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Kupuna Advisory Council - Plan Development Committee

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Meeting Minutes

October 31, 2025 | 12:30 PM Hawaii Time

Virtually via Zoom and Physical Meeting Location at
The Keoni Ana Building, 1177 Alakea Street, Suite 402

MEMBERS: Melissa Ah Ho-Mauga, Ritabelle Fernandez, Nathan Hokama, Derrick Ariyoshi, Jeanette Kojane, Marilyn Seeley, Brandy Shima, Jinyong Lee, Lawrence Nitz, Kevin Kawamoto, Stephen Kemble, Audrey Suga Nakagawa, Barbara Yamashita, Tani Salazar, Cullen Hayashida

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Cordero-Lee, Mia Taylor, Melvin Sakura, Warren Wong, Lindsey Ilagan

GUESTS: None

SHPDA: John Lewin, Terry Visperas

ATTENDANCE RECORD OF MEMBERS

Date	11/2/23	12/8/23	1/12/24	1/25/24	3/11/25	10/31/25	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Melissa Ah Ho-Mauga	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Derrick Ariyoshi	O	X	O	X	O	X				
Michelle Cordero	X	X	X	O	O	O				
Ritabelle Fernandez	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Nathan Hokama	X	X	X	X	O	X				
Lindsey Ilagan	X	X	O	X	X	O				
Jinyong "Jenny" Lee	X	X	O	O	O	X				
Jeanette Kojane	X	X	X	O	X	X				
Lawrence Nitz	X	X	X	O	X	X				
Melvin Sakurai	X	X	X	X	X	O				
Marilyn Seeley	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Brandy Shima	X	X	O	O	O	X				
Mia Taylor	O	O	O	O	O	O				

Warren Wong	X	X	X	X	X	0				
Stephen Kemble						X				
Audrey Suga-Nakagawa						X				
Kevin Kawamoto						X				

Legend: X=Present | O=Absent | /=No Meeting | *-Chair | **=Vice Chair

Meeting Recording: <https://youtu.be/T2G6u9dTUNM>

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m. by M. Ah Ho-Mauga, Chairperson, Kupuna Advisory Council (KAC) presiding.	
Roll Call	Member roll call.	
Welcome	M. Ah Ho-Mauga welcomed members and staff.	
Minutes	Motion to accept the minutes from the March 11, 2025, meeting. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. Call for public testimony – none.	
Melissa Ah Ho-Mauga, Chair	Welcomed new Kupuna Advisory Council members (Dr. Stephen Kemble, Tani Salazar, Kevin Kawamoto, Audrey Suga-Nakagawa). Acknowledged the previous email exchanges and frustration regarding the Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) and the white paper. Chair shared that, everything we do here is guided by the Sunshine Law, which ensures that our discussions and decisions are open, transparent, while respectful of the process. She took a moment to acknowledge the email exchanges and the white paper on long-term care financing. She stated that she knew some of those messages reflected frustration, and completely understood, but it really came from a place of passion and commitment to move things forward quickly. That said, she was grateful to regroup, reconnect, and continue the conversation in a way that reflects the shared purpose and respect that's always been at the heart of this Council. Moved to the review and approval of the previous meeting's minutes. J. Koiijane, M. Seely, moved to accept the minutes of the meeting from March 2025.	

Action Item/Next Steps:

M. Seely, presented on the Long-Term Care (LTC) Financing White Paper/PIG Report (105 pages):

Expressed profound thanks and passion for the work of the PIG, noting her 50-year commitment and that this is her fourth attempt to get LTC financing passed.

1. Identified three interrelated issues:

- a. *How to achieve stable, affordable LTC financing (referencing the 1990 Family Hope social insurance model and looking at new strategies, cost reduction, and system inefficiencies).*
- b. *Establishing a new Advisory Committee/Commission to advance the work to policy/legislation; and*
- c. *Building a critical stakeholder coalition.*

2. Stressed the need for home and community-based care to be equal, affordable, and high-quality, not overshadowing residential care.

3. Outlined a timetable for success: Council deliberation/adoption of the report, formation of a new Implementation PIG, meeting with the Governor for commitment/support, and conducting briefings (starting with Kupuna Caucus next week) to get legislation enacted for the Commission.

L. Nitz, presented two formal motions/proposals:

- 1. The Kupuna Advisory Council accept and adopt the LTC Financing PIG's report of findings, in whole, as submitted.
- 2. The establishment of a Kupuna Advisory Council LTC Financing Implementation Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) (3-7 volunteer members) with specific tasks (see Action Items below).

Public testimony – none.

Accept and Adopt Report

Kupuna Advisory Council
(Vote)

Motion to be voted on: Accept and adopt the LTC Financing PIG's report of findings, in whole, as submitted.

Establish New PIG Taskforce

New LTC Implementation PIG

A motion was made and approved by the KAC members. With the LTC report

			approved by the current PIG and all deliverables completed, the KAC agreed to establish a new PIG with updated deliverables. The committee also discussed forming a Long-Term Care and Finance Advisory Work Group or Task Force by the end of 2025. This new PIG will be responsible for conducting ongoing briefings, drafting supporting legislation, and identifying sponsors and liaisons.	
	Conduct Ongoing Briefings	New LTC Implementation PIG	Recurring briefings for the Legislature, especially the Kupuna Caucus.	
	Draft Supporting Legislation	New LTC Implementation PIG	Draft legislation to establish and fund a Long-Term Care Financing Advisory Commission.	
	Identify Sponsors and Liaise	New LTC Implementation PIG	Work with key House/Senate subject matter committees/sponsors for introduction and enactment of legislation.	
	Present to Kupuna Caucus	Marilyn Seely	KAC approved that Marilyn Seely share the LTC Report at the Kupuna Caucus on behalf of the KAC.	
Announcements	None. Discussion regarding next meeting T. Visperas will send out a doodle poll for our next meeting			

Next Meeting/ Logistics	targeting Thursday, November 20, 2025. Doodle poll will ask if the majority can make 10AM-11AM; 11:30AM-12:30PM or 12:30-1:30PM.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.	