



# Climate Change Commission

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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## **Climate Change Commission Friday, January 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Zoom Virtual Meeting Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chair Rosie Alegado, Vice Chair Victoria Keener, Melanie Islam, Brad Romine

**Members Absent:** Kiana Otsuka

**Public:** Miya DeVoogd, Coranne Park-Chun, Marissa Kunsch, Rori Kirkpatrick, Nicola Hedge, Hailey Campbell, Matthew Gonser, Emily Makini (Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency); Walter Billingsley, Terry Chan (Honolulu Department of Design and Construction); Courtney Sue-Ako (Honolulu Department of the Corporation Counsel); Nancy McPherson (Hawai'i Department of Hawaiian Home Lands); Henry Curtis; Cynthia Emoto; Angela Tseng; Fred Moore; Pane Meatoga III; Teresa Dawson; Katherine Kolodzie; Jeffery Lee.

**Location:** Virtual Zoom meeting with an in-person meeting location provided at Fasi Municipal Building 11th Floor Conference Room 3, 650 S. King Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813.

**Meeting Video Recording:** <https://fb.watch/iqSNLc6fm6/>

### **1. (00:00) Call to order**

- Chair Alegado called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **2. (00:10) Roll call**

- Four out of five Commissioners were present at the start of the meeting. Quorum was established.

### **3. (00:46) Approval of the minutes: December 16, 2022**

- (01:50) Vice Chair Keener motioned to adopt the December 16, 2022 meeting minutes and Commissioner Romine seconded. (**AYE:** Alegado, Keener, Islam, Romine; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None).

**4. (02:31) Report on activities of the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (CCSR)**

- Director Matt Gonser discussed updates on global heat records, key CCSR highlights from the past month, highlights from 2022, and projects CCSR is looking towards in 2023.

**5. (20:40) Status on updates to the Commission’s Climate Change Brief, adopted June 5, 2018**

- Updated draft expected at February Commission meeting.

**6. (25:36) Status on in-development Urban Heat Guidance Document, draft May 12, 2022**

- More on the plan and timeline is expected at the February Commission meeting, and a progress update is expected at the March Commission meeting.

**7. (30:29) Discussion and action on Commission comment letter on the 2022 Public Review Draft of the City and County of Honolulu Primary Urban Center Development Plan**

- Commissioner Romine excused himself from the comment letter.
- Commissioner Islam screen-shared the [comment document](#).
- Sunshine Law procedures were discussed; Chair Alegado will submit her comments separately as a member of the public.
- In the Zoom chat, Matt Gonser noted, “For participants’ awareness, the Primary Urban Center Development Plan draft is available at <https://www.pucdp.com/documents>. The DPP public comment period will be open until January 31st, 2023.”
- (49:11) Vice Chair Keener motioned to adopt the comments from the document for submission to the Department of Planning and Permitting. Commissioner Islam seconded. (**AYE:** Alegado, Keener, Islam; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** Romine).

**8. (50:45) Communications and correspondence from the public**

- A question was received in the Facebook livestream chat from Debbie Hauguel: "What are the staffing costs for this committee?" Matt Gonser responded to the question.
- No other communications or correspondence were received.

**9. (53:38) Public input for matters not on the agenda:**

- None.

**10.(53:52) Tentative Next Meeting Date(s): 2/17, 3/17, 4/21, and 5/19, 9am-11am**

- Commissioners discussed having some future meetings at new locations in the community, potentially starting in April and/or May 2023; Matt Gonser also contributed to the discussion, and Kathryn Kolodzie noted that the Commission might consider having a booth at the Boy Scouts [Onizuka Day](#) in April.

**11.(1:09:03) Announcements:**

1. (1:09:35) Commissioner Romine shared the following announcement:
  - a. Recordings of many of the Hawai'i Climate Week events will be available at [climate.hawaii.gov](https://climate.hawaii.gov).
2. (1:10:03) Vice Chair Keener shared the following announcement:
  - a. Public comment is being accepted for the Fifth National Climate Assessment; information can be found at [www.globalchange.gov/nca5](https://www.globalchange.gov/nca5) and [www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/11/10/2022-24611/availability-for-public-comment-on-the-draft-fifth-national-climate-assessment-nca5-united-states](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/11/10/2022-24611/availability-for-public-comment-on-the-draft-fifth-national-climate-assessment-nca5-united-states).
3. (1:11:30) Commissioner Islam shared the following announcement:
  - a. The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Honolulu is launching a [10 week architecture series](#) on decarbonization in the built environment.
4. (1:13:53) Chair Alegado noted that Kathryn Kolodzie put the following announcement into the Zoom chat:
  - a. Gill Ewa Lands is starting [Volunteer Eco Restoration Days](#) January 28<sup>th</sup> for recovering native Hawaiian ecosystems at Pālehua.

**12.(1:15:24) Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. All four Commissioners left the meeting at adjournment.