



Climate Change Commission

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Climate Change Commission Friday, October 28, 2022, 9:00 AM Zoom Virtual Meeting Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: None

Public: Miya DeVoogd, Coranne Park-Chun, Matthew Gonser, Marissa Kunsch, Nicola Hedge, Hayley Cook (Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency); Walter Billingsley, Terry Chan (Honolulu Department of Design and Construction); Dean Nakano (Honolulu Board of Water Supply); Courtney Sue-Ako (Honolulu Corporation Counsel); Julie Yunker (Hawai'i Gas); Tawn Keeney; Koohan Paik-Mander; Cory Harden; Cynthia Emoto; Mike Plowman; Jordan Rettie; Henry Curtis; Josh Kim; Saphira Goode; Clint Churchill; Christopher Dean; Susan Mukai; Steve Cook; Jeffrey Lee; Anu Hittle; Brandon Yahiro; Bonnie von Hausch; Edward MacNaughton; Bart Dame; Katie Thompson; Queer SLAA.

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/her4LvQyoa/>

1. (00:00) Call to order

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

2. (00:19) Roll call

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

3. (00:48) Welcome to new Commissioners

- Commissioners Brad Romine and Kiana Otsuka introduced themselves and gave an overview of their expertise.

4. (02:44) Approval of the minutes: April 8, 2022, May 20, 2022, and July 29, 2022

- (4:01) Commissioner Islam moved and Commissioner Keener seconded to adopt the April 8, 2022 meeting minutes as amended (**AYE**: Alegado, Keener, Islam; **NAY**: None; **ABSTAIN**: Otsuka, Romine).
- (5:54) Commissioner Keener motioned and Commissioner Islam seconded to adopt the May 20, 2022 meeting minutes as amended (**AYE**: Alegado, Keener, Islam; **NAY**: None; **ABSTAIN**: Otsuka, Romine).
- (7:48) July 29, 2022 meeting minutes were adopted as amended (**AYE**: Alegado, Keener, Islam; **NAY**: None; **ABSTAIN**: Otsuka, Romine).

5. (09:28) Communications and correspondence from the public

- The Commission received multiple pieces of correspondence that did not require a response.
- The Commission received testimony from Dr. Tawn Keeney who requested for the second time for the Commission to address global warming emissions from air transport of visitors to Hawai'i.

6. (37:28) Report on activities of the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (CCSR)

- Executive Director Matthew Gonser presented key CCSR highlights from the past three months.

7. (51:30) Discussion and action on commitment of current Commissioners to an Equity Pledge consistent with the Commission's adopted (December 8, 2020) and updated (July 29, 2022) "Climate Change and Social Equity" guidance document, Section 1.3. Climate Change Commission Pledge Towards Equity

- Commissioner Otsuka will assist in including discussed comments into the Pledge. The Commission will table the vote until the next meeting.

8. (1:13:25) Discussion on possible amendments to Commission's Rules of Order to include Standard Operating Procedures for Developing a Guidance Document

- (1:31:40) Chair Alegado motioned to draft amendments to the Rules of Order; Commissioner Otsuka moved and Commissioner Islam seconded for amendments to be drafted. Chair Alegado and Vice Chair Keener will draft and bring back to a future meeting.

9. (1:32:21) Discussion on current in-process and potential next Commission guidance documents

- Commissioners Romine and Keener will update the Climate Change Brief. Commissioners Otsuka and Islam will author the Urban Heat Guidance Brief. Both documents will be brought to a future meeting.

10.(1:44:06) Discussion on further extension and engagement on adopted Commission guidance documents

- CCSR has resources to share out guidance documents.
- Ideas included utilizing CCSR social media and a fact sheet or one-pager with key recommendations and findings for people to absorb information more rapidly. For communications with Mayor and councilmembers, guidance documents could be accompanied with a slide deck of key points, and a presentation time could be requested at certain Honolulu City Council committee meetings.

11.(1:55:06) Discussion on Commission schedule and potential in-person meetings

- The Commission intends to have at least two in-person meetings at new locations within the first six months of 2023.

12.(1:57:07) Public input for matters not on the agenda:

- Mike Plowman shared comments on Honolulu City Council Bill 42 (2022), CD1, and Commissioner Romine provided a response.

13.(2:06:18) Tentative Next Meeting Date(s) 2022: 11/18; 12/16; 2023: 1/20; 2/17; 3/17; 4/21 and 5/19, 9am-11am

- The Commissioners will send their availability to CCSR to confirm these dates.

14.(2:07:39) Announcements:

1. Commissioner Romine shared the following announcements:
 - a. The Hawai'i State Climate Change Commission is working on an interim update to the 2017 State of Hawai'i Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report, with a final report anticipated by December. Commissioner Romine indicated that it might be helpful to provide a briefing at a future Commission meeting.
 - b. The North Shore Coastal Resilience Working Group will release a report and findings next week on adaptive coastal management recommendations, actions, and strategies. Commissioner Romine indicated that it could be briefed at a future Commission meeting.
2. Commissioner Otsuka shared the following announcements:
 - a. The Hawai'i Department of Transportation has a [carpool survey](#) that closes Monday, October 31.
 - b. A feasibility study that seeks nature-based alternatives for restoration and protecting coastal highway is being conducted at Punalu'u Beach Park. The study is looking for public input on restoration strategies and information on how residents use Punalu'u Beach Park. There is a [survey](#) as well as outreach activities on October 28, October 29, November 4, and November 5 of 2022.

15. (2:14:16) Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 AM. All Commissioners left the meeting at adjournment.