



# NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY

*An Authority of the State of Hawaii attached to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism*



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday January 18, 2022  
10:00 a.m.**

**An Interactive Conference Technology Meeting was held at**

**NELHA OceanView Conference Room  
Hale Iako Building  
73-970 Makako Bay Drive  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740**

**and via Zoom Video Conferencing Software.**

**Members/Designees in Attendance**

William Mielcke (Gov. Appointee/Chair)  
Cyd Miyashiro (Gov. Appointee/Vice Chair)  
Chung Chang (DBEDT)  
Robert Masuda (DLNR)  
Douglass Adams (County of Hawaii)  
Dr. Phil Bossert (RAC Secretary)  
Alan Hilton (RAC Chair)  
Linda Rosehill (Gov. Appointee)  
Dr. Vassilis Syrmos (University of Hawaii)  
Dick Jones (Tenant Representative)  
Neil Sims (Tenant Representative)

**Guests/Staff Present**

Greg Barbour (Executive Director)  
Laurence Sombardier (NELHA)  
Keith Olson (NELHA)  
Dr. Alexander Leonard (NELHA)  
John Cole (Deputy AG)

**Board Members Not Attending and Excused**

None.

- **Item 1. Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mielcke at 10:12 a.m.  
Reference to Act 220.

Chair Mielcke completed a roll call of Board members and NELHA staff.  
There were no guests.

- **Item 2. Approval November 16, 2021, NELHA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes.**

Chair Mielcke entertained a motion to approve the November 16, 2021, minutes. The motion was made by Director Masuda and seconded by Director Hilton. There were no objections, and the minutes were approved unanimously as circulated (10-0).

- **Item 3. Approval December 15, 2021, NELHA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes.**

Chair Mielcke entertained a motion to approve the December 15, 2021, minutes. The motion was made by Director Masuda and seconded by Director Jones. There were no objections, and the minutes were approved unanimously as circulated (10-0).

- **Item 4. Financial Report: Approval and Decision Making.**

ED Barbour presented and overview and summary the Financial Report for the first six months of the fiscal year in the board packet (Attachment A).

**Director Adams joined the meeting at 10:28am at the end of  
Item 4 presentation by ED Barbour.**

Chair Mielcke called for a motion to accept the report. Director Bossert made the motion which was seconded by Director Sims. There were no objections, and the financial report was approved unanimously as circulated. (11-0)

- **Item 5a. Approval and Decision Making on NELHA Executive Director Performance Review.\*\***

Director Masuda made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Second by Director Rosehill. 11-0 vote to go into Executive Session.

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:39 am. Director Mielcke announced that the report from the Special Investigative Committee report was accepted by the Board unanimously (11-0).

- **Item 7. Executive Director's Informational Status Report on ongoing projects**

**including: new leases; seawater system maintenance; new potable water supply update; aquaculture accelerator and investment fund initiative; new EDA grant applications regarding the ocean economy, renewable distributed energy resources initiative including grant applications and solicitations for microgrids, energy storage, and solar desalination; analysis HOST Park energy system.\***

ED Barbour presented and overview and summary of NELHA's major goals and key projects timeline as contained in the Board Packet (Attachment B) as part of the Executive Director's Information Status Report.

Chair Mielcke asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing no further questions or comments, the report was accepted unanimously (11-0) as presented.

- **Item 8. Announcements.**

Chair Mielcke noted that our next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2022.

- **Item 9. Adjournment.**

Chair Mielcke called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Hilton made the motion which was seconded by Director Syrmos. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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