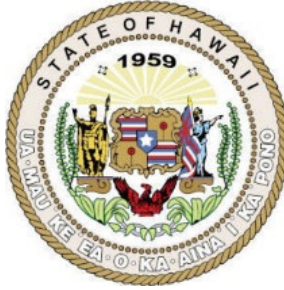


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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 13, 2026

10:00 am

Online via ZOOM and livestreamed via YouTube

Meeting Recording Available at

<https://www.youtube.com/live/dAlGW8z1cwk>

AUTHORITY MEMBERS

PRESENT, Zoom: Chairperson John Komeiji; First Vice-Chair Noe Noe Wong-Wilson; Second Vice-Chair Rich Matsuda; Neil Hannahs; Bonnie Irwin; Lanakila Mangauil; Pomai Bertelmann; David Day (BLNR Chair's Designee); William Brilhante (Hawai'i County Mayor's Designee)

EXCUSED Members: Ben Kudo; Ryan K.P. Kanaka'ole; Kimo Alameda; Kalehua Krug

MKSOA SUPPORT: Linda Chow, Deputy Attorney General (AG); Keala Patterson, Administrative Services Officer (MKSOA); Bill Moore, Consultant Contractor (MKSOA)

GUESTS: Greg Chun, Executive Director (CMS);

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME PROTOCOL

Chair Komeiji called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Opening remarks by 2nd Vice-Chair Matsuda.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2026 REGULAR AUTHORITY MEETING *** Date corrected – printed as June date in Agenda

Document located at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Item-III-260709-Draft-Minutes.pdf>.

MOTION: Motion by 1st Vice Chair Wong-Wilson, Second by 2nd Vice-Chair Matsuda to

approve minutes as amended.

ACTION: Unanimous by show of hands.

IV. CHAIR REPORT – Public Testimony taken (written or oral) on any of these items

- A. Update on Aspirational Statement as Required by Act 255, SLH 2022: MKSOA Performance & Oversight Permitted Interaction Group (P&O PIG) created the proposed Aspirational Statement. 1st Vice Chair Wong-Wilson summarized Aspirational Statement and voiced its importance as an anchor for Strategic Management Plan. The P&O PIG hopes to have edits back from Authority members in the coming weeks, and for a final version to be shared and adopted at the September Authority meeting.

Comments by Members Hannahs, Day, Irwin, Bertelmann

V. GOVERNANCE– Public Testimony taken (written or oral) on any of these items

VI. ADMINISTRATION – Public Testimony taken (written or oral) on any of these items

- A. Report by Chair Komeiji

Comment regarding Aspirational statement

1. MKSOA Staffing and Recruiting: MKSOA Executive Director (ED) Hiring: Number one priority of Authority as an organization, must submit for Governor's approval in job posting process.
2. Management Plan Update: Kua o Wākea have submitted approximately 1800 pages of draft, Phase 3 of planning process complete and on track. Intent is to give Authority members the opportunity to review while maintaining Sunshine Law compliance. Thanks to Bill Moore.
3. Operational Services Transition Package (OSTP) Update: Intended to support CMS functionality, but will also support CMS-MKSOA integration, including but not limited to Environmental Impact Statement, Administrative Rulemaking, and Leases.

Comments by Member Hannahs, CMS ED Chun

- B. Status of Long-Term Transition Working Group (LTTWG), Report by Chair Komeiji: Final draft expected to be issued by end of next week. Matter of assignment of UH Master Lease arose due to a previous draft, Authority to enter into Executive Session for legal advice from counsel following the rest of the agenda. UH Board of Regents recommended creation of two new PIGs to work with MKSOA on Mauna Kea-related issues.

VII. CENTER FOR MAUNAKEA STEWARDSHIP (CMS)– Public Testimony taken (written or oral) on any of these items

- A. Education Trail/Greenhouse Project Update: Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) approval has been received for project, no special conditions added except to replace any native tree that must be removed in a one-for-one ratio. Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultants to create project plan to be developed.
- B. Underground Storage Tank (UST) Project Update: Site plan application has been submitted and deemed complete. OCCL has 30 days to review and make a decision on approval and conditions. Upon approval, the RFP process to secure a contractor for the project will commence.
- C. Hawai'i Fire Department (HFD) Maunakea High Altitude Training Exercise: County Fire Department conducted a high-altitude training exercise on the Mauna using their new helicopter.

Identified Landing Spots:

- 1. Park One (first parking area near the summit) - deemed appropriate and usable.
- 2. An area across the road on PNR lands - deemed acceptable.
- 3. Park Two (next parking area) - not suitable due to uneven terrain.

A dummy in a gurney was hiked down to Lake Waiau and back up to assess the effort required for rescues.

VIII. MKSOA-CMS JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (JMC) Public Testimony taken (written or oral) on any of these items

- A. Interim Joint Management Proposal
CMS ED Chun referenced the Interim Joint Management Proposal, stating that it aligns with earlier discussions concerning the OSTP and the formation of teams with leads from MKSOA and CMS.
- B. University of Hawai'i (UH) Master Plan Amendment:
Amend the master plan to be consistent with Act 255, which prioritizes the reuse of decommissioned sites for future astronomy uses. The current master plan prohibits the reuse of five decommissioned sites for astronomy. Act 53 clarifies that university plans remain in effect until superseded by other plans. The amendments are expected to be shared with the committee ahead of next month's meeting for discussion and potential action. This amendment is considered equivalent to a Type B project.
 - 1. Scope of Amendments: Limited to three specific sections of the master plan. No changes to the Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) or sub-plans, including the decommissioning sub-plan. No impact on commitments regarding the astronomy footprint (maximum nine telescopes) or decommissioning. No changes to TMT conditions.
 - 2. Consultation Process: Advisory group consultation will begin

next week. Broader input will be solicited using a digital feedback platform, similar to the 2022 master plan process. This platform helps summarize feedback.

3. Review Process: As a Project B proposal, it will go to the MKMB (cultural and environmental committees) for input and will require a decision from this committee.

- C. Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) Proposal Update:
The Hawaiian Homes Commission heard two proposals in May for lease of property at the base of the Mana access road. Both proposals involved discussions about potential tolling of the roadway. Subsequent meetings were held with DHHL leadership to express concerns regarding summit land management. DHHL was encouraged to consult with the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the county. Awaiting formal notification from DHHL.

IX. FINANCE– Public Testimony taken (written or oral) on any of these items

- A. Report by Interim Administrative Services Officer Patterson- July Financial Report Including Appropriations, Budget, Expenditures, Balance: Details contained within attached document available at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Item-IX-A-July-2026-Financial-Report.pdf>.

Comments by 1st Vice-Chair Wong-Wilson, Member Hannahs

MOTION: Motion to approve July Financial Report by 1st Vice-Chair Wong-Wilson, Second by 2nd Vice-Chair Matsuda.

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION: Unanimous by show of hands.

- B. Approval of Addition of FY 26 Funds to Existing Contract with the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai‘i (RCUH) for Upcoming MKSOA Administrative Rulemaking Project - ACTION ITEM

MOTION: Motion to approve Addition of FY 26 Funds to Existing Contract with the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai‘i (RCUH) for Upcoming MKSOA Administrative Rulemaking Project by 1st Vice-Chair Wong-Wilson, Second by 2nd Vice-Chair Matsuda.

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION: Unanimous by show of hands.

- C. Approval of Addition of FY 27 Funds to Existing Contract with the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai‘i (RCUH) for Upcoming MKSOA Internal Systems Development Project - ACTION ITEM

MOTION: Motion to approve Addition of FY 27 Funds to Existing Contract with the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai‘i (RCUH) for Upcoming MKSOA Administrative Rulemaking Project by 1st Vice-Chair Wong-Wilson,

Second by 2nd Vice-Chair Matsuda.

DISCUSSION: None.

D. **ACTION:** Unanimous by show of hands.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. NEXT AUTHORITY MEETING- SEPTEMBER 10, 10:00AM-12:00PM;
KŪKAHAU‘ULA, INSTITUTE FOR ASTRONOMY (IFA) 640 N. AOHOKU
PL, HILO.

1. AUTHORITY MEMBERS: PLEASE NOTIFY BOARD
SECRETARY IMMEDIATELY IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO
ATTEND NEXT MEETING.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by 1st Vice-Chair Wong-Wilson, Second by 2nd Vice-Chair Matsuda.

ACTION: Meeting adjourned at 11:46 am.

*Approved*_____