

**HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY  
NOTICE OF MEETING  
ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
August 20, 2015  
9:00 a.m.  
1002 N. School Street, Bldg. A Boardroom  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

**AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

**II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Public testimony on any agenda item shall be taken at this time. Pursuant to section 92-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and section 17-2000-18, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the Board may limit public testimony to three minutes, per agenda item.

**III. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

- A. Election of the Chair
- B. Election of the Vice-Chair
- C. Election of the Secretary

**IV. FOR ACTION**

- A. Motion: To Appoint No Less Than Three (3) and No More than Seven (7) of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's (HPHA) Directors to the HHA Wilikina Apartments Project, Inc's Board of Directors, With Appointments Not To Exceed an Individual's Term on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's Board of Directors **(Pages 1 – 18)**

(Appointees to the HHA Wilikina Apartments Project, Inc. Board of Directors shall be eligible to be nominated as officers and selected at the HHA Wilikina Apartments Project, Inc. meeting.)

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

If any person requires special needs (i.e. large print, taped materials, sign language interpreter, etc.), please call the Secretary to the Board at (808) 832-4694 by close of business two days prior to meeting date.

HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
HELD AT 1002 NORTH SCHOOL STREET, BUILDING E,  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817  
ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2015  
IN THE COUNTY OF HONOLULU, STATE OF HAWAII

The Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority held an Annual Board Meeting at 1002 North School Street, on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Vice Chairperson Espero called the meeting to order. Those present were as follows:

**PRESENT:** Director Jason Espero, Vice Chairperson  
Director Myoung Oh, Secretary  
Designee Pankaj Bhanot  
Director Lisa Darcy  
Director Elizabeth Kim  
Director Alena Medeiros  
Director Pono Shim  
Director En Young

Deputy Attorney General, Jennifer Sugita

**EXCUSED:** Director Laura Smith

**STAFF PRESENT:** Hakim Ouansafi, Executive Director  
Barbara Arashiro, Executive Assistant  
Chong Gu, Chief Financial Management Advisor  
Becky Choi, State Housing Development Administrator  
Dawn Takeuchi Apuna, Chief Planner  
Joanna Renken, Acting Public Housing Supervisor VI  
Renee Blondin-Nip, Hearings Officer  
Gary Nakatsu, Data Processing Supervisor  
Rick Sogawa, Contracts & Procurement Officer  
Clarence Allen, Fiscal Officer  
Stephanie Fo, Section 8 Branch Chief  
Dean Sakata, Housing Development Specialist  
Maricar Campos, Property Management Specialist  
Kau'i Martinez, Resident Services Program Specialist  
Taryn Chikamori, Secretary to the Board

**OTHERS PRESENT (and signing in as):**  
Augafa Ene, Mayor Wrights Homes resident

Uilani Goods, Medical-Legal Partnership for Children in Hawaii  
Fetu Kolio, private resident  
Roy Nakamura, Kalakaua Homes resident  
James Tuquero, Kalakaua Homes resident  
Jesse Wu, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

### **Proceedings:**

Vice Chairperson Espero declared a quorum present.

Vice Chairperson Espero asked that the Board introduce themselves. He stated he represents persons with disabilities.

Director En Young stated he is the Executive Director of Food Basket and represents Hawaii Island.

Designee Pankaj Bhanot stated he is representing Director Rachael Wong of Department of Human Services.

Director Alena Medeiros stated she is the at-large member and is the Executive Director of Home Aid Hawaii.

Director Myoung Oh stated that he is the Oahu member and is from the Hawaii Association of Realtors.

Director Elizabeth Kim stated that she is from the Governor's office.

Director Pono Shim stated that he is an at-large member and he is the Chief Executive Officer for the ~~Hawaii Economic Board~~ Oahu Economic Development Board.

Director Lisa Darcy stated she is the Executive Director of the Hoomoana Foundation and represents Maui Island.

Jennifer Sugita, Deputy Attorney General, introduced herself.

Executive Director Ouansafi introduced Mr. Jesse Wu Director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Hawaii office and Acting Director of the San Francisco Regional office.

### **Public Testimony**

Vice Chairperson Espero asked if there was any other public testimony. There being none, Vice Chairperson Espero moved on with the next order of business.

## **Election of Chairperson**

**Director Medeiros moved,**

To Open up Nominations for Chairperson for the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Director Medeiros nominated Director Shim. Director Shim accepted the nomination of Chairperson. With no further nominations, Vice Chairperson Espero closed the nominations.

Director Medeiros stated she supports Director Shim's nomination for Board chair. Director Medeiros stated that she has known Director Shim for almost 20 years. She made her nomination based on his ability to bring people together, to understand the big picture, and his attention to detail.

Director Kim stated that she supports the nomination of Director Shim.

Designee Bhanot also voiced his support for Director Shim's nomination.

**Director Shim was unanimously elected as Chairperson.**

## **Election of Vice Chairperson**

**Director Young moved,**

To Open up Nominations for Vice Chairperson for the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Director Shim nominated Director Medeiros for the Vice Chairperson. Director Medeiros accepted the nomination of Vice Chairperson. With no further nominations, Vice Chairperson Espero closed the nominations.

Director Shim stated that he has known Director Medeiros since 1992. He stated that for the past four years he and Director Medeiros served on the Board of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Public Health Fund and worked together addressing public health issues.

Designee Bhanot stated that he has known Director Medeiros since 2003 and he voiced his support for her nomination.

**Director Medeiros was unanimously elected as Vice Chairperson.**

## **Election of Secretary**

**Director Medeiros moved,**

To Open up Nominations for Secretary.

Director Shim nominated Director Espero for Secretary. Director Espero accepted the nomination for Secretary. With no further nominations, Vice Chairperson Espero closed the nominations.

**Director Espero was unanimously elected as Secretary.**

**For Action:**

**Designee Bhanot moved,**

**To Appoint No Less Than Three (3) and No More than Seven (7) of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's (HPHA) Directors to the HHA Wilikina Apartments Project, Inc's Board of Directors, With Appointments Not To Exceed an Individual's Term on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's Board of Directors.**

Executive Director Ouansafi stated the HHA Wilikina Apartments Project was sold about four years ago, but the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) still owns the land. Therefore, the Wilikina Board is still needed.

Director Shim asked who is currently on the Board. Director Espero responded that he is currently the only Board member on the HHA Wilikina Apartments Project, Inc's Board.

Vice Chairperson Espero asked how many meetings occur. Executive Director Ouansafi responded that the Board would likely only meet once a year, unless an issue with the ground lease occurred.

Designee Bhanot asked if the HPHA Chair needs to serve on the HHA Wilikina Board. Executive Assistant Arashiro confirmed that the HPHA's Board chair did not need to serve on the HHA Wilikina Apartments Project, Inc. Board.

Director Medeiros asked if there would be a conflict with her serving on the Wilikina Board because of her job. Executive Director Ouansafi asked to go into executive session to consult with legal counsel regarding conflict of interest issues.

**Designee Bhanot moved at 9:16 a.m.,**

**To go into Executive Session pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(4) to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and**

**issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities as related to:**

**1. Conflict of Interest with Regard to Serving on the HHA Wilikina Apartment Project, Inc.'s Board of Directors**

The motion was unanimously approved.

**The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 9:25 a.m.**

Vice Chair Espero reported that the Board discussed with its attorney conflicts of interest as it pertains to serving on the HHA Wilikina Apartment Project, Inc.'s Board of Directors.

Director Kim nominated Director Shim. Director Shim accepted the nomination to serve on the Wilikina Board. With no further nominations, Vice Chairperson Espero closed the nominations.

Director Shim was unanimously elected.

Designee Bhanot nominated Director Kim. Director Kim accepted the nomination to serve on the Wilikina Board. With no further nominations, Vice Chairperson Espero closed the nominations.

Director Kim was unanimously elected.

Director Kim nominated Director Oh. Director Oh accepted the nomination to serve on the HHA Wilikina Projects, Inc. Board of Directors. With no further nominations, Vice Chairperson Espero closed the nominations.

Director Oh was unanimously elected.

Designee Bhanot nominated Director Medeiros. Director Medeiros accepted the nomination of to serve on the HHA Wilikina Projects, Inc. Board of Directors. With no further nominations, Vice Chairperson Espero closed the nominations.

Director Medeiros was unanimously elected.

Director Kim nominated Director Wong. Designee Bhanot accepted the nomination on behalf of Director Wong to serve on the HHA Wilikina Projects, Inc. Board of Directors. With no further nominations, Vice Chairperson Espero closed the nominations.

Director Wong was unanimously elected.

Designee Bhanot thanked Vice Chairperson Espero for his service in the absence of a Chairperson.

**Adjournment**

There was no further business to discuss, Vice Chairperson Espero asked for a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting.

**Designee Bhanot moved,**

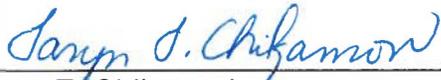
To adjourn the Annual Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board meeting.

The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

**MINUTES CERTIFICATION**

Minutes Prepared by:

  
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Taryn T. Chikamori  
Secretary to the Board

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Date

Approved by the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board of Directors at their Regular Meeting on September 17, 2015: [  ] As Presented [  ] As Amended

  
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Director Espero/Board Secretary

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Date