

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAUI POLICE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 2014 AT 9:30 A.M.
CHIEF'S CONFERENCE ROOM, WAILKU, HAWAII**

PRESENT Roger Dixon, Chair
Kelly Ruidas, Vice-Chair
Pancho Alcon, Member
Howard Hanzawa, Member
Lawrence Ing, Member
Kevin Tanaka, Member
Michael Wilson, Member

ALSO PRESENT Gary Yabuta, Chief of Police
Clayton Tom, Deputy Chief of Police
Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Arza Brown, Chaplain
Cynthia Sasada, Secretary
Lila Fujimoto, The Maui News

EXCUSED Nora Kawasaki, Member
Gregg Lundberg, Member
Greg Takahashi, Business Manager

**CALL/
QUORUM** Chair Dixon called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. A quorum was ascertained with seven Commissioners present to conduct business.

**OPENING
REMARKS** The opening remarks were offered by Chaplain Arza Brown.

PRESENTATION **By the Public of Oral or Written Testimony on Agenda Items of the Commission: None**

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES** **A motion to approve the minutes of May 28, 2014 was made by Commissioner Hanzawa and seconded by Commissioner Alcon. The motion carried unanimously.**

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION (47)

Lieutenant J. Pladera; Detectives E. Correa, R. Rodrigues; Sergeants E. Arreola(2), J. Foster, W. Hankins, R. Kapahulehua, K. Nagano; Acting Sergeant G. Benito; Officers J. Akana, C. Antonio, E. Bayle, L. Becraft, J. Barrera, J. Burkett, M. Brown, J. Casio (2), D. Danley, T. Hodgins, M. Kahookele-Pea, J. Kahuhu, T. Kamakawiwo'ole (2), J. Kaneshiro, E. Kibby, J. Mauliola, J. Medeiros, M. Munoz, L. Natividad, J. Pontanilla (2), K. Pyland, E. Quintero, F. Rodrigues, R. Saribay, S. Singh, C. Stephens, A. Wallwork (2) L. Yorita; S. Hotta, R. Kamaka, J. Kohama, T. Matsumoto, L. Mizumoto, B. Sagadruga

A motion to accept and file the Letters of Commendation was made by Commissioner Ing and seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. The motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S

REPORT Chief Yabuta introduced Sergeants Edith Quintero and Lee Ann Galario-Guzman formerly of Community Relations, who gave a brief presentation on the Ike Pono Program. The Ike Pono Program is to provide guidance to students that are participating in the Alternative Learning Center in making the right choices.

Chief Yabuta related the official budget is forthcoming and will be distributed to the Commission. Chief Yabuta thanked A.C. Ramos for filling in while he and Deputy Tom were attending a conference. Because of his performance and the support of everyone, the department was able to get important items.

Chief Yabuta, Deputy Chief Tom, Assistant Chief Rickard, along with Lieutenant Pladera will be in Schaumburg, Illinois on July 23-26, 2014 to attend the CALEA Conference.

Deputy Chief Tom announced the retirement celebration for Chief Yabuta will be held on July 31, 2014.

Upcoming interviews for Police Officer I will be held in July.

Assistant Chief Matsuura gave the report for the Investigative Services Bureau.

The K-9 Unit continues to work with Patrol Unit and Vice Section in taking drugs off the street.

A.C. Matsuura announced Sergeants Kyle Nagano, Gregg Katayama, Christopher Schmitt and Derek Kaaukai will be assigned to the Criminal Investigation Unit on July 1, 2014.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Division continues to be engaged in the Pupukahi I Holomua initiative which was established in August 2013, a concept where juvenile counselors, investigators and school resource officers team up in specific geographical areas to do prevention and education by reaching out to the schools, building businesses and community partnership and providing presentations to community groups regarding current juvenile issues.

Assistant Chief Ramos gave the report for the Uniform Services Bureau

Captain Sterling Kiyota and Lieutenant Scott Migita has been assigned to the Molokai District.

Lieutenant William Gannon is transferring to Kihei and Lieutenant Ryan Rodrigues will be transferring to Lanai effective July 1, 2014.

Assistant Chief Dean Rickard gave the report for the Support Services Bureau

Community Relations will be interviewing eight applicants to fill the vacant positions.

The 79th Recruit Class is currently in the 1st phase of FTO.

The 80th Recruit Class is currently in Fire Safety and Crime Scene Investigation portion of their training curriculum.

The 81st Recruit Class is scheduled to begin November 17, 2014.

Plans and Training will be scheduling active shooter training over the next month for division sections and districts.

FINANCIAL There was no financial report.
REPORT

PERSONNEL The Staffing Report for June 18, 2014, which reflects 35 vacant positions with 20 conditional offers pending. There are currently 30 civilian vacancies, 15 of which are ESD positions.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. PC 14-15 Letter from Chief Gary Yabuta date June 2, 2014
- b. PC 14-16 Hawaii Police Commission Minutes dated April 11, 2014

A motion to file the Correspondence was made by Commissioner Lundberg and seconded by Commissioner Hanzawa. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement Conference

The 2104 NACOLE Annual Conference will be held in Kansas City, Missouri on September 14-18, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Selection Committee – Update

Commission Vice-Chair Ruidas informed the Commission the Recruitment for Chief of Police is ready to be published. The Commission will use the same application used in 2009 when Chief Yabuta was appointed. Vice-Chair Ruidas said the committee will narrow down the 60 interview questions submitted by the Commission members.

Chair Dixon said state law requires state and county department heads be residents of Hawaii for at least one year prior to appointment. Interim residence while going through the application process doesn't qualify. He related under the state law, the one-year residence requirement would apply to the job. Chair Dixon said the Commission obtained opinions from the State Attorney General and the County Corporation Counsel regarding this matter.

b. Hawaii State Law Enforcement Officials Association Conference

The 61st Annual HSLEOA Conference will be held at the Ritz Carlton Kapalua on September 24-25, 2014.

RECESS: 10:40 A.M.
RECONVENE: 10:50 A.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Ing. The motion carried unanimously.

a. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of May 28, 2014

A motion was made by Commissioner Alcon to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 28, 2014. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Ruidas and carried unanimously.

b. MPC 14-03

A motion was made by Commissioner Ing that the findings contained in the report are sufficient for the Commission to take final action without a hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tanaka and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tanaka and there is insufficient evidence to prove the material allegations of the complaint and the complaint is therefore not sustained. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Ruidas and carried unanimously.

c. MPC 14-04

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to support denial of the investigation by the Police Commission based on Police Commission Rule 13-101-23(a). Commissioner Alcon seconded the motion. Commissioner Ing recused himself, and the motion carried.

- d. Final Approval of the Evaluation of the Chief of Police

This item has been deferred to July's meeting.

REGULAR SESSION A motion to return to Regular Session was made by Commissioner Tanaka and seconded by Commissioner Hanzawa. The motion carried unanimously.

RATIFY A motion was made by Vice-Chair Ruidas to ratify the actions taken in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

SUBMITTED BY

Cynthia Sasada, Police Commission Secretary

APPROVED

Roger Dixon, Chair