

POLICY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

May 16, 2013

Council Chamber, 8th Floor

CONVENE: 1:39 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Chair
Councilmember Donald G. Couch, Jr., Vice-Chair
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member
Councilmember Don S. Guzman, Member
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member
Councilmember Mike White, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member
Councilmember Elle Cochran, Member
Councilmember Stacy Crivello, Member

STAFF: Kirstin Hamman, Legislative Attorney
Tammy M. Frias, Committee Secretary

ADMIN.: Michael J. Molina, Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor (Items PIA-2(8), 2(9))
Edward S. Kushi, Jr., First Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation
Counsel

PRESS: *Akaku--Maui County Community Television, Inc.*

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .*(gavel)*. . .The Council's Committee on Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs shall come to order. This is our meeting of 16th of May 2013. Present we have our Vice-Chairman Mr. Couch.

VICE-CHAIR COUCH: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Good afternoon. Also present we have Mr. Carroll.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Good afternoon.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. White.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Guzman.

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COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Excused from this afternoon's meeting is Ms. Baisa, Ms. Cochran, and Ms. Crivello. Gentlemen, we have just three items to take care of this afternoon so thank you for making the time to meet. First, we'll ask if there is anyone wishing to provide testimony before the Committee on any of the agendized items. Ms. Frias, do we have any request for testimony?

MS. FRIAS: No, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. I've already checked with our three district offices. At this time, we have no one wishing to provide testimony. So, with no objections, the Chair is closing testimony for today's meeting, Members?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So ordered. Testimony is closed for today's meeting. Thank you, ladies.

ITEM PIA-2(8): NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS (MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES) (CC 13-42)

CHAIR HOKAMA: Let me bring up first - Item-2(8) under the title of Nominations to Boards, Committees, and Commissions, specifically under Maui County Commission on Persons with Disabilities. Our Committee is in receipt of a correspondence dated April 5, 2013, from Mayor Arakawa with his recommendation of a nominee to the Maui County Commission on Persons with Disabilities. The Mayor is recommending the appointment of Andrew Valentine for a term expiring March 31, 2016 to fill a vacancy due to a resignation of former Commissioner Yolanda Mau. I will ask Mr. Molina if he has any comments for the Members this afternoon.

MR. MOLINA: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and Committee Members. Mr. Valentine is being considered for . . . being nominated again to the Commission on Persons with Disabilities. He previously served from 2006 to 2011. His term expired on March 31, 2011, which based on the Charter is over the two year I guess the period where you must sit out if you want to be considered for the same board or commission. I know Councilmember Couch who previously served in this capacity is very astute on this matter. So he is eligible at this point. And I'd also like to explain the application that I just took notice that some of the information was not put on there. He did respond to our request to provide an updated application. If you recall, Members, you did ask the Administration to provide applications no less than two years old. So the application that he previously had on file was well over that. I can provide you at a later point the, I guess his contact numbers as well as his educational background if you so wish, Mr.

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Chairman and Committee Members. But Mr. Valentine in this previous tenure on the Commission on Persons with Disabilities was very dependable. The Commission member showed up to, I believe, practically every meeting and was very vocal and brought up some very interesting issues for the Commission to discuss. So, again, Mayor Arakawa would like to ask for your consideration in supporting Mr. Valentine to be considered for this board, Commission on Persons with Disabilities again. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Questions for Mr. Molina? Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you. And I'd like those updates if we could.

MR. MOLINA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: We all know, well, I know Mr. Valentine. He comes and testified on many occasions . . . very astute, well, very qualified and returnee if you want to use that. So I have qualms with that but I like to make sure that in the future we get these updates because sometimes if we don't know the person, Mr. Chair, it makes it real difficult for us to make a good, informed decision. So that's all I would ask. Other than that, I have no qualms with Mr. Valentine. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Guzman, any questions for Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Not at this moment, Chair. I am of the same sentiment. I really don't know Mr. Valentine. Just looking at the application is very bare, and so for me to make a decision at this point is somewhat immature, uh, premature, sorry.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. White?

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: No, I support him wholeheartedly. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch, any comments or questions?

VICE-CHAIR COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Having known . . . I think it's Reverend Valentine from the previous interactions with him at the Council and personally I have no problem with reappointing him. He's as Mr. Molina said, he's very outspoken and will bring up interesting perspectives that we haven't thought about. So I would be in support of this nomination. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Carroll, any comments, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Thank you, Chair. Just that he was a positive addition to the Commission before. He was a great asset to them and I'm sure if we confirm him he will continue to be a very outspoken perhaps sometimes but he knows what it's like. He has a real

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understanding and I think it will be a very positive thing having him back on that Commission. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. The Chair will offer one last opportunity for the Members to either make a comment or ask questions to the Chairman or Mr. Molina regarding the nomination of Mr. Valentine at this time. Having none, the Chair will be entertaining a motion to place on Exhibit "B" for approval the name of Andrew Valentine for the Maui County Commission on Persons with Disabilities for a term expiring March 31, 2016. Mr. Couch?

VICE-CHAIR COUCH: Mr. Chair, I move that we place the name of Andrew Valentine on Exhibit "B" and pass the nomination to the appointment of a member to the Maui County Commission on Persons with Disabilities.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Second, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. I have a motion made by Mr. Couch, seconded Mr. Victorino. Once more, Members, this is for a term expiring on March 31, 2016. Is there any discussion? Having none, all in favor of the motion please say "aye"?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Opposed say "no"? Motion passes with six ayes, three excused - Members Crivello, Cochran and Baisa.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Hokama, Vice-Chair Couch, and Councilmembers Carroll, Guzman, Victorino, and White.

NOES: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Baisa, Cochran, and Crivello.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of revised resolution approving the nomination.

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ITEM PIA-2(9): NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS
(COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS) (CC 13-42)

CHAIR HOKAMA: If we can now move on to Policy Item-2(9), also under the heading of Nominations to Boards, Commissions, and Commissions. This is as regards to the Commission on Culture and the Arts. We are in receipt of correspondence dated April 16, 2013, from Mayor Arakawa in which he nominates Kelly McHugh to the Commission on Culture and Arts for a term expiring March 31, 2014. And this is due to the resignation of Audrey Rocha Reed. Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Committee Members. Ms. McHugh is a volunteer to fill out the rest of Ms. Rocha Reed's term which expires March 31st of next year. If you'll take note on her application, she has a very strong background in the areas of art. She is currently employed by the Hui Noeau Visual Arts Center and expressed a lot of enthusiasm in serving. So if there are any questions, I'm available to answer them. In the meantime, the Mayor would certainly be appreciative of your support of Ms. McHugh. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Molina. Mr. Couch?

VICE-CHAIR COUCH: No comments, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Carroll?

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Just looking at what is written in his review over here, it seems like he's a qualified individual. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: As I have been made aware and I can understand your comments, Mr. Carroll, I believe Kelly is a, in this position, a female candidate. So she would become a member on the Culture and Arts. I wasn't quite sure too whether Kelly was a male or female but thank you for that clarification, Mr. Molina. Anything else, Mr. Carroll?

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: No, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, nothing at this time. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. It seems as though the candidate looks very qualified. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. White?

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: No, I think she's more than qualified. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you, Members. Mr. Molina, any closing comments regarding the nominee?

MR. MOLINA: No further comments, Chairman.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. The Chair would agree. I think the Mayor has provided a very qualified nominee for this consideration. So the Chair will be entertaining a motion to place on Exhibit "B" to approve the name of Kelly McHugh to the Commission on Culture and the Arts for a term to expire March 31, 2014. Mr. Couch?

VICE-CHAIR COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move to approve the appointment of a member of the Commission on Culture and the Arts and putting Kelly McHugh's name on Exhibit "B".

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Second, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I have a motion by Mr. Couch, seconded by Mr. Victorino. Any discussion, Members? Having none, all in favor of the motion please say "aye"?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Opposed say "no"? Motion passes with six ayes, three excused - which are Members Baisa, Crivello, and Cochran.

**VOTE: AYES: Chair Hokama, Vice-Chair Couch, and Councilmembers
Carroll, Guzman, Victorino, and White.**

NOES: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Baisa, Cochran, and Crivello.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of revised resolution approving the nomination.

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ITEM PIA-3(2): HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (HSAC) (FISCAL YEAR 2014 HSAC SLATE OF OFFICERS AND NOMINEES FOR NACo AND WIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS) (CC 13-43)

CHAIR HOKAMA: Our final item for the day is Item-3(2) under the heading of Hawaii State Association of Counties (“HSAC”). This is the Fiscal Year 2014 HSAC Slate of Officers and Nominees for NACo and WIR Board of Directors. We are in receipt of various correspondences, Members, dated May 8th as well as May 9th, regarding the slate of officers that are being presented Statewide to all of the Councils regarding our Association officership. And I’ll have Mr. Victorino give us some comments since he’s currently our representative on the Executive Committee. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. As you can see, these are the nominees for the HSAC officers both the Member and alternate for each of the Counties. From Kauai - Councilmember Mel Rapozo and his alternate Ross Kagawa, as President. Vice President is Council member from Hawaii County - Councilman Dennis “Fresh” Onishi, and his alternate Greggor Ilagan. For Secretary from the City and County of Honolulu - Councilmember Stanley Chang and his alternate would be Councilmember Ikaika Anderson. And from Maui, myself for Treasurer, and the alternate would be yourself, Mr. Chair, G. Riki Hokama. And as far as the NACo Board Members, Board of Directors I should say, myself representing Maui County, Councilmember Gary L. Hooser from the County of Kauai. For WIR Board of Directors - Councilmember Dennis “Fresh” Onishi from County of Hawaii, and Councilmember Mel Rapozo from County of Kauai. And then we do have a Presidential appointment which is Stanley Chang, which is not here but you understand we’ve been very fortunate over the years with hard work from people like yourself and others who set the foundation we’ve been able to get a Presidential appointment to the NACo Board of Directors which is also been a real big plus for the State of Hawaii. So I’m hoping that will continue. I think we have a great working relationship with NACo. I look forward to the new incoming President Linda Langsford and, of course, your term in another two years when you will become our NACo President. I’m looking forward to that. But that’s my report, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. Questions for Mr. Victorino? Mr. Couch, any questions?

VICE-CHAIR COUCH: No questions.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Carroll?

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: No, Chair. I know most of these people on top here and I think they’ll be excellent. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Guzman, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: No comment.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. White?

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: No questions.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Anything else, Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, none at this time, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: The Chair would be recommending, Members, that we forward to the Council a recommendation to approve the proposed resolution entitled "APPROVING THE HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ("HSAC") OFFICERS, HSAC NOMINEES TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND HSAC NOMINEES TO THE WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014". Mr. Couch?

VICE-CHAIR COUCH: Mr. Chair, I move to approve the resolution as read.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Any second?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Second.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, I have a motion made by Mr. Couch, seconded by Mr. Guzman on the proposed resolution. Members, we are under discussion. Any further discussion? Having none, all in favor of the motion please say "aye"?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Opposed say "no"? Motion passes with six ayes, three excused.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Hokama, Vice-Chair Couch, and Councilmembers
Carroll, Guzman, Victorino, and White.**

NOES: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmembers Baisa, Cochran, and Crivello.**

ABSENT: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

MOTION CARRIED

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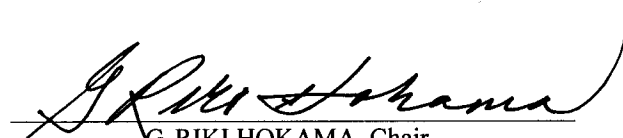
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ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of resolution.

CHAIR HOKAMA: If there are no announcements from the Members, I thank you very much for making time for the business of this Committee this afternoon. This meeting is adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 1:53 p.m.

APPROVED:



G. RIKI HOKAMA, Chair
Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

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