

**HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**  
Minutes of October 11, 2021, via Interactive Conferencing Technology (ICT)

Pursuant to proper call, the public hearing of the Hawaiian Homes Commission was held via interactive conferencing technology - Zoom, and in-person at La'i'opua Community Center located at 74-5210 Keanalehu Drive, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, 96740, moderated by Chairman William Ailā Jr., beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT** William J. Ailā Jr., Chairman  
Zachary Z. Helm, Moloka'i Commissioner (via ICT, 1:35 p.m.)  
David B. Ka'apu, West Hawai'i Commissioner  
Michael L. Kaleikini, East Hawai'i Commissioner (via ICT)  
Russell K. Ka'upu, O'ahu Commissioner (via ICT)  
Pauline N. Namu'o, O'ahu Commissioner (via ICT )  
Dennis L. Neves, Kauai Commissioner (via ICT)  
Patricia A. Teruya, O'ahu Commissioner (via ICT)

**EXCUSED** Randy K. Awo, Maui-Commissioner

**COUNSEL** Ryan Kanakaole, Deputy AG (via ICT)

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

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the Governor's emergency proclamation, related to COVID-19 Delta Response, Hawai'i 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.

The hearing is for the Department and the Commission to provide information and receive comments on a proposed community-based renewable energy project on DHHL land in Kalaoa, Hawai'i Island. Nexamp Solar, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, is requesting a Right-of-Entry Permit (for up to three years) for due diligence purposes and a long-term General Lease (25-years with options to extend) of up to 30 acres of land to develop a solar energy facility plus battery storage project that would generate up to 8 megawatts of energy.

The purpose of this hearing is to afford all interested persons opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing on matters relevant to the issues identified in the Notice of Public Hearing, which was just read.

Commissioner Teruya noted that there was no roll call and approval of agenda. She asked for clarification of whether roll call and approval of the agenda is needed. DAG Kanakaole stated the Commission is convening under Chapter 171-93, but the way the agenda is listed does call for a roll call and approval of agenda.

## CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ailā called the public hearing to order at 6:03 p.m. eight (8) members were present, two (2) in person, and six (6) via Zoom at roll call.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### MOTION/ACTION

Moved by Commissioner Neves, seconded by Commissioner Ka'apu, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC TESTIMONY

**PT-1 Jojo Tanimoto** – J. Tanimoto was signed up to testify on the Kawaihae Solar Project. She deferred her testimony to the hearing the following day.

**PT-2 Kelly Greenwell** – Kailua-Kona Resident. His concern is the time spent looking at stop-gap measures looking at a national, international, worldwide issue. He talked about the opportunity for untold amounts of money that will be made available to save the planet. Regardless of what's going on in Washington DC, money will be available. Our responsibility is to have ready the kind of plan that will attract that money and ensure that we get it. Those kinds of plans require that they be in the multi-billion-dollar range. Hawai'i could create that kind of plan. Hawai'i is the only tropical state with year-round sunshine for solar efficiency. Hawai'i is the best place to glean information for green energy. He suggested that Hawaiian Homes and the Hawaiian community look at a much bigger project, bigger thinking. The land mauka of Hualalai is flat and attracts more sunshine than the coastline. This type of project cannot be sustained financially by the state or county. There are billions of dollars aimed toward green energy at the federal level. The funding would also address housing, water, and jobs for local residents.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

### NEXT MEETING

The second public hearing for the Kalaoa solar project is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 a.m., at Hale Kūhiō, 64-756 Māmalahoa Highway, Kamuela, HI 96743 and Zoom.

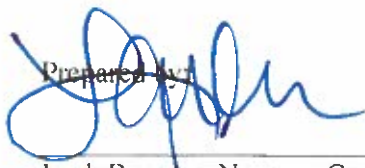
### MOTION/ACTION

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

## ADJOURNMENT

6:29 PM

Respectfully submitted:

  
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William J. Ailā Jr., Chairman  
Hawaiian Homes Commission  
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Leah Burrows-Nuuanu, Commission Secretary  
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