

COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS
COUNTY OF MAUI
ON-LINE VIA BLUEJEANS
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Corporation Counsel Trenholme at 1:32 p.m. A quorum was present as noted below:

Commissioners Present:

Zhantell Lindo
Rochelle Kim Tempo (in person)
Lisa Darcy (in person)
Lisa-Ann Kahaleauki
Charleen Naomi Crozier
John Tomoso
Vince Razo (in person)
Jewelyn Kahele
Eyke Brath Hurdman (joined at 1:35 p.m.)

Commissioners Excused:

Nena Hart
Leonani Pahukoa Meyer

Present Staff:

Lori Tshako, Director, Department of Housing & Human Concerns (DHHC)
Christie Trenholme, Deputy Corporation Counsel (DCC)
Kimberly Ferguson, Secretary

1. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON ALL ITEMS

Video testimony:

Napua Hueu on item #2A: Testifying in support of nominating Lisa Darcy for Chair based on her personal experience working with Ms. Darcy and Ms. Darcy's relentless advocacy and support to those whom the commission is tasked with assisting.

Commissioner Darcy: Asked Ms. Hueu to state the qualities that make a good chairperson and her reasons for supporting the nomination. Ms. Hueu shared her personal experiences working with Ms. Darcy.

Faith Chase on item #2A: Introduced herself as a former member of the Commission on the Healing Solutions for Houseless. Wanted to make a strong recommendation to commissioners (new and existing) to nominate Lisa Darcy as Chair or Vice Chair. Also elaborated on her past experiences as a commissioner and her reasoning for supporting Commissioner Darcy.

Commissioner Darcy: Thanked Ms. Chase for her service on the commission and asked her to describe the challenges she faced trying to participate in the meeting.

DCC Trenholme: Reminded Commissioner Darcy to stick to the agenda item at hand.

Commissioner Darcy: Explained that she wanted to wrap it around to the Chair's responsibility. Ms. Chase explained past challenges she faced regarding remote participation.

In person testimony:

Clark "Chip" Johnson on item #2A: Introduced himself as an advocate for positive change and stated he was testifying as an individual and private citizen. In support of nominating Lisa Darcy as Chair or Vice Chair, and stated a few of her qualities, such as reliable, dependable, dedicated, and compassionate. For those reasons, he believes Commissioner Darcy would make a great Chair or Vice Chair.

Alana Kahalehau on item #2A: Testifying in support of nominating Lisa Darcy as she's walked in the footsteps of houseless people.

Commissioner Darcy: Asked Ms. Kahalehau why she made her recommendation and to state the qualities she thought were important for a person to lead a group to represent her needs. Ms. Kahalehau replied that they need someone to trust and that Commissioner Darcy was qualified.

Chucky Kawaakoa on item #2A: Testifying in support of nominating Lisa Darcy. Stated she has many qualities, and as far as being trustworthy, was the only person who actually came through with what she said she was going to do for them from the beginning.

Commissioner Darcy: Stated there were so many qualified commissioners and asked the testifier what he thought made her different. Mr. Kawaakoa replied that there are not many people he can trust. Also stated that Commissioner Darcy has been helping them for a long time, and she walks the walk, so he'd like to see her be the change.

Jasee Law on item #2A: Stated he had no objections to Commissioner Darcy serving as Chair and hopes the commission chair can get funding to go out and help.

Public testimony was closed at 1:52 p.m. without objections.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chair terms (See Rule 07-801-08, Rules of Practice and Procedure for the CHSH)

DCC Trenholme opened for nominations for Chair.

Commissioner Crozier nominated Zhantell Lindo for Chair. Commissioner Lindo accepted the nomination.

Motion to elect Zhantell Lindo for Chair moved by Commissioner Tomoso, seconded by Commissioner Tempo.

Discussion:

Commissioner Lindo: Introduced herself, explained why she would like to serve as Chair of the Commission, and stated her qualifications, experience, and intentions.

Commissioner Darcy: Expressed her concerns with the way the commission currently operates and explained how points of view may differ for someone like herself who works out in the field and lives alongside the houseless community compared to those who work in an office setting. Then stated she would support the commission no matter what and will look to the chair and the vice chair to bring as many new ideas as possible, comfortable or not.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call Vote on Electing Zhantell Lindo for Chair

In favor: Commissioners Lindo, Tempo, Darcy (with reservations), Tomoso, Crozier, Kahaleauki, Brath Hurdman, Kahele & Razo

Opposed: None

Excused: Commissioners Hart & Pahukoa Meyer

Zhantell Lindo was elected as Chair and DCC Trenholme turned over the meeting to her.

Chair Lindo then opened nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Brath Hurdman nominated Commissioner Darcy for Vice Chair. Commissioner Darcy accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Kahaleauki nominated Commissioner Tempo for Vice Chair. Commissioner Tempo accepted the nomination.

Chair Lindo entertained a motion for either one of the nominees.

Motion to elect Commissioner Tempo as Vice Chair moved by Commissioner Tomoso, seconded by Commissioner Crozier.

Discussion:

Commissioner Tomoso: Stated the Commission got off to a rough start, has not accomplished much, and has not been nurtured in a way to allow such. Brought up multiple resignations which occurred and stated that he thought the commission needed two things: 1) continuity in leadership and 2) someone to trust who really understands the wider input of healing in this community. Believed that Commissioner Tempo would do those things.

Commissioner Tempo: Stated her reasons for wanting to serve as Vice Chair and acknowledged the importance of each person on the commission.

Commissioner Darcy: Asked for clarification on the process.

DCC Trenholme explained the nomination process and recapped the action taken.

Commissioner Darcy: Appreciated the nomination and explained her reasoning for wanting a change in leadership which would bring forth new ideas vs. the status quo. Stated she would still try to breakthrough and bring a different dynamic forth.

Commissioner Crozier: Acknowledged Commissioner Darcy's work in the community and stated she hopes the commission could work together, do some good together, and not fight each other.

Chair Lindo: Stated she wants the commission to work together as a cohesive team, with truth and dignity, and not one member against another for the purpose of individual agendas. Also encouraged respectful collaboration, not only within the commission but with the community as a whole, as everyone is working toward achieving the same goal of ending homelessness.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call Vote on Electing Rochelle Kim Tempo as Vice Chair

In favor: Commissioners Lindo, Tempo, Darcy, Tomoso, Crozier, Kahaleauki, Brath Hurdman, Kahele & Razo

Opposed: None

Excused: Commissioners Hart & Pahukoa Meyer

Rochelle Kim Tempo was elected as Vice Chair.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lindo announced that the next meeting would be held on May 25, 2023 and also thanked DCC Trenholme for her work with the commission, as DCC Lowy-Gerstmar has been assigned to assist the commission moving forward. Chair Lindo also took a moment to thank former Commissioner Faith Chase for her service.

Chair Lindo then adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken.

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