



MEETING Minutes

Friday, January 18, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Department of Human Services Conference Room 282, Kapolei Office, Kahuhihewa Building,
Kapolei, HI 96707

AGENDA

Commissioners Present

Richard Kebo, Kawika Riley, Dan Kittredge, Caleb Milliken, Kawika Mattos. Alan Sunio delayed, but arrives after minutes taken.

Others Present

Erin Lau (AG), Malia (DHS), Melia Mattos, Liana MacDonald-Kainoa.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. at the Department of Human Services Conference Room, Kapolei Office, Kahuhihewa Building, Conference Room 282, Kapolei, HI 96707.

II. Public Testimony

Liana MacDonald-Kainoa shares an update on fatherhood support activities in West Hawai'i Island. She shared about working closely with Commissioner Milliken and their recent Christmas with our Keiki event. Spoke in support of the father-daughter dance (first ever in Kona to her knowledge) and the great community feedback on that. Malia Mattos shares about her work as a Hawaiian Cultural Specialist and Early Childhood Development Specialist on Maui, working with Maui families under a grant from the Native Hawaiian Education Program. Commissioners thanked the speakers; some also share their thoughts on the importance of thinking of and prioritizing well-being.

III. Approval of Minutes

Commissioners deferred approval of the minutes. Deferral proposed by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Kittredge. Commission votes unanimously to defer minutes.

IV. Discussion

a. Central Information Clearinghouse

Chair Kebo asks for an update on the fatherhood studies report and to what extent the fatherhood studies report will help in gathering information for the future Commission-generated fatherhood services clearinghouse. DHS representative shared information on how the contract was developed when it was executed several years ago. Chair Kebo asks Commissioner Riley to consolidate the Chair's feedback into his own comments and send them back to the contractor.

Commissioner Mattos brings up that recently the commissioners all submitted lists of fatherhood programs and services, and asked for an update. Chair Kebo shared that all of that information has been consolidated, but it was an assignment that he hoped to work with our volunteer administrative assistant on that. Unfortunately that position has been vacated. The Commissioners then discussed how to move the project forward.

b. To consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities.

Commissioners went into executive session pursuant to HRS Section 92-5(a)(4). Motion made by Commissioner Riley. Seconded by Kittredge. Commission temporarily closes executive session at 10:52 a.m. The Commission returned to open session at approximately 11:53 a.m.

V. Decision Making

a. Request for Fatherhood Engagement Sponsorship Process

Following a brief discussion led by Chair Kebo, the Commission voted to defer its decision making item for the next meeting. The motion was made by Commissioner Riley. Seconded by Commissioner Kittredge. The Commission approved this motion unanimously.

VI. Reports

a. Reports on community involvement, events, trainings or meetings attended. Commissioners provided brief updates about fatherhood-related events in their counties. Commissioner Riley also shared that the Commission's report to the legislature was submitted via the Office of the DHS Director.

VII. Commission/public generated issues/agenda items. (No decision making)

Commissioner Riley motions to adjourn. Commissioner Kittredge seconded. All Commissioners vote in favor.

VIII. Adjournment.

The Commission adjourned at 11:58 a.m. Next meeting is to be determined.