting in April is to make available a location where the public can attend the meeting and testify in person. The public meeting is still allowed to held virtually.
2. MKMB members and the public are still able to participate electronically but CMS offices at IfA Hilo will serve as a physical location that the public can participate from if they choose.
3. Any UH pandemic requirements for facility access will remain in effect. Thus, currently people will have to show proof of vaccination or testing and are required to wear a mask while indoors. The seating will be socially distanced. Masks will be available.
4. IfA Hilo will have an area in the foyer with seating where the public can view the meeting and if they want to testify, they will be able to provide their testimony from an adjacent room with audio and video capabilities.
5. If people require special accommodations, the Agenda has information to notify the office. The public is requested to be sure to review future posted agendas for further information.

C. HB 2024 Relating to Mauna Kea

The bill passed out of the House committees (Water and Land, Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, and Finance) with amendments and was approved by full the house.

Amendments include adding UH to the proposed management authority and clarifying that the return of the summit region to its natural state would occur at such time that ground-based astronomy is rendered obsolete. It left open the possibility for an Astronomy position on the proposed managing authority.

It was sent to the Senate where it has been assigned to the HRE (Higher Education) and WAM (Ways & Means) committees. UH is awaiting when those hearings will be scheduled. Unofficial word is that HRE will hear the bill next week.

Key elements of UH's position:

1. We (UH) agree with cultural underpinnings of the House of Representatives' working group's report and the bill. These are established natural principles and cycles that should inform and shape stewardship practice and we look forward to exploring their application to our management plans and actions.
2. As this body knows, we also agree with the need to expand and include more community voices in our planning and decision making. We have been actively working on this and continue to do so but real engagement has been clouded by litigation, perception, and politics. Nonetheless, we continue to work diligently on this because the mauna deserves the benefit that can come with multiple voices and hands working together.

3. While we have concerns with many of the specifics of the bill the core issue that HB 2024 puts on the table for all of us is that of the vision of community, we as a State aspire to. While the University clearly benefits from astronomy on Maunakea, the impact of the decision at hand goes far beyond our own interests. If we as a community hold a dream of being a unique cultural society where inclusivity is valued, where NH interests are at the table and core historical issues have been addressed, where complex social issues are addressed through constructive dialogue, where our special and unique cultural and natural resources are sustainably stewarded and utilized responsibly, where children have good solid career choices in science and technology, and where we have a viable knowledge-based sector to our economy and Hawai'i is a true international leader in knowledge generation, then this bill does not get us there. HB 2024 has divided the community over Maunakea even more and has not included the broad range of voices this conversation requires. The real choice HB 2024 is asking us to confront is about the future, it is not about the merits or demerits of the bill. And given some of the challenges with the bill there are obviously other paths yet to explore that deserve discussion and that have not been adequately evaluated.
4. We believe there needs to be more collective dialogue that starts with the end in mind and which requires imagining the future, not starting with restructuring the present with no clear destination in mind.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review & Approve -

- Draft Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) 2022 Supplement

Executive Director Chun reported that the public comment period is ongoing through the end of March 2022. All input (including public) will be used for final recommended changes, and a review will be done with the UH Board of Regents (BOR) MIG. The MIG will then report to the BOR. The Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) has final approval of the CMP.

Jim Hayes (PSI) shared the comments received to-date and the many ways available to submit them. The CMS website was presented and Hayes showed how to navigate it. Management actions that had changes were discussed. MKMB members appreciated seeing their input reflected in the document and asked if the comment period could be extended. Changes to the CMP can be made up until it being presented to the BLNR. Later CMP drafts will be brought back to MKMB.

MKMB member Gregory Chun moved that MKMB input has been considered and addressed and MKMB has no further comments at this time, and the document can move forward in the process. MKMB member Julie Leialoha seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MKMB member Gregory Chun made a motion to move into executive session pursuant to Sections 92-4 and 92-5 (a)(4), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities regarding membership. MKMB member Andy Adamson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Executive Session started at 6:03 p.m. and concluded at 6:50 p.m. The public meeting was reconvened at 6:50 pm.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Chu shared that the next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 5 p.m., and the next special meeting will be held on Tuesday April 19, 2022 at 5pm

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chu adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Leialoha, Secretary
March 15, 2022