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LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION  
DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL  
COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
SPECIAL MEETING

Held via Blue Jeans video conference, commencing at  
9:00 a.m., on October 27, 2020.

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APPEARANCES

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRPERSON: NANE ALULI  
VICE CHAIR: LEON BOLOSAN  
COMMISSIONERS: ROBERTO ANDRION, JR.  
JAMIE BECRAFT  
AARON BOSWELL  
JERRYBETH DE MELLO  
STANLEY RUIDAS  
BRUCE U'U  
LESLIE ANN YOKOUCHI

STAFF PRESENT:

COMMISSION SECRETARY: MARIA KHANGSENGSING

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(October 27, 2020, 9:00 a.m.)

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CHAIR ALULI: Okay. It's nine o'clock. I'm gonna -- we've got a -- you know, for the commissioners, I have -- we have a quorum, so I'm going to call our meeting, our special meeting for October 27th, 2020, to order. And start with our roll call. Okay. Roberto Andrion.

COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Present.

CHAIR ALULI: Jamie Becraft. Jamie, I don't -- Jamie Becraft.

MS. KHANGSENGSING: It looks like he's offline, Chair.

CHAIR ALULI: What happened to him?  
Okay. Leon Bolosan.

VICE CHAIR BOLOSAN: Present.

CHAIR ALULI: Aaron Boswell.

COMMISSIONER BOSWELL: Present.

CHAIR ALULI: Stan Ruidas.

COMMISSIONER RUIDAS: Present.

CHAIR ALULI: Jerrybeth De Mello.

COMMISSIONER DE MELLO: Present.

CHAIR ALULI: Bruce U'u.

COMMISSIONER U'U: Present.

CHAIR ALULI: Leslie Ann Yokouchi.

COMMISSIONER YOKOUCHI: Present.

1 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. And, again, is --  
2 MS. KHANGSENGSING: Jamie's back.  
3 CHAIR ALULI: Oh, Jamie's back. Jamie Becraft.  
4 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Present.  
5 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Good. All right. We're all  
6 accounted for.  
7 From the staff, Maria Khangsengsing.  
8 MS. KHANGSENGSING: I'm present.  
9 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Layne Silva.  
10 MR. LAYNE N. SILVA: Present.  
11 CHAIR ALULI: Georgette, Georgette Tyau. Is --  
12 MS. KHANGSENGSING: I don't see her logged in.  
13 CHAIR ALULI: All right. Is there any -- are there  
14 any other staff on this call?  
15 (No response.)  
16 CHAIR ALULI: No. Okay, all right. Good. All  
17 right. Let's move on to the agenda for today. Can I get a  
18 motion for approval for our agenda of October 27th, 2020?  
19 COMMISSIONER YOKOUCHI: Chair.  
20 COMMISSIONER U'U: Motion to -- I'm sorry.  
21 CHAIR ALULI: Yes.  
22 COMMISSIONER YOKOUCHI: Motion to approve agenda of  
23 October 27th.  
24 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Leslie. Do I have second.  
25 VICE CHAIR BOLOSAN: Mr. Chair, I second. Leon

1 Bolosan.

2 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. All in favor?

3 (Response.)

4 CHAIR ALULI: Anybody opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you. Motion carries.

7 Okay. You also have in your packet and before you  
8 the minutes from our October 7th meeting. Can I have a motion  
9 for approval of our minutes from October 7th? Hello?

10 COMMISSIONER YOKOUCHI: Chair.

11 CHAIR ALULI: Leslie, you made the motion?

12 COMMISSIONER YOKOUCHI: Yes.

13 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Do I -- do I have a second?

14 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Roberto Andrion. Second.

15 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you, Roberto. All in favor?

16 (Response.)

17 CHAIR ALULI: Any opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you. Motion carries.

20 Okay. Let's move on to public testimony. I will  
21 open up the agenda for public testimony at this point and I do  
22 see that we have one person signed up.

23 Dave Jorgensen, I see that you've signed up to  
24 provide -- give public testimony. You've got three minutes  
25 and you've got the floor.

1           Maria, if you could just keep time, I'd appreciate  
2     that.

3           Good morning, Dave.

4           MR. JORGENSEN: Good morning, Chair Aluli, Members  
5     of the Commission and Staff. My name is Dave Jorgensen. I  
6     first want to apologize, I meant to testify at the last  
7     meeting and it was in my calendar for nine o'clock instead of  
8     8:30, so I do apologize for not participating last time.  
9     First, I -- I just want to say I don't know Mr. Poindexter or  
10    Mr. Higgins other than what I've read in the paper, they both  
11    seem to be good guys and -- and I'm sure they have good  
12    experience in various fields. My concern with everybody, with  
13    the whole process is that we need somebody who understands all  
14    the -- has some experience in all aspects of the operations of  
15    the department and that the emphasis on law enforcement and  
16    violations is troubling for -- you know, my understanding is  
17    25-30 percent of the operations, maybe less, has to do with  
18    enforcement of violations.

19           We need somebody who understands the business of  
20    running a bar or restaurant on Maui, who understands the  
21    application process for the liquor department, who understands  
22    all the other aspects that take place. Obviously, if somebody  
23    gets a job, they can learn things, but -- I know Mr. Hanano,  
24    he's a friend, he's a good guy, he's a very good attorney, but  
25    his experience with the liquor department has been enforcing

1 violations. Again, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Poindexter, I'm sure are  
2 great guys, but they don't have any experience that -- at  
3 least that's obvious in the administration of the department,  
4 which is the vast majority.

5 Mr. Silva, on the other hand, does have that  
6 experience. I know there's some concerns about changing the  
7 course. From the time I started doing license liquor license  
8 work and dealing with the liquor laws of the County of Maui  
9 over 29 years ago, Layne has struck me as one of the most  
10 rational, business friendly, business understanding people in  
11 the department. He's always been somebody to go to and have  
12 problems worked out instead of creating more problems. My  
13 belief is his -- his orientation, his direction is to make  
14 many of the changes that need to be made and --

15 MS. KHANGSENGSING: You have 30 more seconds.

16 MR. JORGENSEN: -- I would strongly recommend  
17 Mr. Silva for the position of liquor director. Thank you.

18 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Thank you, Dave.

19 Commissioners, any questions of Mr. Jorgensen?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Not seeing any, thank you very  
22 much, Dave, appreciate your testimony.

23 MR. JORGENSEN: You're welcome. Have a good day.

24 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you. I'd like to --

25 MR. KAIRUS: Am I able to make testimony via

1 BlueJeans? Sorry to interrupt. I just wanted to make  
2 mention, I was wanting to offer a public testimony.

3 CHAIR ALULI: I don't know who you are, so --

4 MR. KAIRUS: My name is -- my name a Leo Kairus, I'm  
5 from Upcountry Maui, Kula.

6 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Did you want to provide public  
7 testimony, Leo?

8 MR. KAIRUS: Yes, if -- yes, if I may. So sorry, I  
9 didn't mean to interrupt, but --

10 CHAIR ALULI: Yeah. Okay. Well, just hold on, I'll  
11 call you -- I'll call you --

12 MR. KAIRUS: Thank you.

13 CHAIR ALULI: You're the fourth on the line.  
14 Okay, all right.

15 MR. KAIRUS: Thank you. Mahalo.

16 CHAIR ALULI: Next -- okay, all right. Next in line  
17 is Pamela Tumpap. Good morning, Pamela. You've got three  
18 minutes. You've got the floor.

19 MS. TUMPAP: Thank you. Good morning, Chair. I  
20 just wanted to say, first of all, we want to thank all of you  
21 for your amazing service. I know all of us serve on many  
22 different (inaudible). Particularly in this time, we're  
23 pulled for so many different things.

24 What I wanted to share is that, you know, my  
25 (inaudible) chamber which is important for (inaudible) --



1 CHAIR ALULI: Pamela, hold on. Hold on. I'm gonna  
2 ask one -- again, if you're -- please mute your audio. We're  
3 getting feedback. If you're not speaking, please mute your  
4 audio.

5 Okay. Thank you. Pam, you've got the floor.

6 MS. TUMPAP: Thank you. Thank you, Nane. The --  
7 the challenges with the liquor (inaudible) with the chamber  
8 we've had many things (inaudible) things and I shared with you  
9 in our other testimony (inaudible) letters submitted again  
10 anonymously, because they're (inaudible) not saying some  
11 (inaudible) and they want to make sure that we have the  
12 change. And, again, going back to things that have been said  
13 in our community, if you continue to do things the same way  
14 and expect different results, it's the definition of insanity.  
15 And so they're deeply concerned now that some of the topnotch  
16 candidates that they felt would move forward haven't moved  
17 forward and don't really know where the process is going.

18 But what I wanted to share with you is just to give  
19 you a little perspective (inaudible) letters since the last  
20 meeting. And I came in late, so I didn't have a chance to  
21 testify, I just missed it. But concerns are growing and in a  
22 huge way and I'm here to share that with you because these  
23 aren't my members, the majority of the people that I'm talking  
24 to, maybe 20 percent of those that are coming to me asking are  
25 actually Maui Chamber of Commerce members. We're here to try

1 and save every business for (inaudible) these businesses  
2 (inaudible) are not for years, but this is a critical time.  
3 And so while we don't know the process and we haven't seen the  
4 resumes and we don't know what you know, we're really asking  
5 for, you know, basically, a strong modification of what's  
6 happening at this department.

7 Other -- my understanding is other counties in the  
8 state recognize it's a huge issue, they have challenges and  
9 they found a different way. But we can't change the  
10 legislation at the state when other counties don't have the  
11 same problems we're experiencing. Legislative statewide don't  
12 want to deal with it, which means we have to trust in you. So  
13 what I'm asking is however you move forward, we come up with a  
14 solution when we're (inaudible).

15 MS. KHANGSENGSING: Pamela, you have 30 seconds.

16 MS. TUMPAP: Thank you so much.

17 We just -- we have to do better and we can't  
18 continue this definition of insanity. We have to come up with  
19 a better solution. So you're our avenue and we really need  
20 your help. Thank you.

21 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you, Pam.

22 Commissioners, any questions for Pamela? Jamie.

23 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Pam, I'm sorry, I was timing  
24 it because you got -- you were pushed back because of the --  
25 us interrupting with that we had the feedback, so you only got

1 about two minutes. So I just wanted to make sure you had time  
2 to say everything you wanted to say, 'cause you really have --

3 MS. TUMPAP: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: -- a minute more.

5 MS. TUMPAP: Thank you, Jamie. I appreciate that.

6 I just want to say that the -- this has been ongoing  
7 and when you're talking to these people and when you hear the  
8 stories and they're -- as you've gotten a taste of what we've  
9 been sharing with some of the stories, the volume of stories,  
10 I can't even give you the magnitude. You know, it's far more  
11 than what you've even seen. And the reason you're not seeing  
12 it is fear and the reason you're not seeing people go to the  
13 adjudication board is fear and intimidation. This has to  
14 stop.

15 This is Maui County, we live in the state of Hawaii,  
16 with we embrace the spirit of aloha, we have to have a change  
17 and -- and this department in particular needs modification.  
18 And we are looking to each and every one of you to make that  
19 happen. However you make your decision, we feel that this  
20 board is responsible for ensuring that changes occur and so  
21 we -- we strongly ask for your help.

22 And, again, we've tried other remedies, we've tried  
23 other legislative options, but when every other county in  
24 the -- I mean, with -- yeah, every other county in the state's  
25 liquor control department doesn't have the issues ours had,

1 legislators are not motivated to make a statewide change.

2 Thank you.

3 And, thank you, Jamie, for timing this and -- and  
4 recognizing the time that I had available.

5 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you, Pam.

6 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Thank you.

7 CHAIR ALULI: Commissioners, any --

8 MS. TUMPAP: Mahalo.

9 CHAIR ALULI: Any questions for Pam?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Pam, thank you very much.  
12 Appreciate your testimony. Okay.

13 MS. TUMPAP: Thank you.

14 CHAIR ALULI: Next in line is Garrett Marrero.  
15 Mr. Marrero, you've got the floor.

16 MR. MARRERO: The virtual floor, yeah.

17 CHAIR ALULI: Yeah.

18 MR. MARRERO: Thank you for the time to testify  
19 today. You know, I -- I think at this point I've definitely  
20 given up on the idea of me offering a -- a reference for a  
21 candidate and for a number of reasons, but -- I think starting  
22 with maybe just anecdotally. When I was 26, I had a very  
23 simple dream and that was to bring authentic Hawaiian craft  
24 beer to Hawaii. Frank Zappa said that in order to be a real  
25 country, and I think of this as a nation in some ways, you

1 have to have a beer, an airline, and a sports team.

2 And we didn't have an authentic beer in Hawaii. It  
3 was fake. My simple dream was to bring that, bring what I  
4 learned about Hawaii in my many vacations here, bring that  
5 spirit of aloha, bring that togetherness, bring that all  
6 together in craft beer. Everyone told me when I was 26 and  
7 even prior how hard it was and how bad liquor department was  
8 and all of these stories and, you know what, at 26, you're  
9 invincible, you're infallible, you can do no wrong, so I kept  
10 going forward. Here I am 15 years later -- 16, I just turned  
11 42 a couple weeks ago, and you know what, they were all right.  
12 It is really difficult.

13 And we need to find a way to come together more than  
14 ever. The Great Recession has nothing on what we're about to  
15 see here from an economic downturn. Everybody thinks we're  
16 coming out, we haven't even started and we need to find a way  
17 for government to work together. So it's why I've given up  
18 giving you a reference, you know your job better than I do and  
19 I'm never gonna say that I know everything about each of these  
20 candidates. I was upset to see some very qualified people  
21 fall to the side, but I don't know the details. You're  
22 empowered with that information. What's more is you're  
23 empowered with the ability to make a significant change to the  
24 likes that Maui County hasn't seen in at least my 16 years in  
25 business, let alone Bev Gannon, with 33 plus years of having

1 these issues.

2 It's incumbent upon you to bring aloha back to  
3 government and to have a department that actually works with  
4 and not against its customers. We need liquor control, we  
5 need proper administration of the laws, but we don't need 220  
6 pages of ridiculous rules that if you read one page, it  
7 counteracts the other page. So instead of offering a  
8 reference, I just implore you to just think with your hearts  
9 and think with your minds above -- and any business experience  
10 you may have and find us the right candidate that can help us  
11 make real change.

12 MS. KHANGSENGSING: Garrett, you have 30 seconds.

13 MR. MARRERO: Thank you.

14 That can accept the -- impact us with real change  
15 and bringing us together to -- to just crawl out of this thing  
16 that is going to be very hard on the vast majority of  
17 businesses here. I -- and, again, instead of offering a  
18 reference, I offer my assistance. I have national experience  
19 with liquor laws and with brewing and manufacturing distilled  
20 spirits and any type of beverage alcohol, use me as a  
21 resource, use us as a resource to help change this department  
22 to make it the best one in Hawaii and not the one with the  
23 black eye. So I appreciate the time and thank you for all the  
24 work that you're clearly putting into all of this. Thank you.

25 CHAIR ALULI: Garrett, thank you very much.

1           Commissioners, any questions for Mr. Marrero?

2           (No response.)

3           CHAIR ALULI: Garrett, thank you, appreciate your  
4 testimony.

5           MR. MARRERO: Thank you.

6           CHAIR ALULI: All right. Aloha.

7           Leo, I don't see you up here, so you must be just on  
8 the phone?

9           MR. KAIRUS: Yeah. Good morning, aloha. I'm just  
10 on the phone.

11          CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Go ahead. You've got -- you've  
12 got the virtual screen.

13          MR. KAIRUS: Okay. Aloha, everybody. Good morning.  
14 Sorry for the interruption and I just want to mahalo everybody  
15 for allowing me to have this short chance to just share my  
16 manao towards the -- the discussion here today.

17                 I'm calling simply to just offer my support for  
18 Layne Silva in this search for a new director. I've had the  
19 pleasure of working with him through my processing and just  
20 to -- just to be honest, you know, in the department, I've  
21 always had a good experience in the department. The people  
22 have always been wonderful to me, treating me well, allowed me  
23 the opportunity to ask questions, respond to outstanding items  
24 that I needed corrected when I was going through my process.

25                 To me, you know, there's a lost pressures going on

1 outside on this department, but, you know, with new leadership  
2 and giving Mr. Silva an opportunity to lead, new leadership  
3 can address, I believe, the concerns that have been raised on  
4 an ongoing basis in the public domain simply because he's a  
5 person of great character, he's very respectful, he carries  
6 the culture of Hawaii. And coming from someone like me, my  
7 family has been here before the Great Mahele, so when we --  
8 you know, when I like to say about experience, it's not our  
9 fault, you know, we have a strong, longstanding network of  
10 friends and community people in our community. It's just the  
11 fact that we've been here for a really long time and when I  
12 see this gentleman step up to the plate and offer himself to  
13 serve and I've had the experience to work with him, I can only  
14 say that it's been positive and so helpful throughout the  
15 process.

16 For myself and my licensing processing, I've never  
17 had the luxury of having exposure to this industry, you know,  
18 I've built my own business from the ground up. I have an MBA,  
19 I have a doctorate degree, I work for the federal government  
20 as well, and I am currently (inaudible) through the SBA get a  
21 lot of this idle relief that they need. So I come from a  
22 place of -- of federal experience, I'm speaking on -- on  
23 behalf of myself and my business, but I'd just like to ask for  
24 your consideration for Layne this morning and support him.

25 I -- I -- from what I read in the Maui News, the



1 other gentlemen sounds outstanding --

2 MS. KHANGSENGSING: Leo, you have 30 more seconds.

3 MR. KAIRUS: Thank you.

4 The other gentleman sounds outstanding as well, but  
5 I think, you know, with Layne, he'll be able to work with  
6 everybody. The sky's not falling, the whole world is not  
7 crumbling, things will be okay, we just have to work together  
8 with aloha. And the real aloha, not just, you know, aloha as  
9 it's kind of misused in the authentic peer self. That people  
10 can forgive each other, move past things, and get better and  
11 try to make things more efficient for everybody.

12 So thank you for your time in listening to me and I  
13 wish you all the best. So mahalo.

14 CHAIR ALULI: Okay, Leo. Thank you.

15 Commissioners, any questions for Leo?

16 COMMISSIONER U'U: Question.

17 CHAIR ALULI: Yes. Go ahead, Bruce.

18 COMMISSIONER U'U: Yeah, question, Leo. What type  
19 of business you run or have currently that you dealt with  
20 liquor?

21 MR. KAIRUS: Yes. Could you repeat that? I  
22 couldn't hear you clearly. If you don't mind.

23 COMMISSIONER U'U: What -- sorry. What -- what type  
24 of business or what kind of business did you run that -- that  
25 you had to deal with liquor department?

1 MR. KAIRUS: Oh, okay. Yeah, as a new licensee,  
2 I -- this sounds like someone -- is it Mr. U'u?

3 COMMISSIONER U'U: Yes.

4 MR. KAIRUS: Yes. Aloha. Aloha, Bruce.

5 COMMISSIONER U'U: Aloha.

6 MR. KAIRUS: Yeah. Thank you for the question. I  
7 had the opportunity to work with Layne while going through a  
8 Manufacturer Class I, Other License with the department. I  
9 don't -- when I had a chance to work with the liquor  
10 department, it was with a number of individuals throughout the  
11 process and as I got through sort of the -- a portion, a major  
12 portion of my licensing process, I was working with Mr. Silva  
13 on a regular ongoing basis. Because the process was new to  
14 me, I had to be -- familiarize myself with the rules, the  
15 laws, and a lot of them were self -- self-taught, self-learned  
16 and so I had to ask a lot of questions. And I felt really bad  
17 about asking a lot of questions, but just in my experience  
18 working with Mr. Silva, he was always willing to, you know,  
19 make a short time, even though it's not a lot of time, but it  
20 was helpful to me. And so that's my experience working the  
21 department and with Mr. Silva.

22 COMMISSIONER U'U: Thank you.

23 MR. KAIRUS: You're welcome.

24 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Any -- any other questions for  
25 Leo? Yes, Jamie.

1           COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Hi, Leo. Jamie Becraft.  
2 Thank you for testifying. Two questions. One, the follow-up  
3 it: What business did you open?

4           MR. KAIRUS: I opened up a -- a liquor manufacturing  
5 business here in Upcountry Maui that many of you have not even  
6 heard of.

7           COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Okay.

8           MR. KAIRUS: So I have -- I have opened up a -- a  
9 winery and a distillery that's owned by our family business.

10          COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Okay. And then the last  
11 question would be: Is this what -- is Mr. Silva a family  
12 friend? Have you known him before or is this your first  
13 experience with him?

14          MR. KAIRUS: I have never had the chance to work  
15 with Mr. Silva before then. My first engagement with him was  
16 when we initially came in and presented the idea that we were  
17 interested in opening up a winery, a small boutique winery  
18 here in Maui, and that's the first time I've had the  
19 opportunity to work with him through this process. I -- I am  
20 aware -- in full disclosure, my folks that I know know the  
21 Silva family through just community, other engagements, but  
22 this is the first chance I had to work with Mr. Silva in my  
23 process.

24          COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Okay. So if I were to  
25 summarize this, would this be correct: You have known him

1 through family for a -- for an extended period of time, but  
2 you -- when you're testifying for the -- that you -- this was  
3 your first experience to actually work with him, but you --  
4 but you are familiar with him and his family?

5 MR. KAIRUS: Yeah. When I -- when I want to mention  
6 just to be clear so it's just not misinterpreted, just for  
7 clarification, his family is from Up -- I believe Upcountry  
8 and so my -- my folks and my family knew of his family. I've  
9 never had a chance to work with him or, you know, really  
10 engage with him when -- you know, prior to my application or  
11 initiation of discussion with the liquor department. So my --  
12 my basis and foundation of my testimony is solely based on the  
13 work that I had to engage with him and others within the  
14 liquor department, because I think that's kind of what was  
15 being expressed today, is the department. But my -- my sole  
16 support comes from having that experience working with him.

17 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Thank you. I appreciate your  
18 answers and I appreciate your testimony.

19 MR. KAIRUS: No problem. You're welcome.

20 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Any other questions for Leo  
21 from any of the commissioners?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Thank you very much, Leo.

24 Okay. The next person on the list is Ekolu Lindsey,  
25 Ekolu, you've got the virtual screen for three minutes.

1           MR. LINDSEY: Aloha. Thank you for allowing my  
2 testimony. I would just like to support Layne Silva in his  
3 bid to become commissioner. I read in the paper this morning  
4 that we're looking at trying to -- and I've been following  
5 this a little bit -- to look at paradigm shifts and a changing  
6 of the guards, because we don't want the good old boy network.

7           Well, I myself, being the son of a community leader,  
8 Ed Lindsey, had -- know for a fact that you can take something  
9 you've learnt and make it better, which is what I've done. So  
10 I can only hope that in supporting Layne, that he can take  
11 what he's -- he learned throughout his 21 years and -- as a  
12 liquor commission -- liquor officer, that he can make it  
13 better. He's from Maui, he understands the local culture, and  
14 I think from what I've heard from talking to different people,  
15 that he has the respect of many people getting -- you know,  
16 applying for the (inaudible) getting their questions answered  
17 that they need. He's always there for quick responses.

18           And I'd just like to say I'd like to support him  
19 because I trust that, you know, he's from Maui, he has the  
20 kuleana, that responsibility that's been handed down to him to  
21 make it better. You know, he's -- he'll -- if chosen as a  
22 commissioner, he's tasked with a tough, tough position of  
23 moving forward and as a local boy, that's a huge kuleana. He  
24 has to make it better, failure is not an option, adaptation is  
25 and making it better. Mahalo.

1 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Any questions for Mr. Lindsey  
2 from any of the commissioners?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIR ALULI: Okay, Ekolu. Mahalo.

5 MR. LINDSEY: Thank you.

6 CHAIR ALULI: All right. I see no further people  
7 signed up to provide testimony, so at this point I will close  
8 public testimony.

9 And move on to Administrative Affairs and Item A,  
10 Interviewing of the finalists for the position of the director  
11 of the department liquor control. And for that, we will move  
12 into executive session, so I would like a motion to move into  
13 executive session.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Roberto Andrion. I'd like to  
15 make a motion to move to executive session.

16 CHAIR ALULI: A second?

17 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Jamie Becraft. I second.

18 CHAIR ALULI: All in favor?

19 (Response.)

20 CHAIR ALULI: Anybody opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you. We'll adjourn from open  
23 session and convene in executive session. And that will be  
24 just for the commissioners.

25 (Pause in Proceedings: 9:27 a.m.-12:29 p.m.)

1 CHAIR ALULI: All right. We're back in open session  
2 and --

3 VICE CHAIR BOLOSAN: I don't see Bruce.

4 COMMISSIONER U'U: Oh, I'm here.

5 VICE CHAIR BOLOSAN: Oh, okay. Sorry, braddah.

6 CHAIR ALULI: Yeah, I -- we've got them all.

7 At this point I would entertain a motion to vote for  
8 Mr. Wayne Civil -- Layne Silva.

9 COMMISSIONER U'U: Do we need to go -- are we in  
10 open session?

11 CHAIR ALULI: Yes. We're in open session.

12 COMMISSIONER YOKOUCHI: Doesn't someone have to  
13 nominate him first?

14 COMMISSIONER U'U: Yes.

15 CHAIR ALULI: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER U'U: I'd like -- I'd like to nominate  
17 Layne Silva as the liquor director.

18 VICE CHAIR BOLOSAN: I second. Leon Bolosan.

19 CHAIR ALULI: You have to -- okay. You're making  
20 the motion, you're making the motion to select; right?

21 COMMISSIONER U'U: Yes, yes.

22 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. And, Leon, you're seconding  
23 that motion; right?

24 VICE CHAIR BOLOSAN: Yes, yes.

25 CHAIR ALULI: All in favor? Any -- I'm sorry. Any

1 discussion? Any discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIR ALULI: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: You should go individually,  
5 sir.

6 CHAIR ALULI: Yeah, I am. I am. Okay.

7 Okay. So Leslie Ann Yokouchi.

8 COMMISSIONER YOKOUCHI: No.

9 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Roberto Andrion.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Yes.

11 CHAIR ALULI: Leon Bolosan.

12 VICE CHAIR BOLOSAN: Yes.

13 CHAIR ALULI: Bruce U'u.

14 COMMISSIONER U'U: Aye.

15 CHAIR ALULI: Jamie Becraft.

16 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: No.

17 CHAIR ALULI: Jerrybeth De Mello.

18 COMMISSIONER DE MELLO: Yes.

19 CHAIR ALULI: Stan Ruidas.

20 COMMISSIONER RUIDAS: Aye.

21 CHAIR ALULI: Aaron Boswell.

22 COMMISSIONER BOSWELL: No.

23 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Layne Silva gets five ayes,  
24 yes, that's a majority and, therefore -- we don't need to --  
25 that means that Layne Silva is elected the director for the



1 department of liquor control on a five majority vote.

2 Now what do we do? Yeah, that's it on the agenda.

3 Okay. So that means Layne Silva has been selected  
4 as the new director for the department of liquor control.  
5 That being said, our next meeting will be our regularly  
6 scheduled meeting for November 18th, 2020. I would now like  
7 to ask for a motion for adjournment.

8 VICE CHAIR BOLOSAN: Mr. Chair, I move to adjourn.

9 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you. Do I have a second?

10 COMMISSIONER DE MELLO: Second.

11 CHAIR ALULI: All in favor.

12 (Response.)

13 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you. Meeting adjourned.

14 (The proceedings were adjourned at 12:32 p.m.)

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