



**Minutes
Regular Meeting**

Maunakea Management Board

August 3, 2021

Virtual Meeting By Zoom

Attending:

MKMB: Chair Roberta Chu, Vice Chair Dr. Doug Simons, Dr. Greg Chun, Julie Leialoha, Dr. Billy Bergin and Diana Van de Car

BOR: ---

Kahu Kū Mauna: ---

CMS: Dr. Greg Chun, Karie Klein

UH: Bonnie Irwin, Gary Takeuchi

Others: ---

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Maunakea Management Board (MKMB) meeting was called to order by Chair Roberta Chu at 5:07 p.m. It was noted that those in attendance constitute a quorum.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

One written testimony was received. There is no oral testimony.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Chu asked if there were changes to the minutes of the July 6, 2021 meeting. MKMB member Julie Leialoha made a motion to approve the July 6, 2021 minutes. MKMB member Dr. Billie Bergin seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. KAHU KŪ MAUNA COUNCIL REPORT

Executive Director Chun will report on behalf of Kahu Kū Mauna Chair Shane Palacat-Nelson in the Executive Director's Report.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Draft Master Plan (MP)

Executive Director Greg Chun reported that the Maunakea Permitted Interaction Group (MIG3) has reviewed the draft MP and provided input. Input from all groups are being used to update part 1. Parts 2 and 3 are being prepped to be sent to the MIG3 this week.

B. Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP)

The OAR has been finalized and included the feedback received. It will be used as part of CMS' annual report to the DLNR this year. The process of gathering recommendations from the CMS staff for improving the CMP has begun. KKM has started reviewing the CR's, which will take several meetings.

C. TMT Update

The Decadal Survey on Astronomy and Astrophysics is still delayed. The results would initiate the request for funding.

D. Legislative Working Group

The group is planning a visit to Maunakea. An announcement came out today that the working group has a website. It includes working group members, CMP related documents, and any recommendations. Chancellor Irwin shared that the posted documents are first agreed upon by all members. There is also an email for public comment.

<https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/specialcommittee.aspx?comm=mkwg&year=2021>

E. Agency Stakeholders

There was a meeting on July 23, 2021 with management at Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL). Retirements and other management changes was discussed.

F. Maunakea Observatory (MKO) Directors

Executive Director Chun and Vice Chair Simons facilitated a first meeting with the MKO directors regarding the post 2033 leases.

G. Decommissioning

Caltech Submillimeter Observatory (CSO) has submitted their Conservation District Use Application (CDUA) to the DLNR. The Environmental Assessment (EA) is being processed concurrently. Once OCCL informs CSO that the application is complete, the timeline will start for the review of the CDUA.

H. New Teaching Telescope (NET)

The project has been presented to KKM. Their feedback focused on community use. The NET moves on to the Design Review Committee (DRC), and then will be presented to MKMB.

I. Recruitment - Director

Interviews will be completed this week. The top candidates will be provided to Executive Director Chun and Chancellor Irwin for further interviewing. The total applicant pool was originally 25. After reviewing the minimum qualifications, there were 7 people to interview. Two were not interested, so 5 were interviewed. The committee is made up of four from UH and four (non-UH) from the community.

J. Outreach

UH Manoa Communications has assisted CMS with a release of several stories highlighting stewardship of Maunakea. The first story released today focuses on the Rangers, and can be found on hawaii.newsnow.com.

Executive Director Chun met with the first cohort of Kamma'aina Connection, who offered their support with outreach efforts (i.e., CMP public meetings/hearing).

K. MKMB Membership

Chancellor Irwin shared that an Action Memo is being prepared, and an agenda item will be on BOR calendar for next month's meeting. This is regarding Vice Chair Doug Simons' replacement.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Action Item: Review and Recommend Approval: Hōkū Ke‘a (HK) Decommissioning/New Education Telescope (NET)

a. Timeline Implications

Executive Director Chun shared that decoupling of the two projects was presented to MKMB at a previous meeting, and if the projects are decoupled, HK decommissioning can begin on August 16, 2023, otherwise it is it cannot begin until December 2, 2024. Vice Chair Simons presented an amendment to the original approved motion. The six points were re-read as adjusted. The Legislature has provided funding for the HK decommissioning, and this would help with funding UH. MKMB member Julie Leialoha made a motion to approve the amendment to the February 18, 2020 agreement. MKMB member Greg Chun seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Chun acknowledged Mr. Arnott’s written testimony regarding the re-use of the HK site use, and the selected location of the NET. Discussion of how and why UH chose to place the NET near Hale Pōhaku (HP) is the best location. Vice Chair Simons felt high school students could also benefit from the NET being located at HP.

A. Information and Discussion: Community Engagement

a. Updates

Executive Director Chun will be reaching out to agencies for MKMB nominations. No other updates.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Chu shared that the next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 5pm. The next special meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, 2021.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chu adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Leialoha, Secretary, MKMB