

MINUTES
Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 13, 2016

Commissioners Present:

Carl Makino, Interim Chairman
Shannon Carrier
Dan Kittredge
Alex Harris
Kawika Riley

Others Present:

Chet Adessa, Admin Assistant
Malia Taum-Deenik (DHS)
Jeff Irons (CFS)
Russell Suzuki (AG)
Tara Buckley, PARENTS, Inc.

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm., by Interim Chairman Makino. The Commissioners present constituted a quorum.

II. Public Testimony: There were no written public testimonies.

III. Approval of Minutes The approval of the minutes of the August 30, 2016 meeting was deferred

IV. Reports:

a. Legislative package:

At the Commission's meeting on August 30, 2016, Interim Chairman Makino had appointed Commissioners Riley and Harris as co-chairs of a Special Committee on Legislative Affairs. The Special Committee was to look into legislative issues and a budget for the Commission to be submitted to the Legislature.

Commissioner Riley presented a budget that included a half-time position and travel funds to enable the Commission to meet on a neighbor island. These items would be in addition to the Commission's current base budget. Deputy AG Suzuki suggested that the travel funds be increased in the event new commissioners are appointed. Commissioner Riley further presented a resolution that could be introduced at the legislature. The resolution would attempt to place the Commission on a task force on incarcerated fathers. Commissioner Riley informed that he was in contact Catherine Betts, the Executive Director of the Commission on the Status of Women who concurred that the Commission

on Fatherhood and the Commission on the Status of Women should be involved with this task force. A discussion followed on how to introduce the proposed resolution to the legislature and how DHS can assist with this process. Commissioner Riley added that he will arrange a meeting with Judge Wilson, Chairman of the task force. Deputy Suzuki suggested that the Commission alert the governor's office concerning the proposed resolution and to draft a cover letter for the resolution. Interim Chairman Makino asked the Special Committee to finalize the legislative package based on the Commission's discussion for approval at the next meeting.

b. **Budget FY 17:**

Mr. Adessa presented the expenditure and encumbrance report to date. Interim Chairman Makino asked him to clarify the encumbrance of the registration fee for the Children and Youth Day.

c. **Commissioner reports:**

Commissioner Kittredge reported on events he attended on Kauai. He asked if it was possible to accept donations to the Commission. Deputy Suzuki stated that such funds could be accepted provided they are within the Commission's purpose.

V. **Commission/Public Generated Issues:** None

VI. **Announcements/Adjournment:** There being no further business before the Commission the meeting was adjourned by Interim Chairman Makino at 2:13 pm. It was announced that the Commission will be holding a special meeting on September 27, 2016. The meeting will be held at 1:00 pm at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, 560. N. Nimitz Highway, Honolulu, HI 96817.

Prepared and Submitted by:

Date: September 24, 2016

Chet Adessa, Administrative Assistant

Approved by Commission: _____