

LAND USE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes, HRS §92 as amended, the Commission conducted its meeting in a hybrid format. Interested persons submitting written testimony were recommended to submit their written Statements 24 hours in advance of the meeting to allow for distribution to the Commission prior to the meeting.

IN PERSON: Leiopapa A Kamehameha, State Office Tower, Room 405
235 S Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

YOUTUBE RECORDING: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4R3RteMnf50>)

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Dan Giovanni
Lee Ohigashi
Mel Kahele
George Atta
Brian Lee (Zoom)
Nancy Carr Smith (Zoom)
Michael Yamane (Zoom)

STAFF PRESENT:

Scott Derrickson, Chief Planner
Martina Segura, Staff Planner
Ariana Kwan, Chief Clerk
Melissa Goldman, Esq. Deputy Attorney General

COURT REPORTER:

Naegeli Deposition and Trial
(Via Zoom Recording)

CALL TO ORDER (YouTube: 00:00:07)

Chair Giovanni, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (YouTube: 00:02:25)

The first agenda item was the approval of the May 8, 2024, Minutes. There was no written testimony, or members of the public who wished to testify on the approval of the Minutes.

Commissioner Ohigashi moved to adopt the May 8, 2024, Minutes, and Commissioner Atta seconded the motion.

May 8, 2024, Minutes were approved with 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain, and 1 excused.

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE (YouTube: 00:04:05)

Chair Giovanni called for Land Use Commission Staff to provide the Tentative Meeting Schedule. Chief Planner, Scott Derrickson provided the following tentative meeting dates, and cautioned the Commissioners not to plan to release the remaining days due to upcoming items:

June 19-20, 2024: SP97-390 Central Maui Land Fill and A11-792 DHHC (Maui)
July 10, 2024: Ethics Commission Training (O'ahu)
July 23 -24, 2024: Commissioner Training (O'ahu)
August 7-8, 2024: SP09-403 Waimanalo Gulch Landfill (O'ahu)
August 21-22, 2024: SP09-403 Waimanalo Gulch & SP73-147 Makakilo Quarry (O'ahu)
August 29-30, 2024: SP73-147 Makakilo Quarry (O'ahu)
September 4, 2024: SP73-147 Makakilo Quarry (O'ahu)
September 11-13, 2024: HCPO (Hawai'i)
September 25-26, 2024: SP21-412 Mahi Solar (O'ahu)
October 9-10, 2024: SP21-412 Mahi Solar (O'ahu)



October 23-24, 2024: A07-772 A&B Properties, Inc. Motion and A07-773(a) Emmanuel Lutheran Status Report

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING: STATE OF HAWAI'I OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (OPSD) SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS & USE IN REGULATING AGRICULTURAL LANDS STUDY CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO ACT 189 (SESSION LAWS OF HAWAI'I 2022) (YouTube: 00:08:38)

For additional information, the study is available via the following URL:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/aceb7c1d500e4cfe9eaf57274c0db123>

Appearances

Office of Planning and Sustainable Development ("OPSD")

Katia Balassiano, Land Use Development Program Administrator
Aaron Setogawa, Senior Planner
Allison Kato, Deputy Attorney General

G70, Consultant Team

Hunter Heavilin
Barbara Natale
Adhann Mako (Zoom)
Ryan Ringuette (Zoom)

Public

None

Public Testimony Round One (YouTube: 00:09:12 -00:09:33)

The Land Use Commission received no written testimony prior to the start of the meeting from the public on this matter. Chair Giovanni opened the meeting up for testimony on the matter, and there were no members of the public who wished to provide testimony at this time.

Presentation (YouTube: 00:10:30 -01:40:16)

OPSD and G70 provided their presentation on the history, status, and updates for the Soil Classification Systems & Use in Regulating Agricultural Lands Study. Additionally included in the presentation, were initial recommendations for updating the existing soil classification system, and a summary of what information will be presented to the legislature in the final report (YouTube: 00:10:30-00:58:54).

Commissioners asked OPSD and G70 questions regarding which best land uses were included as variables in the study, intentions of OPSD regarding the outcomes during next legislative session, how the analysis is conducted and the consideration of geological differences, implication of new data and resources for important agriculture land designations, involvement of the Department of Agriculture, availability of natural resources, and how the findings will impact the Land Use Commission in the future (YouTube: 00:59:16 -01:40:16).

Public Testimony Round Two (YouTube: 01:40:17- 01:40:56)

Once again, Chair Giovanni opened the meeting up for public testimony on this matter, and there were no members of the public that wished to testify during the second round of public testimony.

ADJOURNMENT (YouTube: 01:41:46)

Chair Giovanni requested lunch be provided for the June 19-20 hearings, as the hearings are being held at the Maui College and the cafeteria is expected to be closed.

A motion to adjourn was moved by Commissioner Yamane and seconded by Commissioner Lee. The motion passed with 7 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused. With no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

