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LIQUOR CONTROL ADJUDICATION BOARD
COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING

Held at the County of Maui Service Center, Suite
212A Conference Room, 110 Alaihi Street, Kahului, Maui,
Hawaii, commencing at 9:01 a.m., on March 5, 2026.

Reported by: Sandra J. Gran, RPR, CSR 424

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RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS:

Gary Y. Murai, Chair
Rhonda I.L. Loo, Vice Chair
Mark T. Honda, Member
Janice Kalanhuia, Member
John D. Kim, Member
Lu Ann Lankford-Faborito, Member
Randal N. Mahiai, Jr., Member (joined late at 9:03 a.m.)

EXCUSED:

Dustin Kaleiopu, Member

ABSENT:

None

OTHERS:

Christie Trenholme, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Richard Rost, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Jarrett Kahooahano, Deputy Director, Department of Liquor
Control
Cullen Kawano, Head of Enforcement Division, Department of
Liquor Control
Maria Khangsensing, Board Secretary

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March 5, 2026, 9:01 a.m.

Kahului, Maui, Hawaii

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CHAIR MURAI: Good morning, everyone. This is a regular meeting of the Liquor Control Adjudication Board. Today is Thursday, March 5th, and it is 9:01 a.m. My name is Gary Murai, I'm the chair for this board, and I hereby call the meeting to order. I'll start with doing a roll call. Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, if the members are joining the meeting remotely, please indicate who, if anyone, is present with you at your location.

Starting with Vice Chair Loo.

VICE CHAIR LOO: Present.

CHAIR MURAI: Member Honda.

MEMBER HONDA: Present.

CHAIR MURAI: Member Kalanhuia.

MEMBER KALANHUIA: Present.

CHAIR MURAI: And you're not by yourself today.

Member Kim.

MEMBER KIM: Here.

CHAIR MURAI: Member Lankford-Faborito.

MEMBER LANKFORD-FABORITO: Here.

CHAIR MURAI: I'll note for the record that Member Kaleiopu is excused.

Member Mahiai is absent.

1 The chair is present as well.

2 For the record, the following are also present:
3 Deputy Corporation Counsel Christie Trenholme is appearing
4 remotely. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Richard Rost is
5 present. Director Silva is excused. Deputy Director
6 Kahoochanohano is present, and Chief of Enforcement Cullen
7 Cohan is also present.

8 Maria, have we received any written testimony?

9 MS. KHANGSENGSING: No.

10 CHAIR MURAI: All right. Pursuant to HRS Section
11 92.6, no public testimony will be received on adjudicatory
12 matters. However, testimony will be accepted for all other
13 agenda items. For oral testimony, each testifier will be
14 limited to two minutes on each agenda item, with one minute to
15 conclude. Those joining remotely, please use the hand icon
16 located on the toolbar to raise your hand signifying your wish
17 to speak or provide public testimony. All remote attendees,
18 except for members, please mute your audio and video.

19 Is there anyone wishing to provide public testimony?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIR MURAI: Seeing none, public testimony is
22 closed.

23 Moving on in the agenda, we have no hearing before
24 the -- hearings before the board today. The only thing we
25 have today is a couple of matters. By Administrative Rule

1 Section 08-102-81(a) of Chapter 102 -- let's see.

2 MEMBER MAHIAI: Member Mahiai.

3 CHAIR MURAI: Howzit, Randal?

4 MEMBER MAHIAI: Good morning.

5 CHAIR MURAI: The record will reflect that Member
6 Mahiai has joined us. Don't worry, brah. I can tell you're
7 breathing hard, so catch your breath.

8 (Laughter.)

9 CHAIR MURAI: No, you never miss nothing.

10 The board shall annually elect a new chair and vice
11 chair. This is for the period of April 2026 to March 2027.
12 So every year, this is the month we elect a new chair and vice
13 chair to serve for the following year. And what we're going
14 to do is going to open up the floor for nominations here,
15 receive nominations, close the nominations, then people can
16 speak for or against whoever, and then we will vote.

17 MEMBER KIM: Well, I'd like to move that the current
18 officers retain their positions and close the elections.

19 MEMBER LANKFORD-FAVORITO: I second that.

20 CHAIR MURAI: Well, we're -- well, thank you, Member
21 Kim, for your confidence in me and Vice Chair Loo, but I think
22 we should probably separate the motions and at least ask for
23 other nominations before we close. Any other nominations?

24 MEMBER KIM: Well, there's a motion on the floor.

25 VICE CHAIR LOO: That's true.

1 CHAIR MURAI: Okay, all right. Is there a second to
2 the motion?

3 MEMBER KIM: There was a second.

4 MEMBER LANKFORD-FAVORITO: I did second.

5 CHAIR MURAI: You did second. All right. Moved and
6 seconded. Okay. All in favor of the motion reappointing or
7 reelecting the current officers, please say aye.

8 (Response.)

9 CHAIR MURAI: Any no?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIR MURAI: Hearing none, the motion carried
12 unanimously. Thank you for your confidence. And Vice Chair
13 Loo, I look forward to serving with you for another year.

14 VICE CHAIR LOO: It's my last year, so --

15 CHAIR MURAI: Which is why I strongly suggested that
16 Vice Chair Loo assume the role of chair, but I think she likes
17 things the way they are. Thank you all for your vote of
18 confidence.

19 VICE CHAIR LOO: Thank you, everyone.

20 CHAIR MURAI: Next, moving on to -- another thing we
21 do every year is, you know, we like to thank the members who
22 are reaching the end of their term, and I'd like to recognize
23 -- well, there are two members who are cycling off, Janice
24 Kalanhuia and Dustin Kaleiopu. Dustin is not here today
25 because he needed to be excused; however, I can -- can I

1 disclose that Dustin has been reappointed? I guess so, it's
2 public record.

3 VICE CHAIR LOO: Yes.

4 CHAIR MURAI: But Dustin -- Dustin has signed on for
5 another full term on this board, and I am really grateful for
6 that because -- and the reason why he can do that is when he
7 was appointed, when he joined us, he was filling a partial
8 term, which allows him to reapply for a full term. So I'm
9 glad he did.

10 But the other member who I'd like to recognize
11 today, Member Kalanhuia, has served a full five years. And
12 you know, as far as I can remember, I don't think Janice has
13 ever missed a meeting. Right?

14 MEMBER KALANHUIA: I tried not to.

15 CHAIR MURAI: You know, I -- you know, in -- and if
16 I can editorialize for a bit, you know, we always read in the
17 newspaper how certain commissions, they have a hard time doing
18 business because people don't show up, and you got to wonder
19 how come. And, you know, so we really are -- I think we're
20 really blessed that we've had, you know, top-quality members
21 who take this job seriously. I know that -- like, you know,
22 over the years, I could tell from, you know, Janice's
23 participation, the questions she asks, you know, the decisions
24 she makes that she takes this job seriously. And I know that,
25 you know, I appreciate it, I know that you folks all do, and I

1 think the public is fortunate that this board has really, you
2 know, members who take their roles seriously.

3 I'm going to start by -- and so we have a resolution
4 to present to Janice. I'm not sure how I'm supposed to do it.
5 Well, I'll just go ahead and start reading it.

6 "Recognizing Ms. Janice Kalanihuia of the Liquor
7 Control Adjudication Board.

8 "The Liquor Control Adjudication Board, County of
9 Maui, proposes adopting this resolution to recognize Ms.
10 Janice Kalanihuia for her service as a board member.

11 "And whereas Ms. Kalanihuia served on the board from
12 April 2021 to March 2026, and whereas the board and the
13 Department of Liquor Control acknowledge the valuable
14 contributions of Ms. Kalanihuia in her role.

15 "And whereas, the County of Maui and its citizens
16 have greatly benefited from the dedicated and responsible
17 services rendered by Ms. Kalanihuia during this period.

18 "And whereas her expertise, collaborative attitude,
19 and conduct have greatly inspired and supported her fellow
20 board members.

21 "Now, therefore, be it resolved that the board
22 sincerely thanks Ms. Kalanihuia for her dedicated services as
23 a member and wishes her success in her future pursuits.

24 "And be it further resolved that this resolution be
25 recorded in the minutes of the board and be forwarded" --

1 I think it's presumed that you're still on Molokai,
2 but I'm going to change it to be:

3 "Presented to Ms. Kalanihuia, adopted this 5th day
4 of March 2026."

5 Maria, do we have to -- do we actually like --

6 VICE CHAIR LOO: Clap?

7 CHAIR MURAI: Do we vote to adopt this, or is it
8 adopted by reading it into the record?

9 Anyway, you're right, I think we've acknowledged
10 this by clapping.

11 VICE CHAIR LOO: Yeah, where's the camera? Hello.

12 MEMBER LANKFORD-FAVORITO: I'll give it to Janice,
13 and I'll send it to you.

14 VICE CHAIR LOO: Send it to Layne so he can put it
15 on something.

16 MEMBER LANKFORD-FAVORITO: Do you want that
17 background?

18 CHAIR MURAI: Maybe facing this way, right? You
19 know, we stand right (inaudible) --

20 I think I'm basically in the picture, too.

21 (Inaudible comments.)

22 CHAIR MURAI: It's -- wow. It's real -- that's
23 cool. It's still on that side. No, those look well. We
24 should send those.

25 (Inaudible comments.)

1 VICE CHAIR LOO: You guys press -- center, center in
2 the center. In the center.

3 MEMBER LANKFORD-FAVORITO: Yeah. Okay, one, two,
4 three, smile, smile. Got it.

5 Do you mind if the rest of the members jump up?
6 (Inaudible comments.)

7 MEMBER LANKFORD-FAVORITO: Maria, would you be able
8 to do this?

9 (Inaudible comments.)

10 VICE CHAIR LOO: There's the pink. Someone get in
11 there. I gotta bring up the pink. Bring up blue. Oh, you
12 got the blue. Go ahead. Go, go, go.

13 MEMBER LANKFORD-FAVORITO: Boy, girl, boy, girl.

14 VICE CHAIR LOO: Yeah. I feel so tall.
15 (Laughter.)

16 MEMBER LANKFORD-FAVORITO: What the heck?
17 (Laughter.)

18 MEMBER LANKFORD-FAVORITO: Thank you very much.

19 MEMBER KALANIHUIA: Thank you.

20 VICE CHAIR LOO: Can you share that?

21 MEMBER LANKFORD-FAVORITO: I will. Do you guys know
22 how to do this air-droppy thing?

23 VICE CHAIR LOO: Oh, I have that.

24 MEMBER LANKFORD-FAVORITO: I can put it to your
25 e-mail.

1 VICE CHAIR LOO: Okay, please.

2 MEMBER LANKFORD-FAVORITO: I'll do it to Maria, so
3 Maria will share it.

4 MEMBER KALANIHUIA: Thank you. Thank you,
5 everybody.

6 CHAIR MURAI: So, moving on, we also have a
7 resolution for Dustin, but because he's not present, we'll
8 give him -- we'll do it at the next meeting because we know
9 he's coming back. All right.

10 (Laughter.)

11 CHAIR MURAI: Okay, moving on. Item VI,
12 Announcements: Next meeting will be Thursday, April 2nd, 9:00
13 a.m.

14 VICE CHAIR LOO: I ask to be excused.

15 MEMBER LANKFORD-FAVORITO: I ask to be excused. I'm
16 out of the country as well.

17 CHAIR MURAI: Okay. So, Members Lankford-Faborito
18 and Vice Chair Loo will not be available, and they are
19 excused.

20 And unless there's any other business to be taken
21 up, that brings us to the end of our agenda. The orders of
22 the day call for adjournment, so it is 9:15 a.m., and we are
23 adjourned.

24 (The proceedings were adjourned at 9:15 a.m.)
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