UNIVERSITY of HAWAI'I at HILO
CENTER FOR MAUNAKEA STEWARDSHIP

**Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

Maunakea Management Board

October 6, 2026

Meeting In-Person and Remotely by Zoom

**Attending:**

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| **MKMB Members:** | |
| **Present In Person:** | Dr. Gregory Chun |
| **Present Remotely by Zoom:** | Chair Roberta Chu, 2nd Vice Chair Julie Leialoha, Dr. Billy Bergin, Kehau Gomes |
| **Kahu Kū Mauna:** | Excused |
| **Other:** | (CMS) Marybeth Young<br>(UHH) Bonnie Irwin<br>(OGC) Erika Strawn<br>(BOR) Michael Miyahira |

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 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 September 1, 2026 meeting. A motion was made by Kehau Gomes to approve the minutes as submitted, and seconded by Julie Leialoha. The motion passed unanimously.

## IV. KAHU KU MAUNA REPORT

Executive Director Greg Chun reported on the Kahu Kū Mauna (KKM) activities and discussions since the last meeting:

A. Kahu Kū Mauna was postponed from October 1, 2026 to a later date, to be determined, due to technical issues.
B. Kahu Kū Mauna had reviewed UH Master Plan Amendments in August and had approved the plan to continue to move through the process. Comments were scheduled to be reviewed on October 1st, but this will be pushed to the next meeting.

## V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ED Chun reported on the following:

**A. Maunakea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA) Transition**

a. The Center for Maunakea Stewardship team is working closely with MKSOA on various workstreams:
   i. Strategic Management Plan (SMP):
      1. SMP Draft to be ready for MKSOA board review in January 2027.
      2. Currently looking at setting up various advisory groups as soon as possible to review the internal draft of this plan. Center for Maunakea Stewardship has offered MKSOA to have this internal plan reviewed by CMS Advisory Groups in the interim.
      3. Draft of the SMP for public review will be available Spring 2027 when it is distributed and agendized for MKSOA Board review. MKSOA plans to go through two rounds of public review.
      4. The final plan is expected to be released July 1, 2028.
   ii. Leases:
      1. Keck Observatory's outside legal firm, Cades Schutte, issued a legal white paper shared with all Observatories and MKSOA. This white paper outlines what Cades believes to be the process for first issuing lease extensions and second negotiating new leases.
      2. MKSOA has set up an internal group looking at their internal criteria and procedures for leases. ED Chun is a part of that group.
      3. As a result of the Cades memo, lease extensions are expected to receive more focus and attention from MKSOA and observatories.
   iii. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Request for Proposals (RFP):
      1. This is a critical path timeline issue because MKSOA has indicated that an EIS is required for new leases.
      2. MKSOA is currently working on this RFP.

iv. Administrative Rules Request for Proposals (RFP):
    1. MKSOA plans to establish Administrative Rules before issuing new leases.
    2. MKSOA is currently working on this RFP.
v. Financial Systems Integration Request for Proposals,
    1. MKSOA is currently working on this RFP.
    2. Work is expected to analyze how to transition and integrate CMS financial systems to MKSOA financial systems. MKSOA's financial systems are also dependent on MKSOA's financial model.

b. MKMB members voiced concern regarding the timeline put forth by MKSOA. ED Chun noted that MKSOA not having an Executive Director is a hindrance to this process.

**B. UH Master Plan Amendment**

a. As reviewed previously, CMS has begun the process of amending the Master Plan to be consistent and align with Act 255, which allows for the prioritization of reusing decommissioned observatory footprints for future astronomy uses.
b. Primary changes to the UH Master Plan are in section 4.1.2. Due to these changes and their dependencies, CMS had to make other small changes throughout the Master Plan.
c. These changes were reviewed internally and with CMS advisory groups.
d. Last month the proposed changes were taken to the MKSOA Board for review. MKSOA deferred action to their October board meeting on Thursday, October 8th.
e. ED Chun summarized the outcomes of changes:
    i. Changes limited to UH Master Plan only
    ii. UH commitments to astronomy footprint (N=9) and decommissioning remain unchanged
    iii. TMT CHDUP conditions remain unchanged
    iv. Decommissioning process/subplan remain unchanged
    v. Note: MKSOA's Strategic Management Plan may change this availability and other changes in the astronomy framework.
f. ED Chun reviewed public comments:
    i. As a result of MKSOA September board meeting, the window for public comments was extended to October 14th.
    ii. To date, CMS has received 34 comments from 10 commenters and over 1,500 views.
    iii. Konveio created an AI snapshot of "Comments by Type", showing percentages by type. The changes are categorized as follows:

1. Clarification Needed - 5.9%
2. Comment - 29.4%
3. Correction - 8.8%
4. Question - 20.6%
5. Suggestion - 23.5%
6. Support - 11.8%

**VI. AGENDA ITEMS**

No specific agenda items were discussed during this meeting.

**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 Kehau Gomes. The motion passed unanimously, and at 5:30 p.m. the Board moved into an executive session. The session concluded at 6:10 p.m., and the public meeting reconvened at 6:11p.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, November 10, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

ED Chun recognized the CMS team for the work they have taken on during this transition to MKSOA.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Roberta Chu at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marybeth Young
October 29, 2026