

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 29, 2009, 2:00 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 309
415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

OPEN SESSION

Members Present:

Senator Will Espero, Chair	Representative Marilyn Lee
Councilmember Gary Okino (Vice Chair)	Senator Carol Fukunaga
Councilmember Romy Cachola	Acting DOT Director Francis Keeno
Councilmember Rod Tam	DTS Director Wayne Yoshioka

Member(s) Absent: Councilmembers Todd Apo and Nestor Garcia; Representatives Karen Awana and Joseph Souki; and Senator J. Kalani English

Guests Present:

Dennis Galolo (CM Cachola)	Tom Smyth (NB #13, CAC)
Elizabeth Fischer (FHWA, TAC ex officio)	David Hilea, Jr. (NB #11)

OahuMPO Staff Present: Gordon Lum, Randolph Sykes, and Pamela Toyooka

Chair Will Espero called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. A quorum was present. Chair Espero noted that, since there were not enough members present to vote to go into Executive Session, the members would instead discuss the designation of temporary assignment for the Executive Director's position during the transition period.

I. DESIGNATION OF TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S POSITION DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD

Chair Espero recommended that OahuMPO Senior Planner Lori Arakaki be given the temporary assignment of the Executive Director's position until such time as a new Executive Director comes on board.

[Councilmember Rod Tam arrived at 2:12 p.m. Senator Carol Fukunaga arrived at 2:19 p.m.]

The members discussed the salary to be given Ms. Arakaki while on temporary assignment. It was noted that: 1) her current position as Senior Planner was subject to the Governor's furlough plan; 2) the Executive Director's position would not be subject to furlough from January 1st through June 30th; and 3) as Acting Executive Director, she would be required to work a non-furlough schedule, while being paid as if she were on furlough.

Councilmember Tam moved and Vice Chair Okino seconded that Ms. Arakaki be given the temporary assignment of Executive Director, with a salary equivalent to 5% above the

advertised starting salary, until such time as a new Executive Director comes on board. The motion carried unanimously, with one reservation (Cachola).

Department of Transportation Services Director Wayne Yoshioka moved and Councilmember Tam seconded that the members go into Executive Session to discuss the Investigative Committee's findings and recommendations for the selection of the OahuMPO Executive Director. The motion was unanimously carried.

At approximately 2:35 p.m., the room was cleared of all staff and the public, with the exception of the Executive Director Gordon Lum.

At 2:54 p.m., the staff and public were invited back into the room. Chair Espero reconvened the Open Session portion of the meeting.

II. RECOMMENDATION OF THE INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE SELECTION OF THE OAHUMPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Senator Carol Fukunaga moved and Director Yoshioka seconded that, in addition to their current designated duties, the Investigative Committee be authorized to also negotiate employment conditions and consider hiring the next Executive Director from the pool of applicants. The motion was unanimously carried.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.