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

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR MEETING

Held via Blue Jeans video conference, commencing at  
9:00 a.m., on March 10, 2021.

REPORTED BY: SANDRA J. GRAN, RPR/CSR #424

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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:

- DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL: GARY MURAI
- DIRECTOR: LAYNE N. SILVA
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR: JARRETT KAHOOHANOHANO
- LIQUOR CONTROL OFFICER III: GENE SILVA
- LIQUOR CONTROL OFFICER III: MARC WISENFELD
- COMMISSION SECRETARY: MARIA KHANGSENGSING
- PRIVATE SECRETARY: LIANNE SUZUKI

1 (March 10, 2021, 9:00 a.m.)

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06:41:25 3 CHAIR ALULI: All right. I would like to call the  
06:41:29 4 liquor commission meeting for Wednesday, March 10, 2021, to  
06:41:35 5 order. Start with the roll call. Roberto Andrion.

06:41:41 6 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Here.

06:41:43 7 CHAIR ALULI: Jamie Becraft.

06:41:47 8 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Present.

06:41:49 9 CHAIR ALULI: Leon Bolosan.

06:41:53 10 VICE CHAIR BOLOSAN: Present.

06:41:56 11 CHAIR ALULI: Aaron Boswell.

06:42:00 12 COMMISSIONER BOSWELL: Present.

06:42:03 13 CHAIR ALULI: Jerrybeth De Mello.

06:42:10 14 COMMISSIONER DE MELLO: Present.

06:42:13 15 CHAIR ALULI: Stan Ruidas.

06:42:21 16 COMMISSIONER RUIDAS: Present.

06:42:22 17 CHAIR ALULI: Bruce U'u.

06:42:27 18 COMMISSIONER U'U: Present.

06:42:30 19 CHAIR ALULI: Leslie Ann Yokouchi.

06:42:33 20 COMMISSIONER YOKOUCHI: Here.

06:42:36 21 CHAIR ALULI: From the department, Maria  
06:42:56 22 Khangsengsing.

06:43:09 23 MS. KHANGSENGSING: I'm here.

06:43:13 24 CHAIR ALULI: Layne Silva.

06:43:17 25 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Present.

06:43:19 1 CHAIR ALULI: Gene Silva.

06:43:22 2 LCO GENE SILVA: Present.

06:43:24 3 CHAIR ALULI: Jarrett Kahooohanohano.

06:43:32 4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR KAHOOHANOANO: Present.

06:43:35 5 CHAIR ALULI: Lianne Suzuki.

06:43:40 6 MS. SUZUKI: Present.

06:43:45 7 CHAIR ALULI: Marc Wisenfeld.

06:44:11 8 LCO WISENFELD: Present.

06:44:22 9 CHAIR ALULI: That's it. Is there anybody else from  
06:44:26 10 the department, Layne?

06:44:28 11 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: No, that's all.

06:44:31 12 CHAIR ALULI: That's it. Okay. We're all accounted  
06:44:35 13 for then. Good.

06:44:39 14 I'd now like a motion to approve the agenda for  
06:44:44 15 today. Can I have a motion for approval for the agenda?

06:45:04 16 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Roberto Andrion.

06:45:10 17 COMMISSIONER DE MELLO: I make a motion.

06:45:14 18 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Motion to approve.

06:45:18 19 COMMISSIONER DE MELLO: Second.

06:45:20 20 CHAIR ALULI: It's been motioned by Roberto and  
06:45:24 21 second by Jerrybeth. All in favor?

06:45:29 22 (Response.)

06:45:30 23 CHAIR ALULI: Any opposed?

06:45:33 24 (No response.)

06:45:35 25 CHAIR ALULI: Motion carries. Thank you.

06:45:37 1 Next, I'd like to have an approval for our minutes  
06:45:46 2 of our February 10th meeting. Do I have a motion for approval  
06:45:56 3 for those minutes?

06:46:00 4 VICE CHAIR BOLOSAN: Motion to approve --

06:46:04 5 CHAIR ALULI: Leon Bolosan --

06:46:08 6 VICE CHAIR BOLOSAN: -- the minutes.

06:46:13 7 CHAIR ALULI: -- moved that. Do I have a second?

06:46:23 8 COMMISSIONER U'U: Second.

06:46:26 9 CHAIR ALULI: Bruce U'u seconds them. All in favor?

06:46:32 10 (Response.)

06:46:34 11 CHAIR ALULI: Any opposed?

06:46:35 12 (No response.)

06:46:36 13 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you. Motion carries.

06:46:39 14 Okay. Let's move on to public testimony. And,  
06:46:46 15 again, as I've said in the past, if there is anybody that  
06:46:52 16 wishes to provide public testimony for any of the items on the  
06:46:56 17 agenda. I'm gonna ask for that public testimony before each  
06:47:02 18 agenda item. If I see a name signed up in the chat area, I  
06:47:08 19 will call the individual from the chat area. There -- at the  
06:47:15 20 present time, I do not see anybody signed up in the chat area.  
06:47:21 21 I will still call for public testimony and I will close public  
06:47:25 22 testimony if I -- for each of the items.

06:47:29 23 Okay. So let's move on to Item No. 6, General  
06:47:35 24 Licensing Matters, Items A through B, A and B. Let's see. Is  
06:47:59 25 there anybody in the public that wishes to testify on any of

06:48:03 1 the items here?

06:48:06 2 (No response.)

06:48:07 3 CHAIR ALULI: I don't see anybody signed up. I am  
06:48:11 4 going to close public testimony for general licensing matters.  
06:48:18 5 Commissioners, are there any questions on any part  
06:48:22 6 of the commissioners for any of the two items that are in  
06:48:25 7 general licensing matters?

06:48:29 8 (No response.)

06:48:30 9 CHAIR ALULI: Not seeing any, can I have a motion  
06:48:32 10 for approval for Items A and B in general licensing matters?

06:48:43 11 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Motion to approve A and B,  
06:49:00 12 Fond Restaurant Maui and also Seven-Eleven Hawaii.

06:49:13 13 CHAIR ALULI: Roberto.

06:49:15 14 COMMISSIONER U'U: Second.

06:49:20 15 CHAIR ALULI: Second by Bruce U'u. Any discussion?

06:49:38 16 (No response.)

06:49:38 17 CHAIR ALULI: No discussion. All in favor?

06:49:41 18 (Response.)

06:49:44 19 CHAIR ALULI: Any -- any opposed?

06:49:48 20 (No response.)

06:49:50 21 CHAIR ALULI: Motion carries. Thank you very much.  
06:49:52 22 Let's move on to Item 7, Preliminary Hearings. I --  
06:50:01 23 again, I'm going to check to see. There's nobody signed up in  
06:50:07 24 the chat area, I, therefore, will close public testimony for  
06:50:14 25 this agenda item and move on to Item A, Application No. 20.

06:50:25 1 Gene Silva, you're going to read. Thank you. Oh,  
06:50:32 2 I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Who's -- who's here on behalf of the  
06:50:38 3 applicant?

06:52:37 4 MR. ING: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Members of the  
06:52:51 5 Commission. I am Lawrence Ing --

06:52:58 6 CHAIR ALULI: Oh, Lawrence.

06:53:01 7 MR. ING: -- representing the applicant in this  
06:53:05 8 matter. With me is Mr. Andrew Callo, the sole stockholder,  
06:53:18 9 director, and officer of the applicant corporation.

06:53:21 10 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you, gentlemen.

06:53:23 11 Okay. Gene Silva.

06:53:26 12 LCO GENE SILVA: Okay. Application No. 20, Kelly's  
06:53:46 13 Superette Inc. doing business as Kelly's Superette applying  
06:53:55 14 for a retail general license.

06:54:00 15 Officer, director, stockholder, and agent of the  
06:54:05 16 corporation are listed in the investigator's report.

06:54:09 17 Applicant has submitted a copy of an Assignment of  
06:54:15 18 Lease By and Between Kelly's Minimart and Fast Food Inc., a  
06:54:27 19 Hawaii corporation, Assignor; and Kelly Superette Inc., a  
06:54:35 20 Hawaii corporation, Assignee; dated November 1st, 2019, for  
06:54:51 21 Suites 3A and 3B. The applicant has also submitted a Letter  
06:55:02 22 of Intent By and Between Kahului Town Center, LLC, a Hawaii  
06:55:10 23 Limited Liability Company, and Kelly's Superette Inc., a  
06:55:19 24 Hawaii Corporation, Tenant, dated October 29th, 2020, for  
06:55:31 25 Suite 3C. The proposed premises is a single-story business

06:55:39 1 building consisting of approximately 6,641 square feet. It's  
06:55:50 2 located within the Kahului Shopping Center located at 65 West  
06:56:07 3 Kaahumanu Avenue, Suites 3A, 3B, and 3C, Kahului, Maui,  
06:56:17 4 Hawaii.

06:56:18 5 There are no schools located within a radius of 500  
06:56:24 6 feet.

06:56:25 7 Word of Truth Church is located within a radius of  
06:56:37 8 500 feet.

06:56:37 9 There is one license of the same class and kind  
06:56:43 10 located within a radius of 500 feet.

06:56:47 11 There's one retail beer and wine, one restaurant  
06:56:53 12 beer and wine, and one dispenser general license located  
06:57:00 13 within a radius of 500 feet.

06:57:07 14 There are 134 licenses of this class and kind  
06:57:16 15 currently issued within Maui County.

06:57:19 16 Applicant initially plans to be open seven days a  
06:57:24 17 week from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

06:57:41 18 A site inspection was conducted on February 16th,  
06:57:47 19 2021.

06:57:48 20 Information contained within the DLC006 form  
06:57:55 21 submitted by Andrew James Avincio Callo indicated that he had  
06:58:08 22 not been convicted for a violation of law. Information  
06:58:13 23 received during the criminal history background check revealed  
06:58:18 24 that Andrew James Avincio Callo had not been convicted for a  
06:58:30 25 violation of law. Andrew James Avincio Callo has submitted a



06:58:42 1 letter of explanation.

06:58:44 2 All documents necessary for the issuance of a liquor  
06:58:49 3 license have not been submitted. Those items are listed in  
06:58:54 4 the investigator's report.

06:58:57 5 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Thank you, Gene.

06:59:02 6 Lawrence, is there anything further you want to add  
06:59:07 7 to the application?

06:59:09 8 MR. ING: Only that you may recall we're the same  
06:59:14 9 persons that appeared before you on behalf of Asian Cuisine  
06:59:19 10 and Sushi Bar, which you approved a few months back. Thank  
06:59:28 11 you.

06:59:29 12 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Commissioners, any questions of  
06:59:35 13 Lawrence or the applicant?

06:59:38 14 (No response.)

06:59:38 15 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Since there are no questions on  
06:59:40 16 any part of the commissioners, can I have a motion for  
06:59:44 17 approval for Item A, Application No. 20?

07:00:00 18 COMMISSIONER U'U: Motion to --

07:00:03 19 CHAIR ALULI: Leon, you're motioning for approval.  
07:00:13 20 Bruce, you're seconding?

07:00:18 21 COMMISSIONER U'U: Yes.

07:00:19 22 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Any further discussion?

07:00:23 23 (No response.)

07:00:24 24 CHAIR ALULI: All in favor?

07:00:25 25 (Response.)

07:00:27 1 CHAIR ALULI: Any opposed?

07:00:30 2 (No response.)

07:00:31 3 CHAIR ALULI: No opposition. Motion carries.

07:00:34 4 Lawrence, thank you.

07:00:37 5 MR. ING: Thank you. And thank you for serving as

07:00:43 6 chairman and also thank Ms. Leslie Ann Yokouchi for her

07:00:49 7 service.

07:00:51 8 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you very much, Lawrence. That's

07:00:53 9 greatly appreciated.

07:01:00 10 All right. Let's move on to Item B, Application

07:01:06 11 No. TA-03, Big Sur Management. Who's the -- who's here for

07:01:15 12 the applicant?

07:01:17 13 MR. NAKAMURA: Good morning. Good morning,

07:01:21 14 Mr. Chair.

07:01:22 15 CHAIR ALULI: Good morning, Craig.

07:01:24 16 MR. NAKAMURA: Yeah. Craig Nakamura, attorney on

07:01:28 17 behalf of the applicant. And also with me on the phone is Jon

07:01:35 18 Benson, who's the general manager of the Hana Maui Resort.

07:01:45 19 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Thank you.

07:01:47 20 MR. BENSON: Good morning.

07:01:51 21 CHAIR ALULI: Good morning, Jon.

07:01:59 22 MR. NAKAMURA: There he is.

07:02:01 23 CHAIR ALULI: Craig, thank you very much.

07:02:11 24 MR. NAKAMURA: Hey, Jon. Good morning.

07:02:24 25 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Marc, you're gonna read.

07:02:33 1 LCO WISENFELD: Yes. Application No. TA-03,  
07:02:40 2 applicant TR Big Sur Management doing business as Hana Maui  
07:02:49 3 Resort applying for a transfer of a hotel general license from  
07:02:57 4 Champagne Inc. doing business as Travaasa Hotel Hana.

07:03:08 5 Managers, members, organizer, primary decision-  
07:03:14 6 maker, and agent of manager-managed limited liability company  
07:03:26 7 listed in the investigator's report.

07:03:29 8 Applicant has submitted a copy of Hotel Services  
07:03:40 9 Agreement By and Between Maui Hana Resort LLC, Owner, a  
07:03:57 10 Limited Liability Company, Organized and Existing Under the  
07:04:01 11 Laws of Delaware, and TR Big Store Management LLC, Manager, a  
07:04:13 12 California Limited Liability Company, an Affiliate of Hyatt  
07:04:22 13 Corporation, dated June 8th, 2020. Consent to Transfer,  
07:04:31 14 applicant has submitted a copy of Transfers, Endorsement of  
07:04:38 15 Transfer, signed by Matthew Jason Karp, president and director  
07:04:49 16 of the Travaasa Hotel Hana dated September 21st, 2020.

07:05:01 17 The premises is a single-story, multi-unit dwelling  
07:05:12 18 located at 5031 Hana Highway, Hana, Maui, Hawaii. The  
07:05:21 19 premises consists of approximately 27.3978 acres. There are  
07:05:34 20 75 guest rooms with mini bars, a restaurant, and meeting  
07:05:51 21 rooms.

07:05:51 22 There are no schools within 500 feet.

07:05:59 23 St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and the Wananalua  
07:06:35 24 Congregational Church are located within a radius of 500 feet.

07:06:39 25 There are two general -- retail general licenses

07:06:46 1 located within a radius of 500 feet.

07:06:53 2 There are 29 licenses of this kind currently issued  
07:07:00 3 within Maui County.

07:07:03 4 The original license was issued to Champagne Inc.  
07:07:09 5 doing business as Hana -- Hotel Hana Maui on January 7th,  
07:07:20 6 2011. A change in tradename from Hotel Hana Maui to Travaasa  
07:07:28 7 Hotel Hana was granted October 3rd, 2011.

07:07:35 8 Applicant plans to be open seven days a week, 24  
07:07:40 9 hours a day.

07:07:42 10 A site inspection was conducted on December 9th,  
07:07:50 11 2020.

07:07:54 12 TR Big Sur Management was issued a temporary hotel  
07:07:59 13 license for the Hana Maui Resort on December 11th, 2020; a  
07:08:07 14 temporary retail general license was issued for Hana Dry Goods  
07:08:13 15 on December 31st, 2020; and a temporary restaurant license was  
07:08:19 16 issued on February 1st, 2021, for Hana Ranch Restaurant.

07:08:24 17 In the opinion of this investigator, the applicant  
07:08:29 18 appears to be fit and proper and does not appear to be  
07:08:32 19 disqualified by any provision as stated within Section 281.56  
07:08:40 20 of the HRS from obtaining or exercising a liquor license.

07:08:49 21 All documents necessary for the issuance of a liquor  
07:08:53 22 license have been submitted. Those items are listed in the  
07:08:58 23 investigator's report.

07:08:59 24 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Thank you very much, Marc.

07:09:02 25 Craig, do you have anything further, you or Jon have

07:09:07 1 anything further to add?

07:09:09 2 MR. NAKAMURA: Just very briefly, Mr. Chair and  
07:09:12 3 Commission Members.

07:09:17 4 And thank you, Marc, for your hard work on -- on  
07:09:22 5 pushing this ahead.

07:09:23 6 As he mentioned, this is the third application for  
07:09:29 7 the Hana Maui Resort. There's a restaurant and a retail store  
07:09:35 8 that have already been approved and now we're coming in with  
07:09:39 9 this request for the hotel itself. Mr. Benson is here, we'd  
07:09:48 10 be happy to answer any questions that you have.

07:09:50 11 CHAIR ALULI: I have a quick question. You were  
07:09:53 12 able to operate for -- through Christmas and through the  
07:09:57 13 beginning of this year up until this point with your temporary  
07:10:01 14 license, right, Craig and Jon?

07:10:05 15 MR. NAKAMURA: The temporary license -- as  
07:10:08 16 indicated in the report, the temporary license was issued on  
07:10:13 17 December 11th --

07:10:14 18 CHAIR ALULI: Right.

07:10:16 19 MR. NAKAMURA: -- 2020, so we did have the temporary  
07:10:23 20 license in effect at that time.

07:10:24 21 CHAIR ALULI: Good. You were able to operate.  
07:10:27 22 That's good. Okay. Through the -- through the holidays.  
07:10:35 23 Good.

07:10:36 24 Commissioners, are there any questions on any parts  
07:10:41 25 of the commissioners?

07:10:45 1 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Mr. Chair, I do have one.

07:10:48 2 CHAIR ALULI: Yes. Go ahead, Bobbie.

07:10:50 3 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Just a clarification. On  
07:10:54 4 your letter, the letter that was given to Mr. Silva, it says  
07:10:58 5 that your property is in -- in a different area, you guys  
07:11:07 6 don't have control because of the -- of the Hana Highway.

07:11:13 7 MR. NAKAMURA: Yeah.

07:11:16 8 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: So -- so all that time, then,  
07:11:20 9 was -- when you say there was two, so now you have to apply  
07:11:24 10 for three permits, is that -- is that my understanding of it?

07:11:30 11 MR. NAKAMURA: Yeah. So, Commissioner Andrion, that  
07:11:35 12 letter is gonna be the subject of the next item on the agenda.  
07:11:42 13 We're asking for a waiver. So that will come up next and we  
07:11:48 14 can explain that in the next item on the agenda.

07:11:51 15 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Oh, okay. I'm sorry. 'Cause  
07:11:55 16 it was just put in the packet we received.

07:11:59 17 MR. NAKAMURA: Yeah. No, no problem.

07:11:59 18 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Thank you.

07:12:08 19 MR. NAKAMURA: No problem. It's involving the same  
07:12:11 20 application, so I know it's confusing. Thank you.

07:12:16 21 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: All right. Thank you.

07:12:19 22 CHAIR ALULI: Any other questions by any -- on the  
07:12:23 23 part of any other commissioners?

07:12:27 24 (No response.)

07:12:28 25 CHAIR ALULI: Not seeing any, can I get a motion for

07:12:32 1 approval for Application No. TA-03?

07:12:40 2 COMMISSIONER U'U: Motion to approve.

07:12:42 3 CHAIR ALULI: Bruce U'u's motioning the approval.

07:12:48 4 Do I have a second?

07:12:51 5 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: I'll second.

07:12:56 6 CHAIR ALULI: Bobbie. That's you, Bobbie?

07:13:00 7 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: That is correct.

07:13:02 8 CHAIR ALULI: Bobbie Andrion is seconding. Any

07:13:08 9 further discussion?

07:13:12 10 (No response.)

07:13:12 11 CHAIR ALULI: All in favor?

07:13:15 12 (Response.)

07:13:16 13 CHAIR ALULI: Any opposed?

07:13:18 14 (No response.)

07:13:18 15 CHAIR ALULI: Motion carries. Thank you very much,

07:13:21 16 Craig and Jon.

07:13:23 17 MR. NAKAMURA: Thank you. Thank you very much.

07:13:25 18 MR. BENSON: Thank you. Thank you.

07:13:31 19 CHAIR ALULI: All right. Let's move on to Item

07:13:34 20 No. 8, General Licensing Matters. Let me check and see if

07:13:40 21 there's anybody in the chat area. Not seeing anybody in the

07:13:45 22 chat area, I am closing public testimony on this agenda item.

07:13:56 23 And moving on to Item A, TR Big Sur Management LLC.

07:14:06 24 Marc, you're reading on this.

07:14:09 25 LCO WISENFELD: Yes.

07:14:11 1 CHAIR ALULI: Oh, I'm sorry. Before you begin.  
07:14:15 2 Craig, is there anything you want to provide before Marc reads  
07:14:19 3 on this application?

07:14:23 4 MR. NAKAMURA: Yes. Again, Mr. Chair, Craig  
07:14:27 5 Nakamura, attorney on behalf of the applicant, and Jon Benson,  
07:14:33 6 the general manager of the Hana Maui Resort is also on the  
07:14:38 7 line.

07:14:40 8 This is the matter that -- that Commissioner Andrion  
07:14:46 9 referred to earlier. During the course of the application for  
07:14:50 10 the hotel liquor license, it was determined that there is a  
07:14:54 11 public road that -- that splits the property in half. And  
07:14:59 12 this is something that I guess it was not -- not recognized  
07:15:04 13 before, it was kind of an oversight, but given the rules of  
07:15:12 14 the commission, the licensee has to have exclusive control  
07:15:17 15 over the entire property and with the public road dividing the  
07:15:22 16 property, it creates a situation where we cannot have  
07:15:25 17 exclusive control over that road. This has been a pretty  
07:15:30 18 consistent rule with the department over the years. Why this  
07:15:39 19 was not caught before, we don't know.

07:15:44 20 What -- what I did was, you know, we met with  
07:15:49 21 Director Silva and, you know, he was very helpful and pointed  
07:15:57 22 out, you know, some things that we could do. We looked into  
07:16:04 23 the historical background of the hotel. I provided some very,  
07:16:11 24 very interesting newspaper articles indicating that the hotel  
07:16:16 25 was probably built, you know, back in the -- in the '40s, and



07:16:22 1 has been operating since that time. I recall that of -- that  
07:16:28 2 one of the -- one of your former commissioners, Alberta  
07:16:34 3 de Jetley, and her husband actually managed the hotel back --  
07:16:43 4 back in the '70s, '60s and '70s. And so I spoke to her and  
07:16:57 5 she provided this -- she said, Yeah, definitely, you know. I  
07:17:03 6 mean, they had -- they were serving liquor all that time,  
07:17:08 7 they -- you know, they -- and she provided a photo of -- an  
07:17:17 8 old historical photo from her collection, which I attached, of  
07:17:26 9 the bar, the bar in the -- in the hotel.

07:17:30 10 And I -- and I told her, Yeah, you know, on personal  
07:17:36 11 knowledge, I actually honeymooned at that hotel in 1978, so  
07:17:43 12 I'm kind of dating myself, but I can tell you that I certainly  
07:17:48 13 had some drinks during my honeymoon.

07:17:51 14 So I believe that all of this time, you know, the --  
07:17:54 15 the hotel has had liquor service and, you know, but we have a  
07:18:00 16 situation. What we thought that we would do was apply for two  
07:18:08 17 liquor licenses, one on each side of the road; but,  
07:18:14 18 unfortunately, with that division, the main part of the hotel,  
07:18:19 19 which -- which we call the Garden Suites, has less than the 40  
07:18:26 20 rooms that are required by the definition of a hotel in the  
07:18:33 21 Maui Liquor Commission Rules. So the Maui Liquor Commission  
07:18:38 22 Rules say that a hotel needs at least 40 rooms and in this  
07:18:44 23 situation, the -- the part of the hotel only has -- has less  
07:18:48 24 than 40 rooms. So we're asking for a waiver of that rule so  
07:18:52 25 that we can go ahead and apply for two separate licenses, one

07:18:58 1 for each -- each side of -- of this road. I know it's a  
07:19:38 2 little confusing, but I'd be happy to answer any questions  
07:19:42 3 that you have.

07:19:43 4 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Let me -- first of all, Jamie,  
07:19:46 5 let me ask Marc first.

07:19:51 6 Marc, is there anything further that needs to be  
07:19:55 7 read regarding this application?

07:20:01 8 LCO WISENFELD: Only that TR Big Sur Management  
07:20:05 9 doing business as Hana Maui Resort is requesting a waiver for  
07:20:11 10 the requirement that a hotel have at least 40 separate rooms,  
07:20:18 11 units, or apartments providing sleeping accommodations for  
07:20:22 12 adequate pay to transient and permanent guests as required by  
07:20:32 13 Section 08-101-05, Definitions of the Rules of the Liquor  
07:20:41 14 Commission, County of Maui.

07:20:43 15 CHAIR ALULI: Okay, Marc. Yeah, thank you.

07:20:48 16 Commissioners. Jamie, I see you had your hand up.  
07:20:54 17 You have a question?

07:21:00 18 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

07:21:04 19 I -- actually, this question is for Gary Murai from  
07:21:11 20 corporation counsel. Gary, can you hear me?

07:21:17 21 CHAIR ALULI: Gary. Unmute yourself, Gary.

07:21:23 22 MR. MURAI: I'm here, Jamie.

07:21:26 23 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Okay. Thank you, Gary. So  
07:21:31 24 my question is -- I get that the -- the waiver issue, I'm  
07:21:39 25 assuming that that's within our ability to waive that, but my

07:21:46 1 question is, can -- since we can waive it, can -- can we just  
07:21:51 2 waive it and put it all under his first license and just keep  
07:21:58 3 one license and -- it seems to me that would be less  
07:22:05 4 cumbersome.

07:22:07 5 MR. MURAI: Mr. Chair, first of all, you know, I  
07:22:14 6 can't remember whether my presence was noted for the record,  
07:22:18 7 but this is deputy corporation counsel Gary Murai.

07:22:21 8 CHAIR ALULI: Oh, yes. Sorry, Gary.

07:22:27 9 MR. MURAI: And the reason why I'm here today is  
07:22:39 10 because your regular counsel, Mimi DesJardins, is sick today.

07:22:51 11 So, you know what, Commissioner Becraft, I -- I'm  
07:22:58 12 not positive where the authority for the commission is to --  
07:23:03 13 to modify or to waive requirements. I believe that generally  
07:23:08 14 HRS 81-17 gives the -- the department and the commission  
07:23:14 15 broad -- I'm sorry, the commission broad authority, but what  
07:23:21 16 I -- what I'm not -- what I don't know and I'm really not  
07:23:25 17 prepared to answer is your -- the second part of your  
07:23:29 18 question, which is whether you can just amend the original  
07:23:33 19 license. For that, I defer to the department to -- to respond  
07:23:38 20 to.

07:23:40 21 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Thank you, Gary. I  
07:23:42 22 appreciate your answer.

07:23:44 23 I guess, then, I would -- I'm gonna assume that  
07:23:47 24 Craig has done some research on this, so I don't want to make  
07:23:51 25 it worse than it is. Craig, would it be less cumbersome to do

07:23:59 1 it -- yeah.

07:24:02 2 MR. NAKAMURA: Yeah, I --

07:24:06 3 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Is it less cumbersome to do

07:24:08 4 it one way or is it better to just go --

07:24:13 5 MR. NAKAMURA: Yes.

07:24:17 6 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: -- with what you guys are

07:24:20 7 requesting?

07:24:21 8 MR. NAKAMURA: I appreciate your -- your question

07:24:23 9 and -- and that's very helpful. I -- I would defer to Layne

07:24:31 10 on this, but I believe, you know, in our discussions, he

07:24:36 11 mentioned that, you know, the -- the 40-room requirement is a

07:24:41 12 rule and -- and, therefore, that can be waived or amended by

07:24:50 13 the commission. The exclusive control requirement I believe

07:24:55 14 is a statutory requirement and, therefore, that cannot be

07:25:00 15 waived by the commission. So I -- I hope that answers your

07:25:05 16 question.

07:25:06 17 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Well, actually -- so mine is

07:25:10 18 just a -- mine is which way's less cumbersome, which way's --

07:25:21 19 MR. NAKAMURA: Yeah, yeah, yeah. No.

07:25:24 20 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Would you rather just stay

07:25:27 21 with your first license and say --

07:25:33 22 MR. NAKAMURA: Yeah, I --

07:25:35 23 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: -- waiver that way?

07:25:40 24 MR. NAKAMURA: Yeah, I appreciate that.

07:25:47 25 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Or is it less cumbersome to

07:25:53 1 do two?

07:25:53 2 MR. NAKAMURA: I think what -- I think what Layne --  
07:25:57 3 Layne was saying is that given that it's a statutory  
07:26:03 4 requirement, the commission cannot waive that requirement.

07:26:07 5 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Yeah.

07:26:09 6 MR. NAKAMURA: So we have to proceed with -- this  
07:26:12 7 way and have two applications, yeah.

07:26:20 8 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

07:26:22 9 CHAIR ALULI: Yes.

07:26:23 10 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Mr. Chair, if I can ask one  
07:26:26 11 more question --

07:26:27 12 CHAIR ALULI: Yeah.

07:26:30 13 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: -- of Director Silva.

07:26:34 14 Maybe I should have just started with you. My  
07:26:38 15 apologies, I'm learning as we go.

07:26:42 16 So, Mr. Silva, what -- can you add -- I just want to  
07:26:48 17 know if we can do it -- do we have to do it this way or is it  
07:26:53 18 possible just to waive it on -- on its first license so he  
07:26:59 19 has -- doesn't have to have these multiple licenses and all  
07:27:03 20 this stuff?

07:27:05 21 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Yeah, you know, this one  
07:27:08 22 was kind of a tricky application because of the historic  
07:27:12 23 factor that's involved. However, once you introduce that  
07:27:16 24 county road, yeah -- because what it is is there's a county  
07:27:22 25 road that cuts right through the center of the property.

07:27:25 1 The -- at that point in time, the hotel is not able to  
07:27:33 2 maintain exclusive control of that road, it doesn't belong to  
07:27:38 3 them. However, if that road were to be able to remain within  
07:27:42 4 the center of their premises, the hotel would absorb any and  
07:27:47 5 all liability of anything that would occur on that road as if  
07:27:55 6 it happened within their licensed premises. So, in other  
07:27:58 7 words, if there was a DUI arrest, an accident, or any of those  
07:28:03 8 other things that could happen; it would fall under the  
07:28:09 9 responsibility of the hotel taking responsibility for the  
07:28:12 10 road.

07:28:12 11 Now, I believe in discussions with Craig, he did --  
07:28:16 12 and one of the suggestions was -- and he did contact the  
07:28:20 13 county -- I'm not sure if it was planning or public works and  
07:28:27 14 maybe we can ask Craig about this afterwards -- for some sort  
07:28:32 15 of easement or some way to create an access from one side to  
07:28:37 16 the other. And I think that process is probably a lot more  
07:28:41 17 cumbersome than it will be to apply for that separate license,  
07:28:47 18 then, to remove that county road from the middle of their  
07:28:51 19 licensed premises.

07:28:53 20 I think the issue, however, falls back on to the  
07:28:57 21 requirement of the 40 rooms. You know, in my thoughts, the  
07:29:07 22 way we looked at it originally was as a historical exception  
07:29:14 23 based on the fact that the hotel was there for so long,  
07:29:19 24 licensed for so long, and there being that specific rule that  
07:29:24 25 falls under your guys' jurisdiction to be able to adjust in

07:29:32 1 order to allow the hotel to remain in business as a hotel. So  
07:29:36 2 it seemed like as far as what can be done, that is probably  
07:29:43 3 the -- the least cumbersome way to go about it, yeah.

07:29:50 4 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: That's all. Thank you.  
07:29:54 5 That's all I really wanted to know. I guess -- not a guess,  
07:30:04 6 (inaudible).

07:30:12 7 MR. MURAI: Chair.

07:30:14 8 CHAIR ALULI: Okay, Gary. Yes, Gary.

07:30:20 9 MR. MURAI: Yeah. Chair, I'm sorry to butt in, but  
07:30:30 10 I just wanted just to clarify in my mind what's happening is,  
07:30:37 11 my understanding, because this road bisected the -- the  
07:30:42 12 property, what applicant is doing -- so, Craig, correct me if  
07:30:48 13 I'm wrong now -- is they are de-licensing a portion of the  
07:30:56 14 premises, in other words, those cottages, so those cottages  
07:31:01 15 will not -- not be part of the licensed premises anymore, and  
07:31:08 16 that's why the remaining rooms fall under the number 40. So  
07:31:12 17 the hotel has -- has the 40 -- the minimum of 40 rooms, but  
07:31:18 18 because of de-licensing a portion of their premises, that  
07:31:21 19 reduces the number of rooms.

07:31:23 20 Craig, am I saying that correct?

07:31:27 21 MR. NAKAMURA: No, no. Actually, Gary -- so, you  
07:31:32 22 know, the earlier item on the agenda was the preliminary  
07:31:37 23 hearing for the hotel license. So the hotel doesn't -- the  
07:31:43 24 new owners or managers of the -- of the hotel don't have a  
07:31:48 25 liquor license at this time. We're applying for a license,

07:31:52 1 but then the issue came up about this road dividing the  
07:31:57 2 property. So what our request at this point is, is to allow  
07:32:01 3 us to withdraw a -- you know, a portion of the hotel from this  
07:32:06 4 license application, and then we will come in with another  
07:32:10 5 license application for the other half of the property.

07:32:14 6 MR. MURAI: Okay.

07:32:15 7 MR. NAKAMURA: So we're gonna actually have two.

07:32:26 8 CHAIR ALULI: Yep.

07:32:28 9 MR. MURAI: Okay. Great. Thanks for clarifying,  
07:32:33 10 Craig. I misunderstood. Sorry.

07:32:36 11 MR. NAKAMURA: No, no problem. It is very  
07:32:43 12 confusing.

07:32:46 13 CHAIR ALULI: Yeah. Bruce, Bruce, you've got a  
07:32:50 14 question.

07:32:51 15 COMMISSIONER U'U: Yeah. I just -- I just want to  
07:32:54 16 comment that I commend Craig and the liquor department to  
07:32:59 17 working through this -- this ordeal. I agree that if you'd  
07:33:03 18 had to go to public works, it had to be adopted, probably need  
07:33:10 19 one reso. to go to council, you know, I'd probably be off the  
07:33:18 20 commission, in reality, by the time this happened. So kudos  
07:33:24 21 to liquor, kudos to Craig for finding the happy medium and  
07:33:32 22 finding the best route for the business to succeed during this  
07:33:36 23 pandemic. So I think it was a great job, I think this is the  
07:33:41 24 difference -- what we look for in approving -- and then also  
07:33:48 25 giving credit to -- I'm just giving to Craig, too. Give the



07:33:58 1 department credit to working out with the licensees to make it  
07:34:05 2 happen and the can-do attitude of that instead of the no-can  
07:34:13 3 attitude. So kudos to you guys and --

07:34:17 4 MR. NAKAMURA: Yeah, that's definitely --

07:34:27 5 COMMISSIONER U'U: -- I like -- I like the waiver  
07:34:30 6 part, the -- we're not setting precedence when we change the  
07:34:40 7 40-room separate hotel public works, so I think that was --  
07:34:45 8 you guys did it the best possible way and the cleanest way  
07:34:52 9 possible. So good job.

07:34:54 10 MR. NAKAMURA: And I -- I'd like to add to that.  
07:34:57 11 You know, this is definitely a clear example of how the new  
07:35:04 12 administration in our -- our liquor department is -- is  
07:35:08 13 working to help licensees. You know, it's -- Layne has an  
07:35:12 14 open-door policy, it's very easy to come in and talk to him  
07:35:18 15 about issues, to come up with good solutions, and he's very  
07:35:22 16 helpful with that and -- and always willing to help the  
07:35:27 17 licensee. So I think it's a -- it's a great thing that's  
07:35:32 18 going on in our department with these applications. Thank  
07:35:37 19 you.

07:35:37 20 CHAIR ALULI: Good. Okay. Commission -- any other  
07:35:42 21 questions from the commissioners?

07:35:47 22 (No response.)

07:35:48 23 CHAIR ALULI: Craig, do you have anything further to  
07:35:50 24 add?

07:35:54 25 Oh, hold on. Bobbie, you have your hand up. Go

07:35:59 1 ahead, Bobbie.

07:36:03 2 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Chair, I'd just like to -- to  
07:36:07 3 say that if we -- we went on this route and basically we are  
07:36:11 4 consistent. And I'm just echoing what everybody else is  
07:36:17 5 saying, is that historically we'll have -- we can follow it  
07:36:21 6 and basically be consistent all the way through instead of  
07:36:27 7 trying to find a way to put that thing in so that our record,  
07:36:32 8 we did look at all the evidence and made it correctly.

07:36:36 9 So going off record, I do have a question for -- for  
07:36:40 10 Mr. Nakamura. Craig, just an off-the-record question: When  
07:36:48 11 you -- when you said you had your honeymoon, you had a drink  
07:36:52 12 over there, were you of legal age?

07:36:56 13 (Laughter.)

07:36:59 14 CHAIR ALULI: We're still on the record. This is  
07:37:02 15 being recorded, so be careful.

07:37:07 16 MR. NAKAMURA: Thank you -- thank you for that  
07:37:12 17 compliment, but I will tell you that I was 25 at the time.

07:37:18 18 (Laughter.)

07:37:20 19 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Well, belated congratulations  
07:37:27 20 on that.

07:37:30 21 (Laughter.)

07:37:32 22 CHAIR ALULI: And don't forget, this is all on the  
07:37:35 23 record, so nothing's off the record when we're in this  
07:37:39 24 meeting. So just to remind everybody, everything's on the  
07:37:43 25 record.

07:37:44 1 Okay, all right. Commissioners, any other questions  
07:37:49 2 of the applicants?

07:37:52 3 (No response.)

07:37:52 4 CHAIR ALULI: Not seeing any and -- just check  
07:37:58 5 again -- well, public testimony has been closed. So that  
07:38:01 6 being said, may I have a motion for approval for this  
07:38:05 7 application?

07:38:06 8 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Chair.

07:38:07 9 CHAIR ALULI: I see Jamie Becraft has made the  
07:38:11 10 motion.

07:38:11 11 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Yes.

07:38:12 12 CHAIR ALULI: Do I have a second? Bruce U'u has  
07:38:18 13 seconded. Any further discussion?

07:38:24 14 (No response.)

07:38:24 15 CHAIR ALULI: All in favor?

07:38:27 16 (Response.)

07:38:29 17 CHAIR ALULI: Any opposed?

07:38:32 18 (No response.)

07:38:33 19 CHAIR ALULI: Motion carries.

07:38:44 20 Good job.

07:38:46 21 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you, Commissioners.

07:38:49 22 MR. BENSON: Thank you. Thank you.

07:38:52 23 MR. NAKAMURA: Thank you very much. And before I --  
07:38:57 24 before I leave, I just want to join in those comments that  
07:39:01 25 Larry made. Thank you very much to Nane and Leslie Ann for

07:39:11 1 their service. I want to really thank Nane for his hard work.  
07:39:16 2 You know, it's -- we go through these mechanics with the COVID  
07:39:21 3 thing and going through all of these -- which has been very  
07:39:25 4 difficult and -- and he's shown good leadership in getting us  
07:39:30 5 through all of this, in working on selecting the new director,  
07:39:36 6 which I think was very helpful in setting a new direction for  
07:39:40 7 the department. And I know Leslie Ann also worked hard on  
07:39:45 8 that committee that -- on selecting our new director. So I  
07:39:49 9 want to really, really thank both of you for -- for your  
07:39:54 10 service. And I would really appreciate it, I would really  
07:39:58 11 love it if you would reapply to serve on the commission again.  
07:40:04 12 I see Nane's shaking his head, but that would be a great  
07:40:09 13 thing. Anyway, thanks very much. Thank you.

07:40:14 14 COMMISSIONER YOKOUCHI: Thank you, Craig. Thank  
07:40:16 15 you.

07:40:16 16 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you, Craig. Appreciate it.  
07:40:19 17 Leslie Ann still needs to sell a couple more lots up at  
07:40:26 18 Lanikeha and my -- my golf swing is yelling at me, so --

07:40:33 19 COMMISSIONER YOKOUCHI: No, I'm trying to sell you a  
07:40:36 20 lot up there, Nane.

07:40:41 21 (Laughter.)

07:40:43 22 MR. NAKAMURA: Thank you very much.

07:40:46 23 CHAIR ALULI: Okay, Craig. Thank you very much.

07:40:50 24 COMMISSIONER YOKOUCHI: Thank you, Craig.

07:40:53 25 MR. BENSON: Thank you, everybody.

07:40:57 1 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Thanks, Jon. And good to have  
07:41:02 2 you guys out there opening those doors up again.

07:41:06 3 All right. Let's move on to Item No. 9,  
07:41:11 4 Administrative Affairs. I will again check to see if  
07:41:16 5 anybody -- oh, I see somebody has signed up. Okay. I see  
07:41:22 6 that Dave Jorgensen is in the audience and would like to  
07:41:29 7 provide public testimony on administrative affairs. So, Dave,  
07:41:34 8 you've got the floor.

07:41:37 9 MR. JORGENSEN: Thank you very much.

07:42:21 10 Good morning, Chair, Members of the Commission, and  
07:42:29 11 Staff. I'll be very brief. Just a question came up and I was  
07:42:44 12 hoping that -- I mean, I guess this is a little weird way to  
07:42:50 13 do it, but the -- the question of testing for licensees, for  
07:42:56 14 employees to get cards, it's been on hold, is my  
07:43:02 15 understanding, for a while because of COVID. The problem is  
07:43:07 16 many of my clients are short of staff and, frankly, they're  
07:43:14 17 starting to cockroach from one place to another, they're  
07:43:20 18 stealing employees between my licensees. So I was just -- if  
07:43:26 19 possible, if the director could just give an update on -- on  
07:43:31 20 the timeline for starting to do that, because I'm getting  
07:43:35 21 calls fairly regularly from clients asking, you know, if I can  
07:43:41 22 find out when that's going open.

07:43:44 23 And I'll let the director go into his report, but I  
07:43:48 24 also want to echo the sentiments of Mr. Ing and Mr. Nakamura.  
07:44:04 25 You know, we had some issues with nonprofit fund-raisers

07:44:13 1 for -- for clients on big events and everybody, but especially  
07:44:18 2 Chair Aluli, were very helpful and responsive in -- in  
07:44:23 3 addressing that. And, then, certainly, both of -- both  
07:44:30 4 Mr. Aluli and Ms. Yokouchi have been very instrumental in  
07:44:35 5 helping get the department and the commission in a place where  
07:44:40 6 there is a sentiment out there among licensees that it's -- as  
07:44:51 7 Mr. Nakamura said, open door policy with Layne, very  
07:44:56 8 responsiveness from the staff, and truly a sense that  
07:45:03 9 there's -- there's an effort to help licensees follow the  
07:45:09 10 rules, but be successful. So I want to thank you both for  
07:45:14 11 your service to the commission, the department, and the  
07:45:17 12 community, and wish you well in everything. But that's all I  
07:45:21 13 have today. Thank you.

07:45:22 14 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you, Dave.

07:45:25 15 Okay. Let me check again, see -- I see no other  
07:45:31 16 people in the chat area to testify; I, therefore, will close  
07:45:36 17 public testimony on item -- administrative affairs at this  
07:45:41 18 time and move on to Director's Monthly Report. Layne, you've  
07:45:51 19 got the floor.

07:45:53 20 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Okay. Just to touch a  
07:45:55 21 little bit on what Dave's question was -- and I'm not sure how  
07:46:07 22 deeply I can go into the subject, because it's not agendized.  
07:46:13 23 It's not on the agenda, but, yes, that is a big issue and we  
07:46:21 24 are receiving a lot of calls about it as well. We have been  
07:46:25 25 in contact with Honolulu Liquor Commission, and we're trying

07:46:31 1 to find a way to get on board with what they're doing.  
07:46:36 2 They're actually online. We're trying to do the same, but,  
07:46:44 3 you know, with the -- with the numbers spiking and it being  
07:46:49 4 so -- I don't know how to refer to it as -- unpredictable at  
07:46:54 5 this point, that there's still restrictions in place that  
07:46:59 6 restrict the face-to-face meetings and the gatherings. So we  
07:47:05 7 realize that it is an issue, and we are working to try to  
07:47:11 8 resolve that, but as of right now, I do not have a timeline.

07:47:18 9 Now, with that being said --

07:47:30 10 CHAIR ALULI: Yeah.

07:47:31 11 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: -- hopefully, that was  
07:47:35 12 answer enough to the question.

07:47:38 13 Going on to the Administrative Affairs, Directors  
07:47:42 14 Monthly Report, I think when you look at No. 1 and No. 3 are  
07:47:48 15 pretty much combined. The liquor license renewals as well as  
07:47:54 16 the distribution of the ID Checking Guides for 2021 for United  
07:48:01 17 States and Canada, we have received them all and distribution  
07:48:06 18 for the renewal applications and both ID Checking Guides, the  
07:48:11 19 International and the US/Canada ID Checking Guides, began  
07:48:19 20 distribution on March 1st, so we're getting those out to the  
07:48:24 21 licensees.

07:48:26 22 Item No. 2, Update on Premises Educational Visits.  
07:48:32 23 The enforcement division is continuing with the visits. It  
07:48:37 24 seems that it's being very well received by the licensees, and  
07:48:42 25 we have gotten a very positive response. And I think it's a

07:48:47 1 good way -- it's a ground-level way to -- to see what the real  
07:48:51 2 issues are that they're facing right now during the pandemic,  
07:48:55 3 and trying to comply with the Public Health Emergency Rules  
07:48:58 4 that exist right now. We're trying to find a way so that  
07:49:02 5 we -- we're making sure that they're aware of the rules,  
07:49:06 6 because sometimes it can be pretty confusing to have to read  
07:49:10 7 through that thing and try to decipher what it means as  
07:49:15 8 compared to how the department is approaching it. So it seems  
07:49:20 9 like those visits have been very well received.

07:49:33 10 And Item No. 4, A Bill For an Ordinance Establishing  
07:49:38 11 Chapter 9.40, Maui County Code, Relating to Social Host  
07:49:45 12 Liability. Nane, I believe the -- that on behalf of the  
07:49:50 13 commission, there was a letter sent to the GET committee --

07:49:54 14 CHAIR ALULI: Right.

07:49:55 15 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: -- relating that the  
07:49:58 16 commission and the department are both in cooperation and --  
07:50:02 17 and, you know, in the idea of what they're trying to  
07:50:08 18 accomplish. Also, understanding that it does not fall within  
07:50:13 19 the -- the liquor department's jurisdiction; however, our  
07:50:18 20 opinion is anything that helps keep liquor out of hands of  
07:50:24 21 minors is -- is a good thing, and we'll always see it that  
07:50:30 22 way.

07:50:30 23 And No. 5 is your Calendar Year 2021 Annual Update  
07:50:42 24 of Financial Disclosures are due to the board of ethics by  
07:50:47 25 April 15th, 2021.



07:50:53 1 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Any of the commissioners have  
07:50:59 2 any questions on those five issue -- items that the director  
07:51:05 3 brought up in his report?

07:51:07 4 I do have a question. On Item No. 1, again, Layne,  
07:51:13 5 the liquor license renewals, are -- the requirement is in  
07:51:17 6 place right now, they have to be submitted by what date,  
07:51:21 7 June 1st?

07:51:23 8 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: It's June 30th by  
07:51:28 9 4:30 p.m.

07:51:29 10 CHAIR ALULI: June 30th.

07:51:33 11 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: However, in the packet,  
07:51:35 12 there is a memo that the department is recommending licensees  
07:51:41 13 to submit their renewal application by the 15th.

07:51:47 14 CHAIR ALULI: Of June, right?

07:51:49 15 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Yes. And the purpose for  
07:51:53 16 that is if there are simple things that can be fixed, then at  
07:51:57 17 least they'll have the time to fix them. You know, if they  
07:52:02 18 turn them in on June 30th and there's something wrong with it,  
07:52:08 19 then -- then there's really nothing we can do.

07:52:11 20 CHAIR ALULI: Right. Okay.

07:52:14 21 Bruce, you've got your hand up. Yeah.

07:52:19 22 COMMISSIONER U'U: Yeah. What -- can I -- can I  
07:52:25 23 stop by, pick up the forms?

07:52:27 24 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Yes. And they're also  
07:52:30 25 available online.

07:52:32 1 COMMISSIONER U'U: Okay. Online, okay.

07:52:39 2 MS. KHANGSENGSING: Bruce.

07:52:43 3 COMMISSIONER U'U: Yeah.

07:52:44 4 MS. KHANGSENGSING: Are you talking about the  
07:52:46 5 financial disclosure?

07:52:48 6 COMMISSIONER U'U: Yes.

07:52:49 7 CHAIR ALULI: No. Oh, you -- oh, okay. I thought  
07:52:57 8 you were talking about the application.

07:53:04 9 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: (Inaudible.) I'm sorry.

07:53:06 10 CHAIR ALULI: Yeah, the renewals, I mean.

07:53:10 11 COMMISSIONER U'U: Oh, sorry.

07:53:12 12 MS. KHANGSENGSING: I can email that out to you. I  
07:53:15 13 can email you another copy.

07:53:17 14 COMMISSIONER U'U: Okay. Thank you.

07:53:21 15 CHAIR ALULI: Any other questions? Okay.

07:53:27 16 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: I -- Nane?

07:53:33 17 CHAIR ALULI: Bobbie. Yes, Bobbie.

07:53:37 18 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Just to clarify, when we say  
07:53:41 19 testing, I guess this was brought up by Mr. Jorgensen, I mean,  
07:53:47 20 what -- what is Dave referring to? Testing for a liquor  
07:53:52 21 license?

07:53:53 22 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: No, Bobbie. It's actually  
07:53:57 23 the certification exam. It's that blue card that we talked  
07:54:01 24 about in the past.

07:54:02 25 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: The blue card. Got it.

07:54:04 1 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: The certification card.

07:54:09 2 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Okay. Got it. Thank you.

07:54:11 3 CHAIR ALULI: And that's been extended, right,

07:54:15 4 Layne? I know it's not on the agenda, but a number of people

07:54:19 5 have brought that up, but --

07:54:21 6 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Yes. Yes, actually, the

07:54:25 7 commission did make an emergency --

07:54:28 8 CHAIR ALULI: Extend it.

07:54:29 9 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: -- rule to extend the

07:54:36 10 expiration date on those cards. Any card that was still

07:54:41 11 active as of March 1st, 2020, expiration date has been

07:54:48 12 extended to beyond the emergency rule proclamation, I believe

07:54:53 13 it went 90 days beyond. So any card that expired since then

07:55:00 14 is still valid.

07:55:03 15 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. And no -- no new date has been

07:55:06 16 set yet, right?

07:55:09 17 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: No.

07:55:10 18 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Okay. Any other questions?

07:55:15 19 (No response.)

07:55:15 20 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. We can move on to Item B.

07:55:32 21 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Okay. Item B, I -- I

07:55:36 22 believe I'm taking care of this part. This is -- and, again,

07:55:41 23 to echo Craig and Dave -- resolutions honoring outgoing Chair

07:55:50 24 Nane Aluli and Commissioner Leslie Ann Yokouchi. And I guess

07:56:17 25 at this point I'm virtually supposed to put a lei on you guys,

07:56:24 1 so we do that virtually.

07:56:30 2 CHAIR ALULI: Send Starbucks cards. No.

07:56:35 3 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: And you will also get  
07:56:37 4 this, this, you know, high-dollar, very nice document.

07:56:43 5 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you.

07:56:45 6 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Resolution Honoring Leslie  
07:56:50 7 Ann A. Yokouchi, Liquor Control Commission.

07:56:56 8 The Liquor Control Commission proposes to adopt this  
07:57:01 9 resolution in honor of Leslie Ann A. Yokouchi for her  
07:57:17 10 exemplary services as a member of the Liquor Control  
07:57:23 11 Commission, and

07:57:25 12 Whereas, Ms. Yokouchi has served as a member of the  
07:57:32 13 Liquor Control Commission of the County of Maui, for a period  
07:57:40 14 from February 2017 to March 2021, and

07:57:50 15 Whereas, the members of the liquor control  
07:57:54 16 commission, as well as the staff of the Department of Liquor  
07:57:59 17 Control, have enjoyed the valuable services rendered by  
07:58:04 18 Ms. Yokouchi in said capacities, and

07:58:07 19 Whereas, the County of Maui and its citizenry have  
07:58:12 20 greatly benefited from the unselfish and responsible services  
07:58:17 21 rendered by Ms. Yokouchi during said period, and

07:58:22 22 Whereas, her expertise, thoughtful and cooperative  
07:58:28 23 manner and conduct have been the source of much inspiration  
07:58:32 24 and help to the fellow members of the Liquor Control  
07:58:37 25 Commission, now, therefore,

07:58:56 1 Be It Resolved that the members of the Liquor  
07:59:03 2 Control Commission do hereby express their sincere  
07:59:07 3 appreciation to Ms. Yokouchi for the competent leadership and  
07:59:12 4 service as a member of the Liquor Control Commission of the  
07:59:16 5 County of Maui, and do by -- and do hereby wish her much  
07:59:24 6 success in her future undertakings, and

07:59:29 7 Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be  
07:59:35 8 entered upon the minutes of this commission and be forwarded  
07:59:39 9 to Ms. Yokouchi.

07:59:46 10 Adopted this 10th day of March, 2021.

07:59:54 11 Thank you, Leslie. We appreciate your service.

08:00:00 12 (Applause.)

08:00:04 13 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you, Leslie.

08:00:08 14 COMMISSIONER YOKOUCHI: It's been an honor. It's  
08:00:12 15 been an honor to serve. And I just wanted to say, hearing  
08:00:18 16 Craig and all of these other people speak about how the office  
08:00:21 17 has changed, I'm really proud to have been part of this change  
08:00:26 18 and I hope the rest of you will continue to be part of this  
08:00:31 19 awesome, awesome committee and awesome, awesome office and  
08:00:39 20 where the public will be -- like Layne's open door, continue  
08:00:45 21 to do that, and as commissioners, we continue to hold that in  
08:00:50 22 our hearts as well and in -- in each decision we make for the  
08:00:57 23 public. Thank you.

08:01:02 24 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you, Leslie Ann.

08:01:05 25 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Thank you, Leslie.

08:01:11 1 Okay. Resolution Honoring Mr. Nane Aluli, Liquor  
08:01:19 2 Commission.

08:01:30 3 The Liquor Commission proposes to adopt this  
08:01:36 4 resolution in honor of Mr. Nane Aluli for his exemplary  
08:01:46 5 service as a member of the Liquor Commission, and

08:01:51 6 Whereas, Mr. Aluli has served as a member of the  
08:02:00 7 Liquor Commission of the County of Maui, for a period from  
08:02:05 8 April 2016 to March 2021, as well as its chairperson from  
08:02:14 9 April 2019 to March 2021, and

08:02:22 10 Whereas, the members of the Liquor Commission, as  
08:02:27 11 well as the staff of the Department of Liquor Control, have  
08:02:31 12 enjoyed the valuable services rendered by Mr. Aluli in said  
08:02:38 13 capacities, and

08:02:39 14 Whereas, the County of Maui and its citizenry have  
08:02:50 15 greatly benefited from the unselfish and responsible services  
08:02:55 16 rendered by Mr. Aluli during said period, and

08:03:00 17 Whereas, his expertise, thoughtful and cooperative  
08:03:06 18 manner and conduct have been the source of much inspiration  
08:03:10 19 and help to the fellow members of the Liquor Commission, now,  
08:03:16 20 therefore,

08:03:17 21 Be It Resolved that the members of the Liquor  
08:03:22 22 Commission do hereby express their sincere appreciation to  
08:03:27 23 Mr. Aluli for the competent leadership and service as a member  
08:03:33 24 of the Liquor Commission of the County of Maui, and do hereby  
08:03:38 25 wish him much success in his future undertakings, and

08:03:48 1 Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be  
08:03:56 2 entered upon the minutes of this commission and be forwarded  
08:04:00 3 to Mr. Aluli.

08:04:03 4 Adopted this 10th day of March, 2021.

08:04:09 5 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you.

08:04:11 6 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Thank you, Nane.

08:04:14 7 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you very much.

08:04:17 8 (Applause.)

08:04:17 9 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Thank you for your  
08:04:20 10 service.

08:04:23 11 CHAIR ALULI: And thank you to the commissioners and  
08:04:25 12 to the board and it's definitely a "we" situation. And I  
08:04:30 13 think that we, as a commission have a lot to be proud of for  
08:04:34 14 what we've been able to do through -- especially through the  
08:04:39 15 year 2020 and the COVID situation in getting a new director on  
08:04:45 16 board. I think with Layne's direction now and under his  
08:04:51 17 tutelage, the department seems to be moving ahead in a  
08:04:57 18 really -- in a very, very supportive way for all of the  
08:05:01 19 entities that need to be recognized: the licensees, the  
08:05:04 20 public, and the people that work in the industry that require  
08:05:08 21 liquor director cards. And I think because the department is  
08:05:13 22 much more open to being inclusive and responsive, I think that  
08:05:25 23 the department is going to move forward in a very, very good  
08:05:29 24 way along with a very, very good and supportive commission.

08:05:35 25 So I thank you for this resolution and I -- I really

08:05:41 1 appreciate and have enjoyed serving on the commission and  
08:05:45 2 serving as chair.

08:05:47 3 And with that, I will ask Layne that we move on to  
08:05:52 4 Item C now.

08:05:59 5 MR. MURAI: Mr. Chair, this is Gary.

08:06:02 6 CHAIR ALULI: Yes, Gary.

08:06:05 7 MR. MURAI: So if we are going to be getting into  
08:06:09 8 election of officers for the next term, I just wanted to  
08:06:13 9 remind the commission that -- the first thing I'd like to  
08:06:16 10 suggest that we do is we should probably agree on a process  
08:06:22 11 for how we're going to do it. And what I would suggest to you  
08:06:29 12 folks is we start with electing the new chair, then the vice  
08:06:36 13 chair. And, Nane, what I'd recommend is what you do first is  
08:06:43 14 open the floor for nominations, each member may nominate  
08:06:52 15 another member or themselves -- and, unfortunately, we cannot  
08:06:57 16 nominate -- you know, we cannot reelect Nane, unfortunately,  
08:07:08 17 or Leslie, because they're terming out. And once we've --  
08:07:15 18 once everyone has had a chance to make their nominations,  
08:07:22 19 Nane, you will close the nominations, and then the members may  
08:07:27 20 speak for or against any of the nominees. And then when  
08:07:37 21 everyone has a chance to -- to have a discussion, then you're  
08:07:42 22 going to call for the vote. Now, the vote can be done any  
08:07:48 23 number of ways, but I would suggest that you call for a vote  
08:07:52 24 based on a show of hands and so that we can count the votes  
08:07:58 25 and then announce the votes.



08:08:00 1 And then once the chair is elected, then we'll move  
08:08:04 2 to the -- we'll use the same process for the vice chair. And  
08:08:10 3 the new officers will take their seats starting with the April  
08:08:15 4 meeting. If that's okay with you folks, that's what I'd  
08:08:20 5 recommend.

08:08:21 6 CHAIR ALULI: Okay.

08:08:22 7 COMMISSIONER U'U: Question.

08:08:23 8 CHAIR ALULI: Yes, Bruce.

08:08:26 9 COMMISSIONER U'U: Yeah. I know -- and I'm going  
08:08:30 10 back a little bit. Is it -- I mean, I just wanted to -- any  
08:08:34 11 way I can go back and -- and congratulate Leslie and Nane?  
08:08:42 12 We've passed that?

08:08:45 13 CHAIR ALULI: I think we can make an exception,  
08:08:47 14 can't we, Gary?

08:08:50 15 MR. MURAI: Of course. Certainly.

08:08:53 16 CHAIR ALULI: Yeah. Go ahead.

08:08:56 17 MR. MURAI: It's not a problem.

08:08:58 18 COMMISSIONER U'U: And really quick, it's been a  
08:09:01 19 pleasure serving with Nane and Leslie. I mean, if you look at  
08:09:06 20 the Aluli last name and the Yokouchi last name, they span  
08:09:13 21 generations on Maui, so it's -- it's a privilege that you guys  
08:09:17 22 serve Maui County. It's my privilege. I knew Leslie for  
08:09:22 23 years, for years, and I got to serve with her on this. And  
08:09:26 24 working on the TIG was awesome, her hospitality was way above  
08:09:32 25 par. She was always too nice to me and Jamie, which is

08:09:36 1 awesome. And meeting Nane, again, Nane, the Aluli family,  
08:09:44 2 come to find out his nephew married my niece, Apali Holmes  
08:09:57 3 Akula, that is how small Maui is. And I'd just like to pay  
08:10:02 4 respect to them and all their service throughout the years,  
08:10:05 5 and I know all the continued service they're gonna still give  
08:10:10 6 Maui County. So aloha, mahalo, my privilege.

08:10:17 7 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you, Bruce.  
08:10:19 8 Jamie.

08:10:21 9 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Yeah, Mr. Chair. Jamie  
08:10:25 10 Becraft. I, too, as with Bruce, you know, truly appreciative  
08:10:25 11 of working with you, your -- your guidance and your calmness  
08:10:25 12 and everything, and you brought a lot to the table, and I know  
08:10:43 13 everybody appreciated it.

08:10:43 14 And working with Leslie, you know, like Bruce said,  
08:10:50 15 you know, at one point I asked her if I could just get a  
08:10:54 16 name -- s name tag for her business so I could just get a  
08:11:00 17 permanent desk there, it was so comfortable. And still is  
08:11:06 18 (inaudible) they didn't have to have my whole name, just  
08:11:11 19 initials would have worked. But she was terrific, she really  
08:11:17 20 did open up her -- herself to us and -- and made everything  
08:11:22 21 super comfortable.

08:11:23 22 And it was great working with both of you guys. I  
08:11:27 23 appreciate it.

08:11:29 24 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you.

08:11:31 25 All right. So I will now close testimony for that.

08:11:35 1 Okay, all right. And move on to Item C and ask for  
08:11:40 2 nominations from the floor, first of all, for the commission  
08:11:46 3 for -- the commission chair for the rest of 2021 and into  
08:11:53 4 2022. Do I have any nominations from the floor? Jerrybeth  
08:11:59 5 De Mello.

08:12:00 6 COMMISSIONER DE MELLO: Yes. I would like to  
08:12:02 7 nominate for chair Leon Bolosan.

08:12:08 8 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Thank you.

08:12:09 9 Do I have any other nominations from the floor?  
08:12:15 10 Okay. Yes, Jamie Becraft.

08:12:17 11 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Mr. Chair, I'm gonna throw my  
08:12:21 12 own name in there, if I -- if I may.

08:12:26 13 CHAIR ALULI: For the chair's position?

08:12:30 14 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Yes.

08:12:31 15 CHAIR ALULI: Okay, all right. Are there any other  
08:12:36 16 nominations from the floor?

08:12:39 17 (No response.)

08:12:39 18 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. I will, therefore, close  
08:12:43 19 nominations for the chair and now we will call for --

08:12:50 20 Gary, I'm gonna just check with you. We -- we vote  
08:12:54 21 on the chair first and then go to the vice chair, correct?

08:12:59 22 MR. MURAI: That's correct. So at this point, you  
08:13:03 23 can ask if anyone wants to speak for or against any of the  
08:13:08 24 nominees.

08:13:09 25 CHAIR ALULI: Okay.

08:13:10 1 MR. MURAI: And once the members have had their  
08:13:13 2 opportunity, then you may call for the vote.

08:13:16 3 CHAIR ALULI: Okay.

08:13:16 4 MR. MURAI: And once the chair is elected, then you  
08:13:20 5 can move to the vice chair.

08:13:21 6 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. So with that being said, are  
08:13:27 7 there -- does -- do any of the commissioners wish to offer any  
08:13:34 8 other further words or discussion on the nominees, either  
08:15:38 9 Mr. Bolosan or Mr. Becraft?

08:15:40 10 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Leslie also raised her --  
08:15:45 11 I'll -- I'll defer to Leslie.

08:15:49 12 CHAIR ALULI: Go ahead, Leslie.

08:15:52 13 COMMISSIONER YOKOUCHI: Chair, could we have the two  
08:15:55 14 nominees just speak out and give us an idea why they want to  
08:16:00 15 be chairs and give us some idea of -- and comments --

08:16:04 16 CHAIR ALULI: I will.

08:16:05 17 COMMISSIONER YOKOUCHI: -- why they seek the chair.

08:16:11 18 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. I will -- I'll defer to Gary.  
08:16:13 19 Gary, is that allowed?

08:16:15 20 MR. MURAI: Oh, no. That's perfectly (inaudible) if  
08:16:21 21 they wish, if --

08:16:23 22 CHAIR ALULI: Okay.

08:16:24 23 MR. MURAI: If Jamie and Leon want to say anything  
08:16:28 24 on their own behalf, that's perfectly fine.

08:16:31 25 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. I will do that. And I'm gonna

08:16:35 1 do it alphabetically. With that being said, Jamie, you're  
08:16:41 2 the -- your B-E goes before Leon's B-O, so, Jamie Becraft,  
08:16:56 3 you're gonna start.

08:16:58 4 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And  
5 the reason I want to do is, is that I feel that although Layne  
6 is clearly -- there's been some positive changes that we have  
7 seen. I, too, am appreciative of what has been going on, like  
8 what's happened with the Hana Hotel and stuff that we're  
9 trying to, you know, work with our licensees; I feel that we  
10 do need someone who's gonna still stay involved with this.  
11 There's still a lot more work to be done. There's a lot more  
12 -- there's gonna be a lot more I believe that should be done  
13 during the -- this change in leadership that we're all on the  
14 same page making sure we move things forward in areas of  
15 putting things like online updates and working on things like  
16 licenses and -- and we've been spoken in the past about, you  
17 know, making our -- all the forms, everything up -- you know,  
18 online and updated. Just like the blue card, you know, that  
19 those things all need to be done. And I wanted to work hand  
20 in hand with liquor and try to be hands-on and -- and help in  
21 that area.

22 I do believe that our -- our calling under -- being  
23 commissioners isn't just to sit here and approve licenses; I  
24 believe that we're to make sure that we're bettering the  
25 public and the licensees. It doesn't mean the licensees

1 always get their way, don't get me wrong, but that we need to  
2 make sure that there's a checks and balance in place. I would  
3 be very active. I've already shown that I'm active, you know,  
4 being with the TIG. It wasn't just me, Bruce was super  
5 involved and spent a lot of time, and Leslie Ann put in a lot  
6 of time, you know, we all did. And I'm willing to keep  
7 putting in time, and I believe that this is kind of in my  
8 wheelhouse. I'm familiar with law enforcement, and I'm  
9 familiar with what needs to be done, and I'd like to -- I'd  
10 like to take this position just so that I can be definitely  
11 hands-on and --

12 And I'm all about sharing information. What I get,  
13 I'm gonna share with the committee. It's -- I would like to  
14 take us into a little bit different area of more open  
15 discussions and more public discussions on what's happening  
16 and committees and whatnot and getting them going. So that --  
17 that would be my desire. I'd like to -- I'd like to be in a  
18 position where I can donate more of my time because I'm more  
19 than willing and actually want to donate more of my time and  
20 direct us.

21 And I would answer any questions from anybody, if  
22 they -- if (inaudible) -- if any of the commission members  
23 have any questions, any of the -- Director Layne or anything  
24 in regard to, you know, what my intents are or how I would  
25 work with everyone.

08:20:48

08:20:48 1 CHAIR ALULI: Any of the commissioners have any  
08:20:50 2 questions of Mr. Becraft?

08:20:54 3 (No response.)

08:20:54 4 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Mr. Bolosan, what would you  
08:20:57 5 like to say?

08:20:58 6 VICE CHAIR BOLOSAN: Okay, Mr. Chair. I'm not  
08:21:07 7 like -- eloquent like many of -- some of the commissioners,  
08:21:12 8 but I'm looking at -- being that I've lived on Maui for 55  
08:21:17 9 years, this life experience will help me a lot to be able to  
08:21:23 10 deal with the people, problems. And at the same time, I  
08:21:29 11 really believe that the direction of this department is going  
08:21:34 12 to the right direction right now. And I'm not gonna say much,  
08:21:39 13 but we had -- find out many of the problems in the department,  
08:21:43 14 like the 24/7 selling alcohol and the nonprofit problem that  
08:21:51 15 we had. And I don't see very much more, hopefully, that is  
08:21:58 16 coming up for the department to really, you know, deal with.  
08:22:03 17 With the direction of Director Silva and the staff and also  
08:22:11 18 the help with the commissioners, I believe that, you know, any  
08:22:16 19 task can be done by both sides, the commissioners and the  
08:22:20 20 department. So I would really appreciate it if you choose me  
08:22:25 21 as your chair; I will try my very best. That's all I can say.  
08:22:30 22 Thank you.

08:22:31 23 CHAIR ALULI: Any questions of Mr. Bolosan?

08:22:38 24 (No response.)

08:22:38 25 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Not seeing any questions, I am

08:22:40 1 going to call for the vote. And, again, I'm gonna do it  
08:22:46 2 alphabetically. So that being said, those in -- who would  
08:22:51 3 like to vote for Mr. Becraft, would they please raise their  
08:22:57 4 hand to acknowledge that. And I -- Mr. Becraft is voting for  
08:23:02 5 himself. I see Mr. Boswell. Two. Do I see -- I see  
08:23:11 6 Ms. Yokouchi. I am going to raise my hand in favor of  
08:23:17 7 Mr. Becraft also, that will make it four. Okay. I'm not  
08:23:24 8 seeing any more.

08:23:26 9 Who is in favor of electing Mr. Bolosan? I see  
08:23:32 10 De Mello -- one, two, three, four -- wait, one -- somebody's  
08:23:46 11 missing, one -- Leon, raise your hand. Okay.

08:23:50 12 VICE CHAIR BOLOSAN: Yes.

08:23:51 13 CHAIR ALULI: Yeah, okay. Okay. I see five votes  
08:23:54 14 for Mr. Bolosan, Mr. Bolosan gets the majority; therefore,  
08:24:01 15 Mr. Bolosan is voted in as the chair.

08:24:07 16 COMMISSIONER U'U: Can we comment, Chair?

08:24:11 17 CHAIR ALULI: Yes. Go ahead.

08:24:12 18 COMMISSIONER U'U: And my comment, I know Jamie will  
08:24:16 19 be really good at it, that I know, but I always feel that the  
08:24:21 20 chair needs to be neutral and at times -- and I know Leon can  
08:24:26 21 be neutral. I'm not saying Jamie can't be neutral, I'm not  
08:24:32 22 saying that, Jamie, but I'm saying that to me, you've gotta be  
08:24:38 23 neutral and kind of hold court being neutral and throughout  
08:24:43 24 this year, I think Leon has proven that. My two cents.

08:24:49 25 CHAIR ALULI: Any other comments?



08:24:53 1 (No response.)

08:24:53 2 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. So the vote has been rendered,  
08:25:00 3 Mr. Bolosan is the new chair. I would like to now call for  
08:25:07 4 nominations for the vice chair's position. Jerrybeth  
08:25:15 5 De Mello, I see your hand up.

08:25:18 6 COMMISSIONER DE MELLO: I would like to make a  
08:25:20 7 recommendation for Bruce U'u for vice chair.

08:25:25 8 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Do I see any other nominations  
08:25:28 9 for -- Leslie Ann Yokouchi.

08:25:32 10 COMMISSIONER YOKOUCHI: I would like to nominate  
08:25:35 11 Jamie Becraft. I think his knowledge and experience --

08:25:40 12 MR. MURAI: One second, Leslie Ann.

08:25:44 13 COMMISSIONER YOKOUCHI: Oh, okay. Jamie Becraft.

08:25:49 14 MR. MURAI: Yeah.

08:25:50 15 CHAIR ALULI: Yes. Okay. Jamie Becraft. So I've  
08:25:53 16 got Bruce and Jamie. Any other nominations from the floor?

08:26:02 17 (No response.)

08:26:02 18 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. I will close nominations and  
08:26:06 19 ask each one of the nominees again to say what they might want  
08:26:13 20 to say on their behalf. And, again, I'm going do it  
08:26:18 21 alphabetically. Jamie, would you like to say anything further  
08:26:23 22 on the nomination to the vice chair's position?

08:26:27 23 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Mr. Chair, thank you. No,  
08:26:30 24 I've -- I've already spoken, so I don't -- I don't have  
08:26:33 25 anything to add to that. Thank you.

08:26:35 1 CHAIR ALULI: Okay, all right.

08:26:37 2 Mr. U'u.

08:26:39 3 COMMISSIONER U'U: Yeah. You know what, I always  
08:26:44 4 believe that the guy with the seniority would -- would pose  
08:26:48 5 more. I don't mind serving, I wouldn't mind. It's not  
08:26:55 6 something I would aspire to do, I'm not gonna lie. And I  
08:27:00 7 always felt the guy with the most seniority would fill the  
08:27:04 8 role and, you know, if that's the case with Jamie, with the  
08:27:12 9 seniority, I'm okay with it, too. So you guys vote how you  
08:27:20 10 want, I'm not gonna lobby for a vote or not vote. It's just  
08:27:25 11 that I respect the process and that's why I like the process,  
08:27:29 12 get nine people voting on them. So I'm not gonna stand on  
08:27:42 13 behalf of what I'm gonna do, I just will continue to serve in  
08:27:48 14 whatever manner is chosen by the body, and that's what I'm  
08:27:53 15 gonna do all the time. So that's about it for me.

08:27:57 16 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Commissioners, any other  
08:28:00 17 commissioners want to add anything? Jamie.

08:28:03 18 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: If I'm allowed to add this?

08:28:07 19 CHAIR ALULI: Yes.

08:28:08 20 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Bruce is a -- Bruce is  
08:28:11 21 forgetting one -- one thing, he -- he has more experience than  
08:28:16 22 me. He was -- he was the chair for the other side of this,  
08:28:19 23 our other -- our counterpart. So Bruce has way more  
08:28:24 24 experience than I do, so just want to be clear on that. Thank  
08:28:27 25 you.

08:28:27 1 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Jerrybeth, I saw your hand up.  
08:28:31 2 Go ahead.

08:28:33 3 COMMISSIONER DE MELLO: Yeah. I was gonna just say  
08:28:37 4 that, Jamie, that Bruce has served on the adjudication board.  
08:28:42 5 And also, when I was there, he did a hell of a job and felt so  
08:28:48 6 proud of him. So he has come a long way with the liquor  
08:28:53 7 department and that's why I made the nomination for Bruce.

08:28:58 8 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Any other comments by any of  
08:29:02 9 the commissioners? Oh, yes. Leslie Ann.

08:29:12 10 COMMISSIONER YOKOUCHI: Well, as being in the TIG  
08:29:14 11 committee with Jamie, he and I bumped heads a lot, but I still  
08:29:21 12 respect him. He has the knowledge and experience. And I  
08:29:25 13 think maybe that's one of the things we, as commissioners, we  
08:29:28 14 need to be careful -- if we're around too much, like if we're  
08:29:32 15 the adjudication committee, then jump over to the liquor, we  
08:29:37 16 need to be careful, because we don't want to be always the  
08:29:40 17 same people in the same kind of areas, so we want freshness.  
08:29:45 18 But I think Jamie does have the experience and as -- as all of  
08:29:49 19 you know, that he is very vocal in our meetings, he brings up  
08:29:54 20 good ideas, he brings up good questions, makes all of us think  
08:29:59 21 a lot, and I think we need that and I think he would be a  
08:30:03 22 really asset to help Leon. I think they'll work well together  
08:30:07 23 and make this department even stronger. Thank you.

08:30:12 24 CHAIR ALULI: Thank you, Leslie. And I would just  
25 like to add, I would echo Leslie's comments and say that as a

1 co-chair, that I think Jamie would do a really good job, and I  
2 think would be very helpful to Leon in the efforts to make  
3 sure that the commission interacts in a really cohesive way  
4 and supportive way with the department, and especially as it  
5 relates to the community, the licensees, and the public  
6 overall. I think as a team, they would do a good job, so I  
7 really would support Jamie as the vice-chair. Not to take  
8 anything away from Bruce, because I think Bruce would also be  
9 an excellent vice-chair, especially because of his experience  
10 on the adjudication board and having served in many other  
11 public venues that are part of our county. So I think both  
12 would be good, but I really do think, especially with Jamie's  
13 really good efforts -- and I would just like to applaud him  
14 with the efforts that he put forward with the TIG group and  
15 coming up with -- going through that entire process. It was  
16 very time consuming, required good organization, looking for  
17 support from a lot of different areas, and making sure that  
18 the proper steps were taken to make sure that we went through  
19 that process in a -- in an organized manner, I think really  
20 displayed what Jamie's skills are. And so I would just like  
21 to remind people of how his organization and follow through  
22 and commitment to making sure that the TIG effort that was put  
23 forward was an outstanding one and really helped us as a  
24 commission do our job and go through the process of selecting  
25 the new director. And I really do feel very confident that

1 the department is on a -- an extremely positive path right now  
08:32:47 2 because of Jamie's efforts.

08:32:47 3 Okay. With that being said, and not -- Bobbie, go  
08:32:50 4 ahead.

08:32:53 5 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: I need to step out, I'm  
08:32:55 6 sorry, I -- I'm already late for my appointment. As I said, I  
08:32:59 7 would have to leave at 10:00.

08:33:00 8 CHAIR ALULI: Okay, all right. I just want to call  
08:33:02 9 for the -- I want to call for the vote before you leave.  
08:33:05 10 Okay?

08:33:06 11 So I'm going to call for the vote for the  
08:33:09 12 vice-chair. Starting with those in favor of Jamie as vice  
08:33:12 13 chair, can I see a raise of hands? I'm voting for Jamie as  
08:33:18 14 vice chair, do I -- Leslie.

08:33:25 15 COMMISSIONER U'U: You know, I'm gonna have to vote  
08:33:28 16 for Jamie, 'cause I can never vote for myself, just to let you  
08:33:33 17 guys know.

08:33:34 18 CHAIR ALULI: Okay.

08:33:35 19 COMMISSIONER U'U: Just how I am. I'm sorry, but --

08:33:38 20 CHAIR ALULI: Bruce. Okay. Leslie, Jamie -- let's  
08:33:43 21 see. So that's one, two, three -- let's see. Can I get your  
08:33:50 22 hands up again? Those in favor of voting for -- that's one,  
08:33:54 23 two -- one, two, three, four, five, 'cause I'm voting for  
08:34:00 24 Jamie also. Jamie has five as vice chair. And, okay, so  
08:34:07 25 that's -- can I get the votes for Bruce as vice chair? That

08:34:13 1 would be four votes for Bruce, then.

08:34:16 2 COMMISSIONER U'U: And, again, I'm not voting for  
08:34:19 3 me, I cannot.

08:34:21 4 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. You voted -- besides, you voted  
08:34:23 5 for Jamie already, so you can't vote for yourself.

08:34:26 6 COMMISSIONER U'U: Yeah. I could never vote for  
08:34:29 7 myself. That would be -- that would go against me.

08:34:33 8 CHAIR ALULI: Yeah. So that's four votes for Bruce  
08:34:37 9 and five for Jamie, so Jamie is voted in as the vice chair.  
08:34:43 10 So --

08:34:45 11 COMMISSIONER U'U: Congratulations, Jamie.

08:34:48 12 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Congratulations.

08:34:50 13 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Thank you.

08:34:51 14 COMMISSIONER DE MELLO: Congratulations, Jamie.

08:34:51 15 CHAIR ALULI: So now we have the new chair Leon  
08:34:58 16 Bolosan, and our new vice chair Jamie Becraft for the 2021-  
08:35:07 17 2022 term.

08:35:09 18 With that being said, let's move on to Item No. D,  
08:35:14 19 the liquor control adjudication board meeting. I don't think  
08:35:18 20 there was any, right? That was canceled, right, Layne?

08:35:25 21 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Yes. The adjudication  
08:35:29 22 board meeting of March 4th was canceled.

08:35:32 23 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. Our next meeting -- or the next  
08:35:35 24 meeting for the new commission -- and before we close, I just  
08:35:39 25 want to ask, Layne -- I don't see it on the agenda, but I'm

08:35:43 1 gonna ask anyway. The two new commissioners have been  
08:35:47 2 appointed and can you tell us who they are, please.

08:35:51 3 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: They're -- only -- only  
08:35:53 4 one was appointed to the commission, is Janice Kalanihulia. I  
08:36:02 5 believe she's from Molokai. She is gonna be -- as of right  
08:36:06 6 now, there was only the one for the commission.

08:36:10 7 CHAIR ALULI: Rick Nava had turned it down, right?

08:36:23 8 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Sylvia Ho was selected for  
08:36:27 9 the adjudication board.

08:36:28 10 CHAIR ALULI: I'm sorry.

08:36:29 11 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: And Sylvia Ho is going to  
08:36:32 12 be the new adjudication board member.

08:36:35 13 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. So we still have one open slot  
08:36:38 14 for the commission seat, then, right?

08:36:42 15 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Yes.

08:36:43 16 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. 'Cause Rick Nava had applied  
08:36:47 17 for that, but he turned it down?

08:36:50 18 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: I believe so. I'm not  
08:36:51 19 really sure what happened or why he didn't make it through,  
08:36:55 20 but yeah.

08:36:56 21 CHAIR ALULI: Okay. All right. Ladies and --

08:37:05 22 VICE CHAIR BOLOSAN: Chair.

08:37:07 23 CHAIR ALULI: Yes.

08:37:08 24 VICE CHAIR BOLOSAN: I heard he declined. Rick Nava  
08:37:12 25 declined that appointment.

08:37:14 1 CHAIR ALULI: Oh, okay.

08:37:19 2 VICE CHAIR BOLOSAN: Yeah.

08:37:21 3 CHAIR ALULI: All right. Thanks, Leon.

08:37:24 4 VICE CHAIR BOLOSAN: Yeah.

08:37:26 5 CHAIR ALULI: All right. With that being said, the  
08:37:31 6 next meeting is going to be on Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

08:37:37 7 Ladies and gentlemen, again, I just want to thank  
08:37:40 8 you for your support as a commission and as a department. It  
08:37:43 9 was a pleasure serving as the chair for the last couple of  
08:37:46 10 years and for the five years that I've served on this  
08:37:50 11 commission. It's been awesome, I've enjoyed it, and I will  
08:37:55 12 probably tune in to hear a couple of meetings in the future.

08:37:59 13 That being said, I'd like to call for a motion to  
08:38:02 14 adjourn this meeting. Do I have a motion for adjournment?

08:38:08 15 COMMISSIONER DE MELLO: Motion to adjourn.

08:38:11 16 CHAIR ALULI: A second?

08:38:13 17 COMMISSIONER U'U: Second.

08:38:14 18 CHAIR ALULI: All in favor?

08:38:15 19 (Response.)

08:38:16 20 CHAIR ALULI: Any opposed?

08:38:18 21 (No response.)

08:38:19 22 CHAIR ALULI: Motion carries. Thank you, ladies and  
08:38:21 23 gentlemen. The meeting is adjourned.

09:41:33 24 (The proceedings were adjourned at 10:14 a.m.)

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