

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

Pursuant to proper call, the meeting of the Hawaiian Homes Commission was held via interactive conferencing technology - Zoom, and in person at Hale Kūhiō, 64-756 Māmalahoa Highway, Kamuela, HI 96743, moderated by Chairman William Ailā Jr., beginning at 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT William J. Ailā Jr., Chairman
Randy K. Awo, Maui 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 David B. Ka'apu, West Hawai'i Commissioner
Zachary Z. Helm, Moloka'i Commissioner

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 public hearing to order at 8:30 a.m. seven (7) members were present. two (2) in person, and five (5) via Zoom at roll call.

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.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

PT-1 Cindy Freitas – Asked to reenter her testimony from Tuesday’s meeting for this hearing. She asked that Commissioners consider changing the zoning in Kawaihae from industrial to agricultural. Beneficiaries have been waiting for agriculture awards for decades. She knows that the Department is awarding land in Kaimu, but she is in Kona. Beneficiaries need to get back to the Āina and be self sustainable.

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.

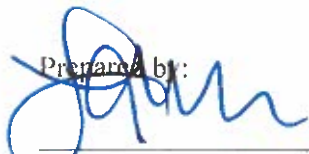
ADJOURNMENT

9:54 AM

Respectfully submitted:



William J. Ailā Jr., Chairman
Hawaiian Homes Commission

Prepared by:


Leah Burrows-Nuuanu, Commission Secretary
Hawaiian Homes Commission