



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

October 15, 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)
Alan Hilton (RAC Chair)
Dr. Philip Bossert (RAC Secretary)
Doug Adams (County of Hawaii)
Gregory Kim (HTDC)
Nathan Tsao (Tenant Representative)
Russell Tsuji (DLNR)
Mark Glick (DBEDT)

Board Members Not Attending and Excused

Dr. Vassilis Syrmos (University of Hawaii)
Dick Jones (Tenant Representative)

Guests/Staff Present

Laurence Sombardier (NELHA)
Alexander Leonard (NELHA)
Keith Olson (NELHA)
Pam Madden (NELHA)
Jennifer Rasmussen (NELHA)
Rae Nguyen (NELHA)
Sherry Ortiz (NELHA)
Faustine Edge (NELHA)
Delanie Prescott-Tate (AG)
Gerald Heslinga (Indo-Pacific Sea Farms)
Mark Ladao (Hawai'i Public Radio)
Tom Fee (HHF)
David Anton (Member of the Public)
Jeff Zimpher (National Park Service)

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- **Item 1. (10:01 am; video run time 0:00.47) Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Noelani Kalipi (Chair Kalipi) at 10:01 a.m. Chair Kalipi asked Interim Executive Director (ED) Sombardier for a roll call of Board members and NELHA staff. Reference to Act 220. 10 members present and 2 excused.

- **Item 2. (10:06 a.m. video run time 06:04) Approval August 27, 2024, NELHA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes.**

Chair Kalipi entertained a motion to approve the August 27, 2024, minutes. The motion was made by Director Bruce and seconded by Director Tsao (10:07 a.m. video run time 0:06:11). The minutes were approved at (10-0) (10:07 a.m. video run time 0:06:40).

- **Item 3. (10:07 a.m. video run time 06:44) Approval September 3, 2024, NELHA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes.**

Chair Kalipi entertained a motion to approve the September 3, 2024, minutes. The motion was made by Director Hilton and seconded by Director Bruce (10:07 a.m., video run time 0:06:57). The minutes were approved at (10-0) (10:08 a.m. video run time 0:07:30).

- **Item 4. (10:09 a.m. a.m. video run time 08:12) Public Testimony.**

Chair Kalipi opened the floor to any public testimony or any open items not on the agenda. No one came forward.

- **Item 5. Old Business.**

None.

- **Item 6. New Business.**

None.

- **Item 7. (10:09 a.m., video run time 0:09:39). Financial Report: Approval and Decision Making**

ED Sombardier presented a financial overview for July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024. Director Bruce moved to approve the Financial Report and Director Bossert seconded (10:17 a.m. video run time 0:16:55). The Financial Report was approved (10:0) (10:18 a.m. video run time 0:17:25).

- **Item 8. (10:18 a.m., video run time 0:17:41) Informational Presentation.**

- a. Update on HATCH Aquaculture Accelerator, Venture Builder and Ocean Foundry programs presented by Wayne Murphy. (10:18 a.m., video run time 0:17:54)

Mr. Murphy was unexpectedly absent and did not present.

- b. Overview and State of the Offshore Corridor Pipelines presented by NELHA staff. (10:19 a.m., video run time 0:18:17)

ED Sombardier and Dr. Alex Leonard, NELHA's Administrative and Projects Manager presented the overview of the Offshore Corridor Pipelines. The Board members and meeting attendees were provided with the opportunity to ask questions.

- **Item 9. (11:13 a.m. video run time 01:12:13) Executive Director's Informational Status Report on ongoing projects including: 2025 Legislative session, research campus leases, new leases under discussion; water quality and seawater system maintenance; offshore deep seawater pipe removal planning and design; regional seawater air conditioning planning and design; new potable water supply update; aquaculture accelerator and investment fund initiative; grant applications; new Mauka Research Campus; renewable distributed energy resources initiative for microgrid; and, solar desalination; Executive Director Search; contracts and agreements including master plan and EIS update.***

ED Sombardier presented this agenda item. (11:13 a.m. video run time 1:12:13)

- **Item 10. (11:32 a.m. video run time 1:32:09) Announcements.**

- a. NELHA Board of Directors will meet monthly until the NELHA Executive Director position is filled. Next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

- b. NELHA 50th Anniversary open house community event is on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- **Item 11. (11:33 a.m. video runtime 1:33:12) Adjournment.**

Chair Kalipi adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m. (video runtime 1:33:12).

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