

MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2024

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at the University of Hawai'i (UH) Maui College, Ka a ike Building Room 105BCD, 310 W. Ka ahumanu Avenue, Kahului, Hawai'i, 96732, with regents participating from various locations.

Quorum (11): Chair Gabriel Lee; Vice-Chairs Laurie Tochiki and Laurel Loo; and Regents Neil Abercrombie, Lauren Akitake, Joshua Faumuina, William Haning, Wayne Higaki, Michael Miyahira, Diane Paloma, and Ernest Wilson.

Others in attendance: President David Lassner; Vice President (VP) for Administration Jan Gouveia; VP for Academic Strategy Debora Halbert; VP for Legal Affairs/UH General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; VP for Research and Innovation Vassilis Syrmos; VP for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer Garret Yoshimi; VP for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer Kalbert Young; Interim VP for Community Colleges Della Teraoka; UH-M noa (UHM) Provost Michael Bruno; UH-Hilo (UHH) Chancellor Bonnie Irwin; UH-West O'ahu Chancellor Maenette Benham; UH-Maui College (UHMC) Chancellor Lui Hokoana; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents (Board Secretary) Yvonne Lau; and others as noted.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 18, 2024 MEETING

Chair Lee inquired if there were any corrections to the minutes of the July 18, 2024, meeting which had been distributed. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

Regent Abercrombie arrived at 9:02 a.m.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Board Secretary Lau announced that the Board Office did not receive any written testimony and no one signed up to provide oral testimony.

IV. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

A. UH – University of Hawai'i Foundation (UHF) Contract Update

President Lassner spoke about the relationship between UH and UHF, a private, institutionally-related corporation designated as a 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service which serves as the central fundraising arm for the university system.

Although the foundation works closely and collaboratively with the university and a number of its affiliates, such as the UH Alumni Association, it was emphasized that UHF is a legally separate entity from UH.

In 2018, UH and UHF jointly entered into a substantially revised, three-year Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) approved by both the board and the UHF Board of Trustees. The MOA proved to be incredibly successful in advancing the university's philanthropic

The impact of the university's full scholarship offer to every Lahainaluna High School (LHS) student from the Class of 2024 on the enrollment statistics from this demographic has been astonishing.

3. Approval of Executive/Managerial Salary Adjustments for All Executive/Managerial Employees Meeting Performance Expectations Except Positions that Report to the Board of Regents

Regent Wilson moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Regent Haning, and the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed to the public)

Regent Abercrombie moved to convene into executive session, seconded by Regent Miyahira, and with all members present voting in the affirmative, the board approved convening in executive session to consider the hire, evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of an officer or employee or of charges brought against the officer or employee, where consideration of matters affecting privacy will be involved, pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(2), Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), and to consult with the board's attorneys on question and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities, pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), HRS.

The meeting recessed at 9:37 a.m.

Regent Loo left at 9:55 a.m.

Chair Lee called the meeting back to order at 10:03 a.m. and announced that the board met in executive session to discuss the matters as stated on the agenda.

VII. AGENDA ITEMS (Continued)

A. Personnel Actions (Attachment A-1 for approval)

President Lassner sought approval for the appointment of Della Teraoka, who currently serves as the Associate VP for Academic Affairs in the Office of the VP for Community Colleges, as Interim VP for Community Colleges at the same salary as the prior incumbent.

Regent Abercrombie moved to approve the appointment of Della Teraoka as Interim VP for Community Colleges as requested, seconded by Regent Wilson, and noting the excused absence of Vice-Chair Loo, the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

B. Approval of Salary Adjustments for Positions that Report to the Board of Regents

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and both the Board and Committee on Governance Chairs recommend the board honor his request.

Regent Miyahira moved to approve the salary increase for the Board Secretary and Director of the Office of Internal Audit and honor President Lassner's request to forego a salary increase as recommended in Chair Lee's memorandum to the board, seconded by Regent Wilson, and noting the excused absence of Vice-Chair Loo, the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Lee announced that the next board meeting was scheduled for September 19, 2024, at Leeward Community College.

Regent Akitake thanked the UHMC 'ohana for the warm welcome received by regents, stating she was born and raised on Maui and, as such, was bursting with pride about the accomplishments of, and amazing things taking place on, the Maui campus.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/S/

Yvonne Lau
Executive Administrator and Secretary
of the Board of Regents