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M I N U T E S

REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING of the HAWAII STATE COMMITTEE OF BLIND VENDORS

DATE: Wednesday, May 5, 2021

PLACE: Ho’opono

1901 Bachelot Street

Honolulu, HI 96817

(via Microsoft Teams or Call-in)

PRESENT:

1. ­Committee: Stan Young, Chris Akamine, Dane Alani, Ivy Galariada, Steve Kim, Lespaul Naki, Don Patterson, Wanda Takaesu

Excused: Kyle Aihara and Dane Alani

1. Members: Evelyn Ah San, Dyllon Asami, Ted Chinn, Joel Cho, Ron Flormata, Flordeliza Galiza, Wilmer Galiza, Kenny Johnson, Michael Miyashiro, Doug Moises, Rhani Naki, Norman Ota, Lynn Schempp, and Martha Vo (Trainee)
2. Ho'opono: SBA Lea Dias, BEP Manager Kathleen Fujimoto, VFS Tad Matsuno, and BEP Secretary MJ Andres
3. Guests: DAG Lori Wada, Erin Lau, Lily Young, and Erin Yamashiro, and BEP Student Isaiah Lieu

CALL TO ORDER:

Noting the presence of a quorum, Stan called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MARCH 30, 2021:

Following discussion, Chris moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Steve seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and Decision-Making on Whether to Combine Vending Facility #66 MPO Kunia and Rochefort Locations under One Blind Vendor:

Kat read a testimony submitted by Ron Flormata, a copy of which will be attached to the minutes.

SBA Lea read a testimony submitted by Stan Young, a copy of which will be attached to the minutes.

Virgil gave a verbal testimony.

Ted gave a verbal testimony keeping as a 2-person facility.

Following discussion, Don moved to revert 2-person facility into a 1-person facility. Ivy seconded and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Voting in favor – Chris, Ivy, Steve, Lespaul, Don, Wanda, and Stan

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss and hearing no objections, Don moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

KF:mra

Ho'opono/Employment Section