

**MINUTES
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

AUGUST 9, 2007

10:00 a.m.

**LEIOPAPA A KAMEHAMEHA BUILDING, ROOM 204
235 SOUTH BERETANIA STREET
HONOLULU, HI 96813**

Commissioners in Attendance:

Mr. John Chan
Mr. Harold Nelson
Ms. Susan Russell, Acting Chair
Ms. Donna Soares
Mr. Richard Swift
Ms. Yuki Lei Sugimura

Technical Support Staff in Attendance:

Ms. Robyn Chun, Department of the Attorney General
Ms. Ciress Cuevo, Office of Elections
Ms. Judy Gold, Office of Elections
Mr. Scott Nago, Office of Elections
Ms. Carolyn Roldan, Office of Elections
Mr. David Rosenbrock, Office of Elections
Ms. Lori Tomczyk, Office of Elections
Ms. Robynn Yokooji, Office of Elections

Guests in Attendance:

Ms. Jean Aoki, League of Women Voters
Mr. Bob Babson, Maui Election Observer
Ms. Debi Hartman, Oahu County Democratic Party
Mr. Roy Hiraga, Maui County Clerk
Ms. Jean Kashiwaeda, Department of Human Resources Development
Ms. Sandra Roberts, Legislative Volunteer - Senate
Mr. Kenwyn Sato, Department of Accounting and General Services

PROCEEDINGS

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by acting chair, Ms. Susan Russell at 10:00 a.m. on August 9, 2007 at the Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building in room 204.

II. Roll and Quorum Determined

Ms. Ciress Cuevo, Office of Elections, conducted roll call. Mr. Harold Masumoto and Ms. Zale Okazaki were absent.

III. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of July 18, 2007

Ms. Soares noted that there were typographical errors on pages one and two of the minutes.

Ms. Yuki Lei Sugimura moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 10, 2007 with amendments. Mr. John Chan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. Appointment of Ciress Cuevo, Secretary to the Commission

Mr. Chan moved to appoint Ms. Ciress Cuevo as the Elections Commission Secretary. Mr. Harold Nelson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Public Testimony - Any interested person may submit data, views or arguments on any agenda item

Mr. Bob Babson, Maui Election Observer provided written testimony to give his recommendations for agenda item VII.

Mr. Nelson noted that the Commission does not review or accept proposals regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) and is not involved in the selection process of the machines. Mr. Nelson recommended that Mr. Babson send his proposal to Mr. Russ Saito and Mr. Rex Quidilla.

In response to Mr. Roy Hiraga, Maui County Clerk's, inquiry whether the 15-day provision to fill a vacancy applies to the Commission's vacant chair position, Chair Russell stated that the Commission is responsible to fill the vacancy. Ms. Robyn Chun, Deputy Attorney General, noted that Chair Russell is correct.

In response to Mr. Hiraga's request for an Attorney General's opinion regarding his inquiry, Chair Russell asked Ms. Chun to follow up on the matter.

VI. Chief Election Officer: Update Advertising Progress

Jean Kashiwaeda, Department of Resources Development (DHRD), provided a status report to the Commission on the advertising progress. Ms. Kashiwaeda noted that the closing date for the recruitment is August 20, 2007. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) Comptroller's Office is receiving resumes. To date, less than a dozen resumes have been received.

In response to Mr. Nelson's questions whether resumes were received from the mainland, Ms. Kashiwaeda stated yes.

In response to Chair Russell's inquiry regarding which media advertisement appears to be working, Ms. Kashiwaeda stated that they do not know, but noted that no electronic responses have been received.

VII. RFP: Election System

Ms. Robynn Yokooji, Office of Elections, provided the Commission with an update on the status of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the voting machines on behalf of Mr. Quidilla. Ms. Yokooji noted that the RFP is still being reviewed by the State Procurement Office and will be released after its review.

VIII. Posting of Chair Position on Election Site and Discussion

Chair Russell noted that the Commission should set a deadline to interview applicants and requested that two Commissioners sit on a committee.

There was discussion on advertising the chairperson position.

Mr. Nelson moved to advertise the Chair position. Ms. Yuki Lei Sugimura seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Russell announced that the Commission received a resume from Mr. William Marston and expressed his interest in the position.

Ms. Debi Hartman, Oahu County Democratic Party, expressed the need for the Commission to fill the position and questioned what the Commission's bylaws require the Commission to do to fill the chair position. Chair Russell agreed with Ms. Hartman and explained that that is the reason why the Commission is advertising the Chair position.

In response to Ms. Sandra Roberts, Senate Legislative Volunteer, inquiry regarding advertising of the Chief Election Officer position, Chair Russell clarified that there is a lot of work in progress to fill the Chief Election Officer position and that the current discussion is to advertise the other vacant position, Elections Commission's Chair.

In response to Mr. Babson's question regarding the secret committee that selects the voting machine, Chair Russell asked Mr. Scott Nago, Office of Elections to explain. Mr. Nago clarified that there is no secret committee and that the procurement law requires an evaluation committee.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Russell adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m. The next meeting of the Elections Commission is scheduled for September 26, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Ciress Cuevo
Elections Commission Secretary