

HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
HELD AT 1002 N. SCHOOL STREET, BUILDING A,  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817  
ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025  
IN THE COUNTY OF HONOLULU, STATE OF HAWAII

The Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority held their Annual Board Meeting at 1002 North School Street, on Thursday, August 28, 2025. The Board meeting was conducted by video conference via Zoom.

The public was able to participate in the meeting via Zoom or telephone by calling in. The meeting was also open to the public for in person participation at 1002 N. School Street, Building A, Honolulu, HI 96817. No Board members were physically present at this location. It was announced that if the HPHA lost internet or Zoom connection during the meeting, the meeting would be recessed and reconvened pursuant to instructions in the posted agenda.

At approximately 9:06 a.m., Chairperson Hall called the meeting to order, held a roll call and declared a quorum present. Those present were as follows and no one else was with them at their location:

**PRESENT:**  
(Via Zoom)

Director Robert Hall, Chairperson  
Director Betty Lou Larson, Vice Chairperson  
Director Susan Kunz, Secretary  
Designee Joseph H. Campos, II  
Director Lisa Anne Darcy  
Director Christyl Nagao  
Director Todd Taniguchi

Deputy Attorney General Linda Chow  
Deputy Attorney General Klemen Urbanc  
Deputy Attorney General Chase Suzumoto

**EXCUSED:**

Director Roy Katsuda  
Director Scott Glenn

**STAFF PRESENT:**  
(Via Zoom)

Hakim Ouansafi, Executive Director  
Barbara Arashiro, Executive Assistant  
Bennett Liu, Chief Financial Officer  
Ryan Akamine, Chief Compliance Officer  
Rick Sogawa, Contracts and Procurement Officer  
Benjamin Park, Chief Planner  
Carson Schultz, Redevelopment Officer  
Dale Fujimoto, Property Mgt & Maint Services Branch Chief

Jennifer Weber, Section 8 Subsidy Program Chief  
Shirley Befitel, Human Resources & Safety Officer  
Nelson Lee, Systems Analyst Supervisor  
Dallis Ontiveros, Housing Information Officer  
Angela Nabua, Secretary  
Kanoë Kepaa, Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT** (via Zoom/teleconference):

Anna Matsunaga, Senator Hashimoto's Office  
Casey Shoji, Senator Chang's Office  
Laurie Thorson, Section 8 Participant  
Lenda Tominiko, Kuhio Park Terrace Low-Rise Resident  
Shontel Jones, Ho'oponopono  
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**Public Testimony**

Individuals were allowed to submit written testimony no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting, which would be distributed to the Board members. The public was instructed to submit written testimony via email to [rochelle.k.kepaa@hawaii.gov](mailto:rochelle.k.kepaa@hawaii.gov) or by U.S. mail to P.O. Box 17907, Honolulu, HI 96817. The public was also allowed to participate via Zoom or teleconference by using the "Raise Hand" feature in Zoom, or by simply announcing/identifying themselves and the item they want to testify about during the public testimony portion of the meeting. Individuals were also allowed to provide audiovisual oral testimony by using the "Raise Hand" feature in Zoom, clicking the "Unmute" icon to talk, and clicking the "Start Video" icon to turn the camera on.

Chairperson Hall stated that the Board would accept public testimony on any item relevant to the agenda at this time or at the time the agenda item is called for discussion. Pursuant to section 92-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and section 17-2000-18, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the Board may limit public testimony to three minutes per agenda item.

There was no written public testimony submitted or given.

**Election of Chairperson**

Chairperson Hall stated that the Board would accept public testimony on the election of the Chairperson.

Laurie Thorson, Section 8 participant, stated that the Board of Directors is missing a member who should be a recipient of the Section 8 program and inquired if this would be considered at today's meeting.

Chairperson Hall noted Ms. Thorson's comment.

Chairperson Hall requested nominations for Chairperson for the Board of Directors.

Director Campos nominated Director Robert Hall as Chairperson, noting that given the ongoing development projects, it would benefit the Board to maintain continuity in leadership.

Director Taniguchi expressed support for the principle of continuity. He noted his appreciation for Director Hall's experience and the calm presence he brings to meetings, which he felt was valuable to both the Board and staff. He seconded the nomination, citing both technical and leadership capabilities.

Director Darcy concurred with the comments of Directors Campos and Taniguchi. She added that Director Hall has demonstrated strong leadership and expressed strong support for his nomination.

Chairperson Hall accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed.

**Director Robert Hall was unanimously elected as Chairperson.**

### **Election of Vice Chairperson**

Chairperson Hall stated that the Board would accept public testimony on the election of the Vice Chairperson. No public testimony was given.

Chairperson Hall requested nominations for Vice Chairperson for the Board of Directors.

Director Darcy nominated Director Larson as Vice Chairperson. She noted that Director Larson is highly knowledgeable, thoughtful, and possesses an exceptional skill set, which would be valuable should the Chairperson be unable to perform their duties.

Director Campos concurred with Director Darcy.

Director Taniguchi expressed support for the nomination, noting that Director Larson has demonstrated both the capability and capacity required for the role. He also highlighted her consistent consideration of residents' perspectives when evaluating programs, which he viewed as a strong complement to her leadership approach.

Director Hall stated that Director Larson has been a long-time advocate for housing. He expressed appreciation for her sincerity and dedication to a challenging cause. He commended her for consistently bringing valuable perspective to the Board's discussions and noted that she brings balance to any Board.

Director Larson accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed.

**Director Betty Lou Larson was unanimously elected as Vice Chairperson.**

### **Election of Secretary**

Chairperson Hall stated that the Board would accept public testimony on the election of the Secretary. No public testimony was given.

Chairperson Hall requested nominations for Secretary for the Board of Directors.

Director Larson nominated Director Kunz as Secretary. Director Kunz accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed.

Director Larson stated that it is beneficial to have representation from the neighbor islands in Board leadership. She noted that Director Kunz has demonstrated a strong commitment to addressing issues on her island and provides valuable input from the neighbor island perspective.

Director Hall concurred with Director Larson. He added that Director Kunz brings a sense of calm that has been helpful to him and other Board members. He also thanked her for her many years of service to HPHA and other agencies.

**Director Susan Kunz was unanimously elected as Secretary.**

(End of Section)

**Director Darcy moved,**

**To Adjourn the Meeting**

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20 a.m.

**MINUTES CERTIFICATION FOR AUGUST 28, 2025**

Minutes Prepared by:

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Rochelle Kanoe Kepaa  
Secretary to the Board

Date

Approved by the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board of Directors at their Regular Meeting on October 16, 2025 [    ] As Presented [    ] As Amended

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Director Susan Kunz  
Board Secretary

Date