



Climate Change Commission

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Climate Change Commission Friday, December 16, 2022, 9:00 a.m. 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, Marissa Kunsch, Rori Kirkpatrick, Nicola Hedge, Alex Grand-Hudd, Christabel Wagner (Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency); Mike O'Keefe, Jack Pobuk, Roger Babcock (Honolulu Department of Environmental Services); Noelle Cole, Dina Wong (Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting); Walter Billingsley (Honolulu Department of Design and Construction); 808-768-8000 (City and County of Honolulu phone number); Courtney Sue-Ako (Honolulu Department of the Corporation Counsel); Dr. Tawn Keeney; Cory Harden; Cynthia Emoto; Dane Sjoblom; Henry Curtis; Katie Roth (Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources CWRM); Nancy McPherson (Hawai'i Department of Hawaiian Home Lands); Susan Mukai; Ikimura1.

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/hREQYklyPT/>

1. (00:00) Call to order

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

2. (01:05) Roll call

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

3. (01:22) Welcome to new Commissioners

- Chair Alegado noted that agenda item 3 is a mistake since it was on the agenda at the last meeting on October 28, 2022.

4. (01:37) Approval of the minutes: October 28, 2022

- (03:20) Commissioner Otsuka moved and Commissioner Romine seconded to adopt the October 28, 2022 meeting minutes.
- (01:52:35) At 10:52 a.m., Chair Alegado returned to agenda item 4 to vote to adopt the minutes (**AYE:** Alegado, Keener, Islam, Otsuka, Romine; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None).

5. (03:42) Communications and correspondence from the public

- Josephine Briones submitted an email inquiring about the Commission's Sea Level Rise Guidance and freeboard. Commissioner Romine provided a verbal response. After the meeting, the response was drafted in [letter format](#).
- Dr. Tawn Keeney submitted written [testimony](#) addressing global warming emissions from air transport of visitors to Hawai'i. Commissioner Otsuka and Chair Alegado responded verbally; [written response](#) to Dr. Tawn Keeney was provided by Hawai'i State Energy Office Deputy Energy Officer Kirsten Baumgart Turner.
- Charlie Ice submitted written [testimony](#) on studying aviation emissions of travelers to and from Hawai'i.
- Cory Harden submitted written [testimony](#) on considerations for the future tourism guidance document.

6. (17:54) Report on activities of the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (CCSR)

- Deputy Director Nicola Hedge presented key CCSR highlights from the past month and a half.

7. (28:36) Presentation on the City and County of Honolulu Primary Urban Center Development Plan Update by Noelle Cole, Policy Planning Branch Chief, Planning Division, Department of Planning and Permitting – 15 minutes

- (32:47) Moved to agenda item 8 due to technical issues with the presentation by request of Noelle Cole.
 - (1:08:33) Returned to agenda item 7 after completion of agenda item 8. After the presentation, each Commissioner commented.
 - Public comment is being accepted by the Department of Planning and Permitting through January 31, 2023 at pucdp@honolulu.gov.
 - (01:50:00) Chair Alegado motioned to provide feedback on the plan update; Commissioner Otsuka moved and Commissioner Keener seconded (**AYE**: Alegado, Keener, Islam, Otsuka; **NAY**: none; **ABSTAIN**: Romine).
- 8. (33:14) Discussion and action on commitment of current Commissioners to an Equity Pledge consistent with the Commission’s adopted (Dec. 8, 2020) and updated (July 29, 2022) “Climate Change and Social Equity” guidance document, Section 1.3. Climate Change Commission Pledge Towards Equity**
- The pledge was screen-shared with the new edits in track changes, and the Commissioners edited the document live. Courtney Sue-Ako, Henry Curtis, and Nancy McPherson provided additional input.
 - (1:07:45) Chair Alegado motioned to adopt the Equity Pledge; Commissioner Romine moved and Commissioner Keener seconded.
 - (01:53:09) At 10:53 a.m., Chair Alegado returned to agenda item 8 to vote to adopt the Equity Pledge (**AYE**: Alegado, Keener, Islam, Otsuka, Romine; **NAY**: none; **ABSTAIN**: none).
- 9. (1:53:38) Status on updates to the Commission’s Climate Change Brief, adopted June 5, 2018**
- Commissioner Romine noted that updates are expected at the February Commission meeting.
- 10. (1:54:43) Discussion on scoping and assigning a climate change impacts of tourism guidance document**
- All Commissioners provided input.
 - Public comment was received from Cory Harden, Dr. Tawn Keeney, and Nancy McPherson.
 - Chair Alegado will take the lead on scoping. The Commission will return to this topic in most likely February or March of 2023.

11.(02:18:32) Public input for matters not on the agenda:

- Commissioner Otsuka had two notices, which are listed in the Announcements below (agenda item 13) by request of Chair Alegado.
- No other public input was received.

12.(02:20:24) Tentative Next Meeting Date(s) 2023: 1/20; 2/17; 3/17; 4/21 and 5/19, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

- The next meeting will be held January 20, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

13.(02:20:33) Announcements:

1. (02:18:42) Commissioner Otsuka shared the following announcements:
 - a. The Hawai'i Department of Transportation is seeking comments on their [Hawai'i State Transportation Plan](#) (HSTP), due by January 12, 2023. The Plan establishes a framework to be used in the planning of Hawai'i's transportation systems and will provide policy level guidance to system-level and master plans of the three primary modes of transportation used in Hawai'i: the air, water, and land systems, as well as the connections between these modal systems.
 - b. Comments are due December 16, 2022, for the City and County of Honolulu Complete Streets Division's [proposed transportation improvements for the Ala Wai Boulevard area](#).
 - c. Comments are due for the [Primary Urban Center Development Plan](#) through January 31, 2023.
2. (02:20:56) Commissioner Keener shared the following announcement:
 - a. The public is encouraged to register for the free and in-person [Hawai'i Climate Week](#) events coming up January 9-12, 2023. This event is put on by multiple organizations, and topics include climate science, policy, action, and youth engagement.
3. (02:21:37) Commissioner Romine shared the following announcement:
 - b. Commissioner Romine further encouraged public participation in [Hawai'i Climate Week](#) at the East-West Center, and mentioned that some events have a virtual streaming option.
2. (02:22:00) Chair Alegado shared the following announcements:
 - a. The White House has released new Indigenous Knowledge Guidance, which is the first of its kind for federal agencies.
 - i. [Readout: Engagement on Development of White House Indigenous Knowledge Effort](#)
 - ii. [Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Indigenous Knowledge](#)
 - b. Announcement shared via Zoom chat: The 2023 [Hawai'i Climate Adaptation Science Summit](#) is January 10 and 11. Commissioner

Otsuka noted in the Zoom chat that she is helping put together a mobility panel for January 9.

14. (02:22:44) Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m. All Commissioners left the meeting at adjournment.