UNIVERSITY of HAWAI'I at HILO
CENTER FOR MAUNAKEA STEWARDSHIP

Minutes
Regular Meeting

Maunakea Management Board

September 8, 2026

Meeting In-Person and Remotely by Zoom

Attending:

MKMB Members:	
Present In Person:	Gregory Chun
MKMB Members Present Remotely by Zoom:	Chair Roberta Chu, 2nd Vice Chair, Julie Leialoha, Dr. Billy Bergin, Kehau Gomes, Andy Adamson
Kahu Kū Mauna:	Excused
Other:	(CMS) Nahua Guilloz, Rodrigo Romo, Marybeth Young (UHH) Bonnie Irwin (OGC) Justin Luney (BOR) Michael Miyahira, Makai Freitas

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 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 August 4, 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

ED Chun reviewed with the Kahu Ku Mauna Board the draft UH Master Plan Amendment proposal. Members were given the link to make comments. The members of Kahu Ku Mauna had no objections to this Amendment moving forward in the process, but did want to meet to discuss their comments and any others received from the public. A meeting was scheduled for September 17, 2026 at 5pm.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ED Chun reported on the following:

A. Hurricane Lala Report

a. ED Chun moved Hurricane Lala Report to the beginning of the ED report. ED Chun reported that Hurricane Lala caused significant damage and disrupted operations on the Mauna. ED Chun then turned the presentation over to General Manager Rodrigo Romo to give further details on the Hurricane Lala damage and recovery.

i. Rainfall totals were in excess of 20 inches.
ii. Damages included cinder erosion, landslides, downed trees, and structural damage to Gemini, UH88, and Subaru.
iii. Power was restored to Halepohaku at 5:30 PM HST on August 16th
iv. The access road above Halepohaku was opened to Observatories on August 18th and to the public on August 28th.
v. Repairs have taken over 350 labor hours and are still ongoing.

B. MKSOA Transition

a. Interim Joint Management Update
   i. With the departure of MKSOA ED DeFries, the joint management relationship is being restructured between CMS and MKSOA, and is being clarified to include CMS management working more closely with MKSOA on their management plan, lease process, and various RFPs for critical technical and professional service procurements they must solicit.
b. MKSOA Management Plan Update
   i. MKSOA is looking to extend the process for the community review and possibly amend the contract with SSFM.
c. MKSOA RFPs for EIS and Administrative Rules
   i. Project teams have been set up for specific MKSOA workstreams, including EIS, Administrative Rules and Leases with CMS staff assisting.
d. Long Term Transition Working Group Report/Master Transition Plan –
   i. The final draft of the plan has been issued, and identified which issues require further work. Staff will be working with the UH Office of General Counsel (OGC) to work through those issues.

ii. The Board of Regents has formed the Maunakea Interaction Group, MIG5, to review and work through these issues.
    1. ED Chun is working with OGC to prepare materials to brief MIG5 on these issues, e.g. transfer of Master Lease.
iii. MKSOA Board to discuss Master Transition Plan at Board meeting on September 10, 2026

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

A. DRAFT Master Plan Amendment Proposal

a. The amendment process is underway to align the UH Master Plan with Act 255 and 53, which prioritizes the reuse of decommissioned astronomy sites for future uses.
b. Act 53 says that existing UH plans and rules "remain in force and effect" until replaced by MKSOA's Management Plan and rules.
c. The amendment includes updated sections related to astronomy decommissioning and site reuse, including guidelines for new astronomy facilities.
d. Currently in the process, CMS is taking the amendment to the CMS Advisory Groups and the public using the digital platform, Konveio, to solicit public input.
    i. Online feedback form.
    ii. You need not register to review the Amendment, but you will need to register in order to make comments directly into the document.
    iii. Comment period will close September 16th.
e. The goal is to have this Amendment approved by the Board of Regents by October.
f. A motion was made by Julie Leialoha to continue the process as outlined by CMS for the review of the Master Plan Amendment to be submitted to the Board of Regents through Chancellor Irwin. Kehau Gomes seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next MKMB public meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Roberta Chu at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marybeth Young