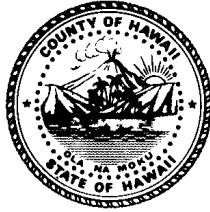


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## *County of Hawai'i* **Youth Commission**

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### Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024  
**TIME:** 3:00p.m. - 4:30p.m.  
**IN-PERSON LOCATION:** Hawai'i Council Chambers  
West Hawai'i Civic Center, Building A  
74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Hwy.  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

### **03.13.2024 Meeting - Kona Mayor's Office**

**I. Official Call to Order: 3:12pm | Chairperson Eric Gee**

**“Calling roll call, District 1 Commissioner (Last Name), District 2 Commissioner (Last Name), etc., etc.”**

District 1: Hemi Martinez  
District 2: Aelani Keolanui  
District 3: Vacant  
District 4: Benjamin Rudo  
District 6: Marquis P. Fonoimoana  
District 7: Mililani Bunghanoi-Aiu  
District 8: Peyton Halemau  
District 9: Abigail-Zoe Garan  
Councilmember: Jennifer Kagiwada  
Mayor Appointee: Damon Nagata  
Mayor Appointee: Goretti Allen  
Mayor Appointee: Hayden Konanui-Tucker  
Mayor Appointee: Perseas Vanebo  
Mayor Appointee: Vice-Chairperson Cheydon Naleimaile-Evangelista  
Mayor Appointee: Chairperson Eric Gee

- Out of: 14
- Present: 9
- Excused: 3
- Absent : 3

“Counting those present, we **have** quorum.”

### **I. Chairperson Announcements**

- Announcements:
  - Gee: Notes on agenda
  - Gee:
    - Begin with sunshine law announcements, decorum protocols, testimony protocols.

### **II. Statements From The Public**

- No public testimony signed up
- No testimony via zoom

### **III. Approval of February 14th, 2024 Meeting Minutes | Assistant Sec. Turner**

- Motion: Commissioner Rudo motions to approve
  - Seconded by: Commissioner Fonoimoana
  - Roll call: All approved

### ***OUT OF ORDER NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM A - STATE YOUTH COMMISSION***

Marii Mason: Presentation of the State Youth Commission Cabinet, members, objectives, meetings, current bills

- HB1778 and accompanying senate bill
- Next meeting: March 17, 2024 (this Sunday)
- 2 vacancy, w/ term ending soon
- Looking to expand to outer islands (especially Maui and Kaua‘i Counties)

Questions:

- Turner: Initiatives for students?
  - Mason: using what they have, social media, etc., to reach out

### ***OUT OF ORDER NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM B - Hawai‘i County Council***

Heather Kimball: Hawai‘i County Sustainability Summit Youth Congress

- UN styled event centered around 2030 priorities
- Various topics involving solutions to address the six priorities brought.
- Two-fold priorities: Mentorships and policy building
- Commission can consider bringing this forward before us to approve before it goes to the County Council
- Cannot send too many commissioners (must be under quorum for sunshine laws)

Discussion:

- Kagiwada: Great opportunity for youth commissioners. Main participants are eighth graders?
  - Kimball: Correct. Commissioners would be there most probably as mentors. Can also contribute content to the areas that are being discussed and talking about. Hope is to garner future commissioners.
- Kagiwada: Would it be possible to have five minutes at the Youth Congress to speak about the Youth Commission?
  - Kimball: Absolutely
  - Gee: Would love to talk more about that.
- Gee: Discussion/Questions for Chair Kimball? No.

#### IV. Old Business

| Chairperson Gee

##### A. Discussion and Approval of Youth Commission Meetings (May through November)

###### Discussion:

- Gee: Review of the dates, that currently have no times due to security issues.
  - Command: Times are being discussed with corp. Council

Recess 3:38 - 3:45

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- Motion: Commissioner Naleimaile-Evangelista
  - Seconded by: Commissioner Bunghanoi-Aiu
- Discussion:
  - NE: 3-4:30 meeting time works
  - Kagiwada: Does anyone have any problems with any time frame (3-4:30 or 5-7)
  - Turner: No worries
  - Konanui-Tucker: Reason for last week in November?
    - Gee: Yes. For the new 7 incoming commissioners, it will give them time as well as us time for that last meeting.

###### ROLL CALL VOTE:

- All present say Aye

##### B. Approval of the Design for an Official Logo for the County of Hawai'i Youth Commission (Commissioner Aiu, Commissioner Konanui-Tucker)

- No public testimony
- Commissioner Bunghanoi-Aiu gives background on the new logo drafts
- Commissioner Konanui-Tucker gives background of the 'ōlelo no'eau. I mohala no ka lehua i ke ke'eke'ehi 'ia e ke ua - Lehua blossoms unfold because the rains fell upon them.
  - #1236 Pukui

###### Discussion:

- Kagiwada: #1
- Turner: #1, for the balance between
- Fonoimoana: #1
- Command: Two "m"s in Commission needs for the logo
- Naleimaile-Evangelista: #1 for the symbolism for the 'ōlelo no'eau
- Rudo: #1, looks the best over all. Colored version for documents?
- DCC Wong: Question for Konanui-Tucker - any kahakou?
  - None needed
- Gee: #1

- Motion: Commissioner Naleimaile-Evangelista to approve design #1
  - Seconded by: Commissioner Bunghanoi-Aiu seconds
- Discussion: None

###### ROLL CALL

All present say aye

C. Approval of the Survey to be Issued to all Hawai'i Public Middle and High Schools About Their Engagement in Their Communities and Interests in Local Politics

Public Testimony: None

Discussion:

- DCC Wong: Discussion on the survey is encouraged, as the sooner, the better.
- Turner: Has Mr. Ho seen the updated survey?
- Mr. Ho: Seeing it as it is shown...how does question two work if the student goes to school outside of the district they live in?
  - Kagiwada: how
  - Rudo: Can we just do what district they live in?
  - DCC Wong: Can make it broader...
  - Gee: Can change from school to live.
  - Fonoimoana: changing language would be great
  - Turner: Question to Ho - would this change be considered personal information?
    - Despites on how the information would go out.
  - Kagiwada: changing language on the description portion of survey
    - Rudo: seconded idea
  - Gee: In regards to distribution of survey - putting it on the survey that Mr. Otani showed us the last time. Likes keeping that on the website and distributing the survey.
  - Turner: Question to Mr. Ho - Comments on the survey?
    - Mr. Ho - second to last question is a bit confusing. Has there been something that has allowed the public and youth to know what the youth commission does?
  - DCC WONG:
- Motion: Commissioner Vanebo to approve survey as discussed today
  - Seconded by: Commissioner Rudo
- Discussion:

ROLL CALL

All present say Aye

D. Discussion to Select Three Adult Advisors to the Commission

Public Testimony: Nay

- Discussion:
  - DDC Wong:
  - Alexy: For the next meeting, will do.
  - DDC Wong: Hoping next time there will be more applications to do. Recommended that commissioner come with questions.
    - Ho: will be available next meeting
  - Command: Recommendations for adult advisors
  - Kagiwada: Any recommendations on the specific background of advisors.
    - Gee: Hawaiian cultural advisor was recommended as one of the advisors.

- Kagiwada: Hoping to reach out to Kaiu Kimura - Exec Director of Imiloa
- Rudo: Personally look for a scientist and ecologist as an advisor.
- Motion:
  - Seconded by:
- Discussion:

#### E. Priority Updates

Public Testimony: None

1. Mental Health (Commissioner Evangelista)
  - Naleimaile-Evangelista: Referring to an email from Kagiwada on information; possible mental health presentation on the topic
2. Food Sovereignty (Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Konanui-Tucker)
  - Konanui-Tucker: Adult ally at the We Grow Summit - 5th Hawai'i Food Council.
    - Broke up similarly to the Youth Congress coming up into group to discuss priorities, bills, and had the opportunity to talk with legislators.
      - Something to consider doing.
  - Turner: Review of bills and articles on farm to school. Question to Kagiwada.
    - Kagiwada: Nothing at the county level; can do a resolution.
    - Turner would like to start supporting organizations and
3. Native Plant Restoration (Commissioner Rudo)
  - Rudo: Command sent planning guides for plants.
    - Couple of projects in mind. Keaukaha-Panaewa forest project there.
    - Kagiwada: There are options for projects.

#### Brief Commissioner Quorum Check

- Commissioners Konanui-Tucker and Halemau have left
- Turner: Making sure that the other commissioners know that the three priorities are for all of us.

#### v. **New Business**

##### C. Election of Commission Press Secretary

- Discussion:
  - Fonoimoana interested: is a personal digital historian for his own life and good with social media
- Motion: Commissioner Turner
  - Seconded by: Commissioner Naleimaile-Evangelista
  - Discussion:
    - Gee

ROLL CALL  
All present say Aye

**VI. Announcements**

A. **Next Meeting:** April 17, 2024 - East Side | *Assist. Sec Turner*

**VII. Adjournment:** 4:46 Pm | *Chairperson Gee*

A. Motion to Adjourn: *Chairperson Gee*

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