

# Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC)

Counties of Kaua'i, Maui, Hawai'i and City & County of Honolulu

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## MINUTES

### HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, November 30, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

Honolulu Hale, Committee Meeting Room

530 South King Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by HSAC President Valerie Poindexter at 10 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

County of Hawaii:

President Valerie Poindexter  
Councilmember, Hawaii County Council

County of Kauai:

Vice President Ross Kagawa  
Councilmember, Kauai County Council

County of Maui:

Secretary Stacy Crivello  
Presiding Officer Pro Tempore, Maui County Council

City and County of Honolulu:

Treasurer Ikaika Anderson  
Councilmember, Honolulu City Council

Others Present:

Sunshine Carter, Legislative Assistant to Councilmember Valerie Poindexter, Hawaii County Council  
Leilani Wessel, Legislative Assistant to Councilmember Rebecca Villegas, Hawaii County Council  
Aida Kawamura, Legislative Assistant, Office of Council Services, Kauai County Council  
Francisco Figueiredo, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, Honolulu City Council  
Saumalu Mataafa, Legislative Analyst, Office of Council Services, Maui County Council  
Alan Texeira, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, Honolulu City Council  
Radiant Cordeiro, Office of Councilmember Joey Manahan, Honolulu City Council  
Kamakana Watanabe, Office of Council Services, Honolulu City Council  
Scott Ishikawa, Senior Account Executive, Becker Communications, Inc.



## II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Anderson moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Secretary Crivello and was unanimously carried.

## III. REPORTS

### A. Treasurer's Report

#### 1. Treasurer's Report for September 2018

Treasurer Anderson reported that HSAC started the month of September with a balance of \$231,940.57 and expenses of \$13,425.20 leaving an ending balance of \$218,519.04. Treasurer Anderson made a motion to approve and file the report. Secretary Crivello seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

#### 2. Treasurer's Report for October 2018

Treasurer Anderson reported that HSAC started the month of October with a balance of \$218,519.04 and expenses of \$2,242.15 and a deposit of \$3.70 leaving an ending balance of \$216,280.59. Treasurer Anderson made a motion to approve and file the report. Secretary Crivello seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

### B. County Reports

1. County of Maui Report. Secretary Crivello reported the Council's Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee passed legislation to remove barriers from the permit review process for 100 percent residential workforce housing projects. The proposed bill requires departments to review permits for 100 percent residential workforce housing projects within 15 working days.

Secretary Crivello said another proposed bill that passed out of the committee seeks to offer exemptions and incentives to 100 percent residential workforce housing projects. Projects may be exempt from zoning, permit fees, and other County development requirements. The provisions of the bill mimic the State's fast-track housing development process but allows the Council a 60-day review period, instead of a 45-day review period as specified by the State's fast-track housing development process.

She also said the Committee passed a resolution which will allow Maui County to construct a new bus hub in Central Maui. The plan includes a



land swap with the State, who will build more office space in Wailuku and contribute to the town's revitalization.

2. **County of Kauai Report.** Vice President Kagawa reported the Council recently adopted Kauai's energy code with guidance from Kauai's local contractors' association. He said the State's Building Council assembles the code and allows the counties to make amendments within a 2-year time frame. He also said some provisions of the State's energy code had strict requirements that needed to be softened to accommodate local businesses and residents. The Council adopted amendments that would require submetering for commercial businesses in large commercial centers, amend the insulation requirements for concrete buildings, and remove the requirement that commercial buildings shall install ceiling fans.

Vice President Kagawa also expressed interest in remaining on the HSAC Executive Committee.

3. **City and County of Honolulu Report.** Treasurer Anderson said Honolulu City Council adopted a resolution urging the HSAC Executive Committee to include in its 2019 HSAC Legislative Package a proposed bill for an act that would require the State Department of Human Services, Med-QUEST Division, to amend the Hawaii Medicaid State Plan to include the City and County of Honolulu's special transit service as a means of nonemergency medical transportation. The proposed bill would enable the City or its Contractor to qualify as a provider of nonemergency medical transportation and receive reimbursement for transporting Medicaid recipients to and from providers of Medicaid services. He reported the resolution approving the bill for inclusion into the HSAC Legislative package missed the deadline for the submittal of proposals, and therefore, would not be included in the 2019 HSAC Legislative package.
4. **County of Hawaii Report.** President Poindexter reported Hawaii County Council recently passed Bill 108, relating to vacation rentals. She said this will be the first time Hawaii County will be regulating short-term vacation rentals on Hawaii Island. The Planning Department will begin to draft rules for implementing the new ordinance, which will become a new section of the Hawaii Island Zoning Code. There will be at least one public hearing on the rules before the effective date of April 1, 2019.

President Poindexter said the Council also voted to accept \$10 million from the State for lava disaster relief in Puna. Funds would be used to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents in the lower Puna area and for relocation planning for residents and agricultural enterprises adversely impacted by the volcanic eruption.



She said the Council also adopted a resolution urging the County's administration to make road improvements a top priority by creating alternate routes to accommodate Puna residents who were affected by the Lava.

The Council voted in favor of expanding the scope of the powers and duties of the Veterans Advisory Committee by allowing it to initiate discussions and make recommendations on veterans-related issues, independently, and without a prior request by the Mayor or the Council. The committee's new powers will be limited to business and discussion on cemeteries only.

President Poindexter said the Council will also consider a proposed bill to increase the rate charged for sewer services. The last increase was in 2002.

The new Council will take its oath of office on December 3, 2018. President Poindexter extended an invitation to the HSAC Executive Committee members.

Lastly, President Poindexter said Mayor Harry Kim has been selected for the prestigious Homeland Heroes award for his ongoing efforts to keep the people of Hawaii County safe. The Government Technology & Services Coalition (GTSC) based in Arlington, Virginia, named Mayor Kim a Mission Awardee for 2018. Mayor Kim was cited for his leadership during the Lower East Rift Zone eruption in Puna, noting that he continued to work throughout the eruption and other emergencies while struggling through mild heart attacks and pneumonia.

Treasurer Anderson made a motion to accept and file the County reports. Secretary Crivello seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

#### C. National Association of Counties (NACo) Report

1. President Poindexter deferred discussion on the NACo report until the next scheduled HSAC Executive Committee meeting.

#### D. Western Interstate Region (WIR) Report

1. President Poindexter deferred discussion on the WIR report until the next scheduled HSAC Executive Committee meeting.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. 2019 HSAC Legislative Package



Treasurer Anderson made a motion for the HSAC Executive Committee to accept the 2019 HSAC Legislative Package. Secretary Crivello seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

**B. Charter Amendment to create an Office of Climate Change and Resiliency**

Treasurer Anderson requested a new discussion item be added to the HSAC Executive Committee agenda relating to the creation of an Office of Climate Change and Resiliency through the charter amendment process. He said the organization, Hawaii 350, is willing to present information to the HSAC Executive Committee on establishing an Office of Climate Change and Resiliency through charter amendment.

Treasurer Anderson noted the City and County of Honolulu recently established the Office of Climate Change and Resiliency.

Vice President Kagawa said setting up new departments or offices may have unintended consequences and may result in unnecessary government spending. However, he said he would be willing to hear the presentation.

Treasurer Anderson moved to include a presentation by Hawaii 350 relating to climate change policy at an upcoming meeting. Vice President Kagawa seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. SB 2922 Constitutional amendment update**

President Poindexter deferred discussion on State Bill 2922 relating to a State Constitutional amendment.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. President Poindexter said she would send out an electronic poll to determine the next meeting's date.**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**A. Secretary Crivello moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. Vice President Kagawa seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.**