



MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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**Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2020
12:30 p.m.**

Virtual Meeting via BlueJeans Video/Teleconference

Meeting Link: <https://bluejeans.com/383904843?src=calendarLink>

Call to Order: 12:32 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Chair Evalina “Nani” Watanabe (by phone); Vice-Chair John Copeland; Joseph D’Alessandro, Cranston Kapoi, Ricky Sanches, and Kimberly West.

Commissioners Absent: Faraz Azizoltani (unexcused), two vacant positions

Guests Present: Melody Uchimura

County Staff Present: Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA): James Mariano, Claudette Medeiros; Maui County Deputy Corporation Counsel Jennifer Oana; Mayor’s Office, Ipo Mossman

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
1. Call to Order/Roll Call	Meeting called to order at 12:32 pm; 6 members present, 1 absent, and 2 vacant positions.	There is quorum.
2. Public Comments and Testimony	There was no one from the public who logged/called in to testify.	Public testimony closed.
3. Approval of Minutes	Commissioners reviewed meeting minutes from November 12, 2020.	Vice Chair Copeland moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Commissioner Kapoi. All in favor of approving; motion passed. No further discussion.



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<p>4. Old Business</p>	<p>A. Creation of a Mission and Vision Statement for the Commission. Members reviewed two sets of proposed mission and vision statements:</p> <p>Commissioner West’s proposal, made at the previous meeting:</p> <p><i><u>Mission:</u> To create a community that provides opportunities for independence and full participation in the Maui County Community for individuals with disabilities.</i></p> <p><i><u>Vision:</u> Maui County Community Members with disabilities will live in a community where they are able to safely live, learn, work and participate in recreational and cultural activities</i></p> <p>Vice Chair Copeland’s proposed language:</p> <p><i><u>Mission:</u> To make recommendations to the mayor & the council & county officials for policies, programs & systemic changes that maximize independence & community integration for Maui citizens with disabilities & promote compliance with the American Disabilities Act.</i></p> <p><i><u>Vision:</u> Promote & enhance equality of life for Maui citizens with disabilities through advocacy & education by working with our community, elected & other county officials who have the ability to make change.</i></p> <p>No other proposals were made than the two.</p>	<p>The commissioners voted and all selected Vice Chair Copeland’s mission and vision statements. Motion to adopt the newly chosen statements by Commissioner West and seconded by Commissioner Kapoi. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.</p>
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	<p>Corporation Counsel J. Oana asked if the commissioners wanted to have the newly adopted mission and vision statements posted on future agenda <u>and</u> on the Commission's page on the County website.</p>	<p>Vice Chair Copeland made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Sanches to do both. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried. Staffer J. Mariano to follow up with both tasks.</p>
5. New Business	<p>A. Update on vacant positions/attendance policy (review) by Ipo Mossman, Mayor's Liaison for Boards and Commissions. Mr. Mossman reported on the two vacant positions on the Commission. Melody Uchimura still has to take the oath and be sworn in as well as complete other paperwork. Ms. Beverly Stanich's nomination went to the GET committee; the Council has to give final approval of her nomination.</p> <p>2.41.090, Maui County Code (amended). The attendance policy was reviewed by Corporation Counsel and Mr. Mossman. The attendance policy that went into place February 2020, which outlines the appointees their responsibility to attend. Attendance is recorded at every meeting, excused or unexcused. All commissioners have a copy of the latest attendance policy in their orientation binder.</p> <p>In response to an inquiry made by Vice Chair Copeland, staffer J. Mariano showed a table summary of the commission meetings held and canceled in 2020. The commission met 7 out of 12 months. The other 5 months were canceled due to lack of quorum. Corporation Counsel J. Oana pointed out that the April 9th mtg was not held specifically due to the stopping of in-person meetings (Mayor's and Governor's mandates) as a result of the pandemic.</p> <p>B. How to better inform the public about the Commission's work/mission.</p>	



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	<p>Discussion took place regarding various ways of communicating the Commission’s meetings. One recommendation was creating a Facebook page for/about the Commission. There are certain rules/legalities involved with this. Corporation Counsel says the County already has a Facebook page where all board and commission meetings are posted. In addition, Vice Chair Copeland mentioned doing Public Service Announcements (PSAs). Chair Watanabe offered to work with Mr. Mossman to follow-up with the Mayor’s Public Information Office (PIO) about Facebook and PSAs.</p> <p>MCOA is tasked with maintaining a contact list of individuals interested in knowing about the meetings. Chair Watanabe will remind her groups and indicated that Roxann Kehus has offered to make these announcements in her monthly email sendouts. Commissioner D’Alesandro also recommended contacting CMIS (Case Management for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities) to inform them of these meetings as well.</p>	<p>Chair Watanabe said that she will work with Mr. Mossman to follow up with the PIO regarding Facebook listing of meetings and PSAs. Chair Watanabe will check with Roxann Kehus about her email sendouts and also about CMIS.</p>
<p>6. Upcoming Events/ Announcements</p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p>7. Agenda Setting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Bus services for people with disabilities- Discussion with the County Department of Transportation, Maui Economic Opportunity Transportation, and Roberts Hawaii (tentatively scheduled for February 2021). B. Paratransit Advisory Council update by the County Department of Transportation. C. Kaahumanu Avenue Community Corridor project D. Affordable Housing TIG report E. Hawaii Community Assets community plan discussion F. Letter to Councilmember Gabe Johnson, new Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee 	<p>MCOA staffer J. Mariano to follow-up on inviting transportation representatives to the next meeting and plan the other items to be scheduled for other meetings.</p>



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8. Next Meeting Date	Meeting ended 2:37 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. and will be done virtually using BlueJeans due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.	Commissioner West moved to adjourn meeting. Commissioner D'Alessandro seconded. All in favor; no objections. Motion passed.
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Submitted by James Mariano, Program Specialist (Maui County Office on Aging), 1/11/2021

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