



News Release

KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

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KIRC Commissioners meet Thursday

Members of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission will convene their regular monthly meeting this Thursday, August 2, in Honolulu in the first floor Board Room of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kalanimoku Building, 1151 Punchbowl Street at 9 a.m.

Among the commission's new business agenda items: nominations and approval of a vice chair; the review and approval of contracts; and, the establishment of commission task forces/committees on:

1. **Stewardship:** to provide policy guidance and direction and to oversee implementation of the Stewardship Agreement;
2. **Culture/Education:** to provide guidance and direction regarding the Edith Kanaka'ole Foundation contract and the review and revisions of the cultural use plan;
3. **Personnel:** to provide policy guidance and direction to the full commission; to oversee the evaluation process of the Executive Director and all staff; to monitor the creation of new positions (Restoration and hybrid plan); and to monitor the recruitment and hiring for staff vacancies;
4. **Access:** to provide policy guidance pursuant to Chapter 6K HRS and HAR for the development of forms and processes to request access to the Reserve;
5. **Capital Improvement Projects:** to provide policy guidance and direction on KIRC projects – the Kihei site (planning, design, entitlements), Kuheia (small boat harbor, access road, Army Corps of Engineer support) and Hakioawa (design and construction of the hale and other accessory structures)

KIRC Commissioners include Chairperson Noa Emmett Aluli, M.D., and members Milton M. Arakawa, A.I.C.P., Charles PMK Burrows, Ed.D., Robert J. Lu'uwai, John D. Waihe'e IV and, serving as an interim commissioner pending state senate ratification in January, newly appointed DLNR Board Chair Laura H. Thielen. The meeting also marks the first of Commissioner Craig Neff of Hilo who assumed the post of retiring Commissioner Burt Sakata, July 1. Neff, who served previously as a commissioner, will again represent the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana (PKO) on the commission. Sol P. Kaho'ohalahala is executive director.

Meetings of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission are open to the public. Individuals wishing to provide testimony are requested to submit ten (10) copies of their testimony to the Executive Director, 811 Kolu Street, Suite 201, Wailuku, HI 96793, or by fax to (808) 243-5885, at least 48-hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Persons wishing to testify orally may do so at the meeting. For more information or special assistance, contact the KIRC Office on Maui at (808) 243-5020.