



Minutes

Regular Meeting

Maunakea Management Board

May 5, 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, Dr. Billy Bergin, Kehau Gomes

Kahu Kū Mauna: Excused

UH: (CMS) Gregory Chun PhD, Nahua Guilloz, Sarah Clark
(UHH) Bonnie Irwin
(OGC) Erika Strawn
(BOR) Michael Miyahira, Wayne Higaki

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:59 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 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 April 16, 2026 meeting. A motion was made by Julie Leialoha to approve the minutes as submitted, and seconded by Kehau Gomes. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. KAHU KU MAUNA REPORT

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

- A. G. Chun reported that Kahu Kū Mauna (KKM) has not met since the last Maunakea Management Board meeting on April 16, 2026.
- B. A summary of KKM's from their last meeting are reflected in the April 16 MKMB minutes.
- C. KKM is scheduled to hold a retreat at Halepohaku on May 15th and 16th, where their next meeting will take place.
 - a. Arrangements are being made for a site visit to one of the observatories, as requested by KKM.
 - b. Nahua Guilloz and Kaleo Pilago are organizing a presentation on the nature trail proposal by Justin Yeh.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ED Chun reported on the following:

A. Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA) Transition

a. Legislative Update (HB 2592 HB2 SD2 CD1)

- i. G. Chun reviewed the status of HB2592, noting it has progressed through various drafts in both legislative bodies and has been passed out of the conference committee. The bill now moves to a floor vote in both bodies. The bill amends Act 255 with the following notable changes:
 - 1. Extends the transition date from June 30, 2028 to December 1, 2029.
 - 2. Authorizes MKSOA to issue one-time 10-year lease extensions to the MKOs with an exemption from Ch. 343 (Environmental Review).
 - 3. Current UH plans and administrative rules remain in effect until MKSOA has completed and implemented theirs.
 - 4. Two reversion dates are now in place. Failure to meet these milestones results in a reversion of management back to UH:
 - a. MKSOA management plan to be implemented by June 30, 2028.
 - b. MKSOA administrative rules submitted to the Governor by December 31, 2029.
 - 5. Fee interest in UH managed lands remains with BLNR.
 - 6. CDUPs run with the property interest.

- ii. MKSOA Confirmations: Paul Horner withdrew his nomination due to residency concerns. Noe Noe Wong-Wilson and Rich Matsuda were reconfirmed. Chair John Komeiji was also reconfirmed. There will be one vacancy on the authority board.
- b. MKSOA Management Plan Update:** A request for financial information was received from MKSOA, as they are moving into a phase of financial feasibility analysis. A scoping meeting is scheduled with MKSOA consultants to discuss the analysis and how the information will be used
- c. UH Master Plan Amendment Update**
 - i. The amendment is being worked on, but there are no further updates at this time.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

A. UH/MKSOA Operational Support Transition Package - Action Item

- a. Introduction to the Operational Services Transition Package (OSTP)**
 - i. G. Chun introduced the OSTP, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between UH and MKSOA effective through FY 2027. The MOA aims to stabilize Center for Maunakea Stewardship (CMS) operations and ensure equitable cost-sharing during the management transition mandated by Act 255.
- b. Financial Context & Rationale**
 - i. Revenue Decline: CMS faces significant deficits due to the loss of Research and Training Revolving Funds (RTRF), alongside uncertainty regarding MKO leases and TMT rent.
 - ii. Fiscal Outlook: While a \$60,000 surplus is projected for the current year, significant future deficits are anticipated.
 - iii. Funding Commitment: MKSOA has committed approximately \$4.5 million (from their \$14 million allocation) to cover operational gaps.
- c. Budget Breakdown & Clarifications**
 - i. Operational Services Budget (\$1.5M): Replaces TMT rent to fund ranger salaries, natural resource programs, and consultant contracts.
 - ii. Additional Services Budget: Covers supplemental ranger expenses, equipment, supplies, and overtime.
 - iii. Program Security: Base funding for personnel (Justin Yeh, Greg Chun, Nahua Guilloz, Kaleo Pilago) and the program remains secure from UHH; OSTP funds will replace RTRF and TMT add-ons to cover associated program costs.

A motion for MKMB to recommend the approval of the MOA to the Board of Regents was made by Julie Leialoha and seconded by Kehau Gomes. The motion passed unanimously.

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 5:35 p.m. the Board moved into an executive session. The session concluded at 6:30 p.m., and the public meeting reconvened at 6:33 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, June 2, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Roberta Chu at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Clark
May 7, 2026