



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

**August 27, 2024
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

Noelani Kalipi (Gov. Appointee/Chair)
Cyd Miyashiro (Gov. Appointee/Vice Chair)
Gordon Bruce (Gov. Appointee)
Dr. Philip Bossert (RAC Secretary)
Alan Hilton (RAC Chair)
Dick Jones (Tenant Representative)
Gregory Kim (HTDC)
Nathan Tsao (Tenant Representative)
Doug Adams (County of Hawaii)
Dr. Vassilis Syrmos (University of Hawaii)
Dane Wicker (DBEDT)

Board Members Not Attending and Excused

Russell Tsuji (DLNR)

Guests/Staff Present

Laurence Sombardier (NELHA)
Alexander Leonard (NELHA)
Faustine Edge (NELHA)
Pam Madden (NELHA)
Rae Nguyen (NELHA)
Keith Olson (NELHA)
John Cole (AG)
Christine Banda (Captura)
Kaliko Chun (DHHL)
Mitch Ewan (HNEI)
Tom Fee (HHF Planners)
Dayea Shim (HHF Planners)
Dane Sjoblom (HHF Planners)
Gerald Heslinga (Indo-Pacific Sea Farms)
James Wyban (Consultant)

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- **Item 1. (10:00am; video run time 0:00.00) Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Noelani Kalipi (Chair Kalipi) at 10:00 a.m. Chair Kalipi asked attendees to introduce themselves. Chair Kalipi asked Interim Executive Director (ED) Sombardier for a roll call of Board members and NELHA staff. Reference to Act 220. 11 members present and 1 excused.

- **Item 2. (10:05 a.m. video run time 0:05.00) Approval of New Minutes Methodology and Approval of July 16, 2024 NELHA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes.**

Chair Kalipi entertained a motion to approve the New Minutes Methodology by Director Bruce. The motion was seconded by Director Wicker (10:07 a.m. video run time 00:07:23). The motion was approved (10:07 a.m. video run time 00:07:44)

Director Bruce moved to approve the July 16, 2024 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes and Director Wicker seconded the motion (10:08 a.m. video run time 00:08:11). The minutes were approved (11-0) (10:08 a.m. run time 00:08:28).

- **Item 3. (10:08 a.m. video run time 0:08:40) Public Testimony.**

Chair Kalipi opened the floor to any public testimony or any open items not on the agenda. Chair Kalipi reminded the public there is a 5-minute time limit for each testimony. No one came forward.

- **Item 4. (10:09 a.m. video run time 0:09:19) Old Business. Report from the Permitted Interaction Group regarding Hiring of the NELHA Executive Director Position.**

ED Sombardier summarized her report of Permitted Interaction Group. The Board members and meeting attendees were provided with the opportunity to ask questions.

- **Item 5. (10:16 a.m. video run time 0:16:01) New Business. Discussion and Decision Making for a 1 kton/year Director Marine Carbon Capture Demonstration Project by Captura Corporation.**

ED Sombardier introduced Captura and Ms. Christine Banda, COO of Captura summarized their project. Director and RAC Chair Hilton provided a summary form the RAC (Research Advisory Committee). The board members and meeting attendees were provided with the opportunity to ask questions. Director Hilton moved to approve the 1 kton/year Direct Maine Carbon Capture Demonstration Project by Captura Corporation. Director Bossert seconded the motion. (11:01 a.m. video runtime 11:01:27). There were no objections. The project was approved (10-0) (11:02 a.m. video run time 01:02:07).

Director Bruce exited the meeting at 11:00 a.m. before the motion was made and vote taken.

- **Item 6. (11:02 a.m. video run time 1:02:15) Informational Presentation. Overview and State of the NELHA Seawater System presented by NELHA Staff.**

ED Sombardier and NELHA Chief Science Officer, Keith Olson, presented the overview of HOST Park's seawater system. The Board members and meeting attendees were provided with the opportunity to ask questions.

- **Item 7. (11:38 a.m. video run time 1:38:19) Announcements.**

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

- **Item 7. (11:39 a.m. video runtime 1:39:18) Adjournment.**

Chair Kalipi adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m. (video runtime 01:39:25).

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