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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 8, 2026, 10:00 am

In person at 640 N. A'ohōkū Place, Hilo, HI, and online via ZOOM; livestreamed via YouTube
Meeting Recording Available at
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nF7vZUaRDLA

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AUTHORITY MEMBERS

PRESENT: 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); Ben Kudo

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

MKSOA SUPPORT: Linda Chow, Deputy Attorney General (AG); Keala Patterson, Administrative Services Officer (MKSOA); Bill Stormont, Project Director (MKSOA); Donalyn Dela Cruz, Consultant Contractor (DDC Consulting)

GUESTS: Greg Chun, Executive Director (CMS)

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME PROTOCOL

Chair Komeiji called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. Member Mangauil joined the meeting at 10:13 am.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Komeiji asked that testimony on the University of Hawai'i Maunakea Master Plan amendment be taken when that item (VIII) was reached, unless someone needed to testify out of order. No one asked to testify on any other agenda item.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 REGULAR AUTHORITY MEETING

MOTION: Motion by First Vice Chair Wong-Wilson, second by 2nd Vice-Chair

Matsuda to approve minutes as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Chair Komeiji asked for amendments; none were offered.

ACTION: Unanimous by show of hands. The Chair confirmed that members attending virtually were alone in the room.

IV. CHAIR REPORT – No public testimony (written or oral) on any of these items.

A. Approval of Aspirational Statement as Required by Act 255, SLH 2022 - ACTION ITEM.

A draft of the Aspirational Statement required by Act 255 was introduced at the last meeting and revised in response to comments received. A discussion was held.

MOTION: Motion by First Vice-Chair Wong-Wilson, seconded by Member Matsuda, to approve the Aspirational Statement as amended and presented.

ACTION: Motion carried by unanimous show of hands, and the Chair declared the Aspirational Statement adopted.

B. Strategic Framework Update: Current update of document being circulated for review and comment.

The Chair reported that an updated draft of the Strategic Framework was published for the first time for review and would be taken up for action at the next meeting. A presentation was given on how community feedback was incorporated into the draft. A discussion was held. No action taken; members were asked to send comments before the next meeting.

V. GOVERNANCE– No public testimony (written or oral) on any of these items.

No business was taken up under this item

VI. ADMINISTRATION – No public testimony (written or oral) on any of these items.

A. Report by Bill Stormont, Project Director with MKSOA.

Comment regarding Aspirational statement

a. Mr. Stormont reported on active management work since the last meeting:

   i. Work structure. MKSOA and CMS staff are moving to project management software to track work streams.

   ii. Advisory groups. Draft charters for astronomy, cultural resources, and natural resources advisory groups were sent to the Performance and Oversight Permitted Interaction Group (PIG). Staff hope to bring them to the full Authority in November.

   iii. Lease process mapping. Work is underway on a framework for the process of establishing new leases.

   iv. Comprehensive EIS. A request for proposals to scope the environmental impact statement was set to post October 13, 2026.

v. Administrative rules. A request for qualifications is under development.

vi. Hiring. The Governor's office approved posting of the Executive Director and a second (program) position.

b. Staffing and Recruiting – MKSOA Executive Director (ED) Hiring

c. Management Plan Update - Covered within the report above. On the strategic management plan, Mr. Stormont reported that the second draft is due to MKSOA on October 16 and the final draft is expected around February 2027, followed by community meetings on Hawai'i Island and other islands in spring and summer 2027 and final approval in late 2027.

DISCUSSION: No action taken.

VII. CENTER FOR MAUNAKEA STEWARDSHIP (CMS) OPERATIONAL UPDATE – No public testimony (written or oral) on any of these items.

No operational update was presented under this item; Chair Komeiji moved from Item VI to Item VIII**.**

VIII. MKSOA-CMS JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (JMC)

University of Hawai'i (UH) Maunakea Master Plan (MKMP) Amendment – ACTION ITEM

Discussion of proposed revisions to the UH's 2022 Master Plan for the University of Hawai'i Maunakea Lands and their relationship to MKSOA's responsibilities during the management transition.

Online Feedback Form at https://mkmp.konveio.com (available until October 14, 2026)

The Chair explained the process. UH proposes to amend its master plan in light of Act 255. The decision belongs to the UH Board of Regents, which is expected to consider it in November. The Authority had received over 80 pieces of written testimony. Oral testimony was limited to two minutes.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Oral testimony was received from seven individuals, in person and by Zoom, with positions in support, in opposition or not stated.

- A Zoom caller on the telephone line could not be heard because of technical difficulties; the Chair deferred the vote until after Item IX to allow the caller to try again. No further testimony from that caller was heard.

  DISCUSSION: A discussion was held, with members expressing a range of views on the proposed amendment and on how the Authority should respond.

  MOTION: Member Day moved that the Authority submit to the UH Board of Regents a copy of the testimony along with a recording of the meeting, without a single Authority position. Seconded by Member Hannahs.

  DISCUSSION (resumed after Item IX): The motion was amended to allow any Authority member to submit additional comments by October 22.

  MOTION (as amended and restated): That the Authority's action on this item be to submit to the UH Board of Regents the written testimony as submitted, along with the video of this meeting, provided that any member of the Authority may submit additional comments within two weeks of this date. Moved by Mr. Day; seconded by Vice-Chair Wong-Wilson.

ACTION: Motion carried by unanimous show of hands.

IX. FINANCE– No public testimony (written or oral) on any of these items.

A. Report by Interim Administrative Services Officer Patterson- September Financial Report Including Appropriations, Budget, Expenditures, Balance

DISCUSSION: No questions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None. The Authority did not go into executive session.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

a. The Chair thanked those who testified and attended and the Authority members.

b. Authority members: please notify the Board Secretary immediately if you are unable to attend the next meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Chair Komeiji adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am**.**

Approved October 22, 2026 SC