

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS
COUNTY OF MAUI
ON-LINE VIA BLUEJEANS
THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Director Tsuhako at 10:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Faith Chase

Henry Costales

Lisa Darcy

John Decker

Wendy Hudson

George Kaimiola

Donna Kawakami

Zhantell Lindo

John Tomoso

Mary Trotto

Present Staff:

Lori Tsuhako, Director

Mimi Desjardins, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Pili Nahooikaika, Secretary

III. AGENDA

Commissioner Tomoso moved and Commissioner Kawakami seconded the motion to approve the agenda as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony was presented.

Commissioner Hudson moved and Commissioner Tomoso seconded the motion to close public testimony. The motion carried unanimously.

V. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Director Tsuhako opened the floor for nominations of Commission Chair.

Commissioners Trotto, Darcy, and Chase nominated Commissioner Hudson.
Commissioner Lindo nominated Commissioner Tomoso.

Director Tsuhako closed nominations for Chair and opened the floor to Commissioner Hudson for a brief statement to her nominations.

Commissioner Hudson accepted the nomination for Chair and explained that her goal as a Commissioner or Chair is to work together to tackle and solve homelessness issues on the island.

Director Tsuhako opened the floor to Commissioner Tomoso for a brief statement to his nomination.

Commissioner Tomoso respectfully declined the nomination for Chair.

Director Tsuhako opened the floor for discussion and or comments on the nomination of Commissioner Hudson for Chair.

Commissioner Darcy explained that Commissioner Hudson has the capacity and ability to navigate the formality of the Commission and that her professional experience will assist in tackling complex issues.

Commissioner Lindo expressed Commissioner Hudson's work as wonderful and is looking forward to the Commission creating innovative ideas to take care of the community and its host culture alike.

Commissioner Kaimiola expressed his confidence in Commissioner Hudson's knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order and her capacity as Chair.

Director Tsuhako called the question on Commissioner Hudson's nomination as Chair of the Commission. The motion carried with 9 ayes.

Director Tsuhako opened the floor for nominations of Commission Vice-Chair.

Chair Hudson and Commissioner Chase nominated Commissioner Darcy.

Commissioner Lindo nominated Commissioner Chase.

Commissioners Trotto and Kawakami nominated Commissioner Kaimiola.

Director Tsuhako closed nominations for Vice-Chair and opened the floor to Commissioner Darcy for a brief statement to her nominations.

Commissioner Darcy accepted the nomination for Vice-Chair and explained that she will work to bring many voices and points of view to the Commission and will work tirelessly with the Chair. Commissioner Darcy thanked the Commission for the opportunity.

Director Tsuhako opened the floor to Commissioner Chase for a brief statement to her nomination.

Commissioner Chase expressed her gratitude to Commissioner Lindo for the nomination. She accepted the nomination for Vice-Chair and explained that she can be relied upon for any support that is needed.

Director Tsuhako opened the floor to Commissioner Kaimiola for a brief statement to her nomination.

Commissioner Kaimiola accepted the nomination for Vice-Chair and explained that he would like the Commission to develop policies on removing barriers that prevent people from receiving housing based on their backgrounds.

Director Tsuhako opened the floor for discussion and or comments on the three nominations for Vice-Chair.

Chair Hudson explained that she would be more than happy to work with all of the nominations and she expressed that she's known Commissioner Darcy as a "boots on the ground" person with her heart in the right place, doing what needs to be done.

Commissioner Chase expressed her appreciation for the nomination and explained that she would feel more comfortable with Commissioner Darcy as Vice-Chair because of the good work that she's being doing. She added that she would like the Commission to have an arms distance from agency funding so that there is no "cross pollination" with the Commission and County funding.

Commissioner Kawakami explained that she understands Commissioner Kaimiola to be a fair and compassionate person who understands the Hawaiian issues in the environment and community.

Commissioner Lindo expressed that she supports Commissioner Chase as Vice-Chair because she understands the dynamics of institutions, departments, and non-profit agencies and is able to put ideas forward with a local perspective.

Director Tsuhako called the question on Commissioner Darcy's nomination as Vice-Chair of the Commission. Three ayes, Chair Hudson, and Commissioners Chase and Decker

Director Tsuhako called the question on Commissioner Chase's nomination as Vice-Chair of the Commission. Two ayes, Commissioners Lindo and Darcy

Director Tsuhako called the question on Commissioner Kaimiola as Vice-Chair of the Commission. Four ayes, Commissioners Trotto, Kawakami, Tomoso, and Costales. The motion carried with four ayes.

VI. COMMISSION ORIENTATION

Deputy Desjardins provided a brief review of the Sunshine Law, Rules of Ethics, Parliamentary Procedure, and the Proposed Rules of Practices and Procedure.

A. Sunshine Law

Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 92 is the law that governs all of the open meetings in the State of Hawaii by Boards and Commissions and what a Board/Commission member can do outside of meetings.

B. Rules of Ethics

Article 10, the Code of Ethics applies to County Employees and Commissioners. Members are appointed to this Commission based on their qualifications.

C. Parliamentary Procedure

The Chair runs the meeting, control the agenda with input of the commissioners, and will take public testimony. The Chair will ask for motions but does not generally make motions.

Quorum in general is a majority of the Commission

D. Proposed Rules of Practice and Procedure

Deputy Desjardins stated that she is currently working on drafting the proposed rules and once finished will have it placed on the agenda.

VII. AGENDA ITEMS PRIORITIES LIST

Commissioner Trotto:

- Organization/Agency Presentations

Commissioner Chase:

- Community Policing Town Hall
- COVID-19
- Compassionate Disruption
- Form a Temporary Investigative Group (TIG) on Resource Mapping

Commissioner Kawakami:

- Homeless Education

Commissioner Darcy:

- Defining Terms
- Address Digital Divide
- Mission and Goals and Homeless Voice Awareness
- Cultural Based Avenues and Cultural Based Solutions
- Position on Sweeps and Removing Vehicles for Habitation

Commissioner Lindo:

- Annual Priorities Checklist
- Inventory
- Commission Contact/Outreach

Chair Hudson:

- Resolving Homeless Barriers
- Budget
- Powers, Duties, and Functions

The Commission decided to meet every third Thursday of the Month at 1:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for May, 27, 2021.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.