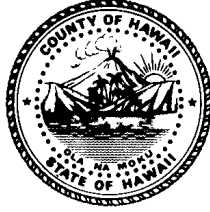


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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, June 12, 2024
TIME: 3:00p.m. - 4:30p.m.
IN-PERSON LOCATION: Hawai'i Council Chambers - Hilo
Hawai'i County Building
25 Aupuni Center
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

04.17.2024 Meeting - Hilo Mayor's Office

1. Call to Order 3:09 pm - Chair Gee

District 1: Hemi Martinez

District 2: Sage Hutson

District 3: Vacant

District 4: Benjamin Rudo

District 5: Kyla-Marie Kauhaihao

District 6: Marquis P. Fonoimoana (Left Early)

District 7: Mililani Bunghanoi-Aiu

District 8: Peyton Halemau

District 9: Abigail-Zoe Garan

Councilmember: Jennifer Kagiwada

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Mayor Appointee: Vice-Chairperson Cheydon Naleimaile-Evangelista

Mayor Appointee: Chairperson Eric Gee

- Out of: 15
- Present: 10
- Excused:
- Absent :

“Counting those present, we have a quorum.”

2. Chairperson Announcements

a. Congratulations to all graduates, including our commissioners who graduated.

i. Commissioners Naleimaile-Evangelista, Fonoimoana, and Chair Gee

3. Statements from the Public/Testimony

a. None

4. Approval of May 8th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

a. Approved

5. Old Business

a. Reconsideration of Youth Commission Meeting Times (May through November) (Times TBD)

i. Kauaihao asking for clarification on what the discussion is

1. Kagiwada clarified that this in regards to 5-7 and that if there is no discussion, then it would stay from 3-5.

2. Times will stay as 3-5.

b. Selection of Adult Advisors to the Commission

i. Alana Barber

1. Kagiwada: Have you had a chance to look at what the youth commission is about? (Website, etc.) What would your contribution be?

a. Ms. Barber: would help guide and build knowledge for the commission around behavior and mental health, family systems, health.

2. Kauhiahao: What motivated you to submit your resume to the commission?

a. Barber: Talked with Mr. Ho about it and he recommended it because of her background

3. Kagiwada: Wondering if Vice Chair Naleimaile-Evangelista had a question for Ms. Barber surrounding mental health.

a. Naleimaile-Evangelista: Yes. How important do you believe mental health is, and why do you think we should be talking about it?

i. Barber: believes very strongly in mental health that her life has become dedicated to it. Her life mission is to help people find resources and create systems of support, so as to build access to mental health care.

b. Rudo: What could we do under your advisory, such as a project, that could have the most impact?

i. Barber: Something that could work to build psychological safety in the community, through providing awareness and maybe access to resources.

4. Gee: Discussion.

a. Hutson: Strong background and good resume

b. Kagiwada: The only question/concern would be if her skills of knowledge are too similar to Mr. Ho. Do we need to reserve a position for someone of a different background?

c. Naleimaile-Evangelista: May I have the resume?

d. Kauhiahao: Feels that Ms. Barber is diverse enough from Mr. Ho that this could be great. Also the third could be a cultural practitioner with a background in forestry/agroforestry.

e. Rudo: These two would be great, and would be open to having the third be a cultural practitioner that is also a scientist of some sort in order to kill two birds with one stone.

f. Kauhiahao: Motion to approve her application

i. Naleimaile: Seconded

ii. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL Ayes

c. OUT OF ORDER - NEW BUSINESS:

i. Election of Commission Sergeant-at-Arms

1. Kauhahao Notes that Mililani Bunghanoi-Aiu would like this position.
2. Motion is made by Kauhahao and seconded by Konanui-Tucker.
3. Votes ALL Ayes

c. OUT OF ORDER - NEW BUSINESS:

ii. Discussion/Approval of Community Town Hall

1. Talking about a Community Town Hall

a. Gee looking up terms for commissioners

i. DCC Wong: commissioners are not able to renew terms.

1. Mr. Ho: are they able to reapply?
2. DCC Wong: It is not explicit, but they may not be able. Will follow up.
3. Mr. Ho: Can an elected commissioner become a mayor appointee?
4. DDC Wong: It can be possible.
5. Kauhahao: Asking for clarification.

b. Kauhahao: We definitely should do a town hall for the purposes of exposure and creating a legacy.

i. Kagiwada: Think about the day

ii. Konanui-Tucker: Would it be during our commission meeting

e. Updates

i. Priority Updates

1. Mental Health (Commissioner Evangelista)

a. 988 Campaign Discussion

i. Moved to the next meeting

2. Food Sovereignty (Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Konanui-Tucker)

a. Moved to the next meeting

3. Native Plant Restoration (Commissioner Rudo)

a. Native Plant Beautification Project Discussion

i. Finding a place

1. Moved to the next meeting

ii. Press Secretary

1. Website Update

2. Social Media

a. Instagram started (hawaiicountyyc)

3. Commission Introduction Video

iii. County Council Updates

1. Moved to the next meeting

6. New Business

a. Election of Commission Sergeant-at-Arms

b. Discussion/Approval of Community Town Hall

7. Announcements

a. Next Meeting: August 14th, 2024, Hilo, 3-5

b. Food Bank Hawaii Island study

c. June 29th - Pride

8. Adjournment - 4:34pm