HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
Minutes of October 13, 2021 via Interactive Conferencing Technology (ICT)

Pursuant to proper call, the meeting of the Hawaiian Homes Commission was held via teleconference, moderated by Chairman William Ailā Jr., Hale Kuhio, 64-756 Mamalahoa Highway, Kamuela, HI 96743, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT  
William J. Ailā Jr., Chairman  
Randy K. Awo, Maui Commissioner  
Zachary Z. Helm, Molokaʻi Commissioner (via ICT, 1:35 p.m.)  
David B. Ka’apu, West Hawaiʻi Commissioner  
Michael L. Kaleikini, East Hawaiʻi Commissioner (via ICT)  
Russell K. Ka’upu, Oʻahu Commissioner (via ICT)  
Pauline N. Namuʻo, Oʻahu Commissioner (via ICT)  
Dennis L. Neves, Kauai Commissioner (via ICT)  
Patricia A. Teruya, Oʻahu Commissioner (via ICT)

COUNSEL  
Ryan Kanakaole, Deputy AG (via ICT)

STAFF  
Leah Burrows-Nuuanu, Secretary to the Commission  
Andrew Choy, Acting Planning Manager (via ICT)  
Kahana Albinio, Acting Land Management Division Administrator  
Julie-Ann Cachola, Planner  
Cedric Duarte, Information & Community Relations Officer  
Michael Lowe, Information Specialist

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Ailā called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. eight (8) members were present via ICT at roll call.

Pursuant to the Governor’s emergency proclamation, related to COVID-19 Delta Response, Hawaiʻi Revised Statutes (“HRS”) Chapter 92 regarding public agency meetings and records are currently suspended through November 30, 2021, to the extent necessary to minimize the potential spread of COVID and its Variants.

Chair Ailā stated the Commission will convened privately for executive session after the Public Testimony. There is only one person who signed up to testify.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION/ACTION
Moved by Commissioner Neves, seconded by Commissioner Ka’apu, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDIZED ITEMS

PT-1  Jojo Tanimoto – (not available)
MOTION
Moved by Commissioner Awo, seconded by Commissioner Neves to convene in an executive session pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), HRS, to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Commission’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IN 1:53 PM

The Commission anticipates convening an executive meeting pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), HRS, to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Commission’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities on these matters.

1. Kalaoa Community-Based Renewable Energy Solar Project
2. Kawaihae Community-Based Renewable Energy Solar Project

EXECUTIVE SESSION OUT 3:11 PM

ITEMS FOR DECISION MAKING

REGULAR AGENDA

LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION

ITEM F-1 Approval to Issue a Right-of-Entry Permit (for up to three years) and Conditional Approval for a General Lease to Nexamp Solar, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, for due diligence purposes and a long-term General Lease (25-years with options to extend) to develop a solar plus battery storage project on 27.6-acres of Hawaiian Home Lands, TMK No. (3) 7-3-010:007 (por.), Kalaoa, Hawai‘i Island.

ITEM F-2 Approval to Issue a Right-of-Entry Permit (for up to three years) and Conditional Approval for a General Lease to Nexamp Solar, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, for due diligence purposes and a long-term General Lease (25-years with options to extend) to develop a solar plus battery storage project on 21.0-ACRES OF Hawaiian Home Lands, TMK No. (3) 6-1-006:003, Kawaihae, Hawai‘i Island.

Chair Aila asked DAG Kanaka‘ole if the Commission needed a motion to defer Items F-1 and F-2. There were no motions for approval. DAG Kanaka‘ole stated there does not need to be a motion, the Chair can defer the items and move to adjourn the meeting. He further suggested deferring it to a certain date.

Chair Aila announced that more discussion needs to occur and more information needs to be retrieved by the Department and the Commission. He announced that the Commission will defer Items F-1 and F-2 for future decision making after the Department does its due diligence.

He thanked the Commission for their time and staff for their work.
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on October 18 & 19, 2021, (ICT) Zoom

MOTION/ACTION

Moved by Commissioner Helm, seconded by Commissioner Neves, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT 3:15 PM

William S. Ailā Jr., Chairman
Hawaiian Homes Commission

Leaʻi Burr ws-Nuuanu, Commission Secretary
Hawaiian Homes Commission