

**HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY
NOTICE OF MEETING
ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

July 21, 2016

9:00 a.m.

**1002 N. School Street, Bldg. A
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Public testimony on any item relevant to this agenda 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 INFORMATION

- A. **Subject:** Board Resolution No. 18, dated July 18, 2009 Which Amended the By Laws of the Board of Directors, Paragraph 2 of Article VI, Section 1 to Require the Submission of an Annual Report to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting or Any Meeting in the Subsequent Fiscal Year, as Determined by the Board of Directors; and Distribution of Updated Copy

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
HELD AT 1002 NORTH SCHOOL STREET, BUILDING E,
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817
ON THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016
IN THE COUNTY OF HONOLULU, STATE OF HAWAII

The Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority held its Annual Board Meeting at 1002 North School Street, on Thursday, July 21, 2016. At approximately 9:10 a.m. Chairperson Shim called the meeting to order. Those present were as follows:

PRESENT: Director Pono Shim, Chairperson
Director Alena Mederios, Vice Chairperson
Director Jason Espero, Secretary
Director George DeMello
Director Lisa Darcy
Director Myong Oh
Director Rachael Wong

Deputy Attorney General, Jennifer Sugita
Deputy Attorney General, Klemen Urbanc

EXCUSED: Director Laura Smith
Director En Young

STAFF PRESENT: Barbara Arashiro, Executive Assistant
Chong Gu, Chief Financial Management Advisor
Becky Choi, State Housing Development Administrator
Joanna Renken, Acting Public Housing Supervisor VI
Renee Blondin-Nip, Hearings Officer
Shirley Befitel, Personnel Supervisor
Rick Sogawa, Contracts & Procurement Officer
Stephanie Fo, Section 8 Branch Chief
Nelson Lee, IT Specialist
Sam Liu, Property Management Specialist
David Nygaard, Budget Resource Specialist
Maricar Campos, Property Management Specialist
Kau`i Martinez, Resident Services Program Specialist
Jonessa Burns, Secretary
Esther Yasuda, Social Services Aide

OTHERS PRESENT (and signing in as):

Ira Calkins, Punchbowl Homes tenant
Mark Hashem, State Representative
Mary Hall, Punchbowl Homes tenant
Desiree Kihano, Palolo Valley Homes tenant
Duck Geo Kim, Punchbowl Homes tenant
U'i Goods, Medical-Legal Partnership
Fetu Kolio, Punchbowl Homes tenant
Bob Loren, Punchbowl Homes tenant
Jeanne Lorrin, Punchbowl Homes tenant
Andrew Nakoa Sr., Mayor Wright Homes tenant
Bernice Nakoa, Mayor Wright Homes tenant
Holly Nojima, Punchbowl Homes tenant
Benjamin Park, Senate Ways and Means Committee
Pura Patino, Punchbowl Homes tenant
Jill Saito, Kaahumanu Homes

Proceedings:

Chairperson Shim declared a quorum present.

Chairperson Shim asked for a moment of silence to honor the passing of the Late Senator Mark Takai

Public Testimony

Ira Calkins, Punchbowl Homes tenant stated that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's By-laws do not indicate how many members constitute a quorum. He stated that the State law establishes the quorum at six members and requires eleven members on the Board of Directors. Mr. Calkins further stated that there are only 10 current Board members and one more needs to be appointed.

Mr. Calkins stated that he feels that the outcome of the election is predetermined, despite the requirement that board members cannot meet without posting a notice first.

Mr. Calkins stated that the board members absent already knew the outcome to the election.

(Director Medeiros entered the meeting at approximately 9:17 a.m.)

Pura Patino, Punchbowl Homes tenant stated they have concerns about their living quarters that have been deteriorating for the last 40 years. She also stated the residents are not allowed to use the bathroom facilities when utilizing the recreation room.

Chairperson Shim requested that Ms. Patino hold her testimony for the Regular Board meeting instead of the Annual Board meeting.

Chairperson Shim asked whether anyone wanted to provide testimony related to the election of officers.

Election of Chairperson

Director Shim 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, Chairperson Shim closed the nominations.

Director Darcy expressed her support for Chairperson Shin and stated that working under his leadership has been a positive experience. Director Darcy further stated that she is proud to be a part the Board and looks forward to another year of working together.

Director Wong agreed and thanked Chairperson Shim for continuing his role as Chair. Director Wong stated that the agency has made great progress working together - the Board, management, and the community. Director Wong publicly stated they she has not been made part of any conversation related to selecting positions on the board.

Director Medeiros echoed Director Darcy and Director Wong's comments on the leadership of Chairperson Shim over the past year. Director Medeiros expressed appreciation for Chairperson Shim, his leadership, and the tone he set for the Board. She commended the way the Chair supported transparency and respectful treatment of individuals. Director Medeiros further stated she supports Chairperson Shim leadership for another term.

Director Shim was unanimously elected as Chairperson.

Election of Vice Chairperson

Director Shim moved,

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

Director Oh nominated Director Medeiros for the Vice Chairperson.

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

Director Darcy expressed support of Director Medeiros' nomination for Vice Chair. She stated that Director Medeiros' style compliments Chairperson Shim and her experience has contributed breadth of experience on the board. Director Darcy stated that she has confidence in both of their abilities and would appreciate the continuation of their leadership going forward.

Director DeMello stated that he learned a lot from Director Medeiros and added that her straightforwardness is a plus for him.

Director Wong agreed and commented that one of Director Medeiros' strengths is that she always brings the Board back to their mission. Director Wong thanked Director Medeiros for her contributions to the Board.

Chairperson Shim stated that the Board has not cancelled any meetings and it's a testament to commitment of the Board members. When he first joined the board, he emphasized that Hawaii was in a crisis with public housing, homelessness, land use and affordable housing. Chairperson Shim stated that the HPHA is part of the solution. He stated that Director Medeiros' ability to process information is an asset critical to the housing authority.

Chairperson Shim expressed his appreciation that Director Medeiros is willing to support him and provide wisdom and knowledge on the Board.

Director Medeiros was unanimously elected as Vice Chairperson.

Election of Secretary

Director Medeiros moved,

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

Director Medeiros nominated Director Espero for Secretary.

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

Director Wong stated that Director Espero has many roles at HPHA and in the community. She thanked him for bringing institutional knowledge to the Board. She further stated his history with the Board in being one of the longest serving makes for a good team and brings much needed continuity.

Director Darcy stated that Director Espero has a subtle way of bringing important information forward. She further stated for Director Espero to maintain the Secretary role is critical for the Board to continue its forward progress.

Chairperson Shim thanked Director Espero for stepping forward and encouraged him to continue doing the work he does in the community. He further stated that Director Espero could lead the current board as well as any other board.

Director Espero was unanimously elected as Secretary.

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Executive Assistant Arashiro stated that in September 2015 the Board of Directors were provided a copy of the HPHA's By laws which inadvertently omitted the 2009 revisions.

Executive Assistant Arashiro further stated that the copy given at today's board meeting is complete with all revisions.

Adjournment

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

Director Oh moved,

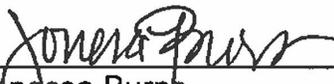
To adjourn the Annual Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board meeting.

The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:32 a.m.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Minutes Prepared by:


Jonessa Burns
Secretary to the Board

AUG 18 2016

Date

Approved by the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board of Directors at their Annual Meeting on August 18, 2016: As Presented As Amended


Director Jason Espero
Secretary

AUG 18 2016

Date