

COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS
MEETING MINUTES
September 25, 2025
[Virtual Meeting Recording](#)

Hybrid Meeting via Microsoft Teams & Personnel Conference Room, Kalana O Maui Building

PRESENT: Zhantell Lindo, Interim Chair
Rochelle Kim Tempo, Interim Vice Chair
Dylan Andrion, Member
Leonani Pahukoa-Meyer, Member
Lisa-Ann Kahaleauki, Member
Jewelyn Kahele, Member

VACANCIES: 5

STAFF: Lori Tshako, Director, Department of Human Concerns
Jessica Crouse, Deputy Director, Department of Human Concerns
Kristina Toshikiyo, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Vanessa Joy Domingo, Commission Secretary, Department of Human Concerns
Jenna Nakama, Commission Secretary, Department of Human Concerns

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Lindo called the Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness (“Commission” or “CHSH”) meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Chair Lindo took roll. Chair Lindo and Commissioners Kahaleauki and Kahele attended remotely. Vice Chair Tempo and Commissioners Andrion and Pahukoa-Meyer attended in person. There are currently 5 vacancies on the Commission.

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Testifier JC Law expressed appreciation for agendas including the Olelo Hawaii translation and shared his objection to the term ‘kuewa’ being used to translate ‘homelessness’.

Commissioner Kim Tempo inquired if he suggests an alternate term in Olelo Hawaii.

Testifier JC Law suggested ‘home ole’.

There were no further questions for this testifier.

Written testimony was provided by Susan Adams via email to the CHSH inbox on 09/20/25. Her testimony was shared with the Commission.

There were no questions for this testifier nor any further public testimonies.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN CONCERNS UPDATE

There was no public testimony.

NOTE: This item was advanced forward from item X due to Director Tsuhako having a prior commitment.

Director Tsuhako shared the following:

- A vendor to operate the Safe Parking Program Pilot was selected through the Request for Provider (“RFP”) process. A completed contract is anticipated in mid-October.
- The Mayor requested for the Department of Human Concerns (“Department”) to explore the development of a managed encampment program.
- The Department issued an invitation to apply for fiscal year 2027-2028 funding and more than 35 million dollars of aggregate requests were received.

Commissioner Andrion inquired if the Commission receives updates from the Department in the RFP process prior to the Department’s vendor selection. Director Tsuhako responded, “No.”

The Commission discussed their prior consideration to make a formal request to the Mayor to allow for their early involvement in the RFP process, their concerns over the Safe Parking Program Pilot, and the benefits of forming a Temporary Investigative Group (“TIG”) to obtain relevant data supporting next actionable steps.

V. ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR FOR 2025 – 2026

There was no public testimony.

Commissioner Tempo made a motion to nominate Commissioner Andrion for Chair and Commissioner Kahele seconded the motion. The Commission engaged in discussion regarding the responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair.

Commissioner Kahaleauki nominated Commissioner Kahele for Chair.

Deputy Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo advised the commission to dispose of the first motion before entertaining another motion. Commissioner Andrion accepted the nomination. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the motion (6-0, 5 vacancies).

NOTE: Chair Andrion proceeded with meeting facilitation.

VI. ELECTION OF COMMISSION VICE CHAIR FOR 2025 – 2026

There was no public testimony.

Commissioner Tempo made a motion to nominate Commissioner Kahele for Vice Chair and Commissioner Lindo seconded the motion. Commissioner Kahele accepted the nomination. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the motion (6-0, 5 vacancies).

Chair Andrion introduced the new Commission Secretary.

VII. [Recognition of Commissioner Kahele for being awarded the National Association Education for Homeless Children & Youth Liaison of the Year award for her work in connecting with families during and immediately after the 2023 Maui fires](#)

Secretary Domingo reviewed the announcement from the Department of Education. The Commission expressed appreciation for Vice Chair Kahele and celebrated her integrity, hard work, and passionate dedication to the community. The Commission would like to hear more success stories of how individuals and families transition into permanent housing.

Testifier JC Law congratulated Vice Chair Kahele on her award and revised his previous suggestion of 'home ole' to 'hale ole' as a replacement term for 'kuewa'.

There were no further questions for this testifier nor further public testimonies.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [MARCH 20, 2025](#)

There was no public testimony.

Commissioner Lindo moved to approve the March 20, 2025 meeting minutes, and Commissioner Tempo seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the motion (6-0, 5 vacancies).

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. [Transmittal from Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee \(WASSP – 1\(6\)\) - CHSH Annual Report](#)

There was no public testimony.

Commissioner Lindo reviewed the Council's request for the Commission to provide an annual report for fiscal year 2024-2025 at their June 2, 2025 Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks ("WASSP") Committee meeting. The Commission was unable to meet prior to the WASSP meeting due to lack of quorum and requested Councilmember Sinenci extend the due date for the CHSH annual report to be provided to Council.

Commissioner Lindo and Chair Andrion agreed to jointly draft a report for the Commission's review.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. [Recommendation from the Commission's TIG – "Engaging with Maui's Faith-based Community on strategies to provide effective solutions and initiatives that help combat homelessness and assist with the unsheltered in Maui County."](#)

1. Review and Vote on Recommendation #4 – “Recommendation of correspondence to the Mayor to direct all County Departments and County Administration to include the Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness on matters regarding homelessness.”

Testifier JC Law inquired who the TIG comprised of and expressed he would like to see more equity in Church membership where individuals of all income categories may attend. He suggested the County waive property tax bills for all churches and require them to grant membership to at least one individual without a house and allow them to sleep on property. He also would like to see Buddhist and Muslim followers to be included as a church.

There were no questions for this testifier nor any further public testimonies.

Some Commissioners expressed confusion as to why Recommendation #4 was being reconsidered when Recommendations #2, 3, and 4 were voted down at the last meeting. Commissioner Lindo explained that Recommendation #4 is being brought back to discussion in isolation for consideration.

Chair Andrion inquired with Deputy Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo if the Commission is allowed to make a motion in a subsequent meeting that encompasses a portion of the original recommendation, to which Deputy Toshikiyo responded “yes.”

Commissioner Lindo moved to approve Recommendation #4 and Vice Chair Kahele seconded the motion. The Commission discussed perceptions of disconnect in information sharing between the Commission, Administration and Council.

Director Tshako and Deputy Toshikiyo also shared logistical issues such as needing formal meeting with quorum and the Commission’s careful attention to timing and procurement issues.

Chair Andrion took a roll call vote. Chair Andrion, Vice Chair Kahele and Commissioners Lindo, Tempo and Meyer voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Kahaleauki voted against it. The motion did not pass. (5-1, 5 vacancies).

2. **[Bill 111 \(2024\) - A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE REMOVAL AND STORAGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN PUBLIC PLACES AND A RIGHT TO SHELTER](#)**

1. [Transmittal from WASSP Committee – \(WASSP – 13\)](#)

Testifier Laura McClellan shared her awareness of public commentary that occurred when the WASSP Committee met on Bill 111 (2024). Her understanding was that the bill did not pass because the Mayor’s office opposed it and submitted their own version of it.

Commissioner Lindo inquired with Staff if there were any updates for the Commission regarding this testimony.

Director Tsuhako clarified that the WASSP Committee deferred Bill 111 (2024) as proposed due to the County's process that already incorporated many of the proposed requirements.

There were no further questions for this testifier.

Testifier JC Law shared his disappointment of the deferral of Bill 111 and the importance of the Commission to codify the law in response for individuals with low income.

There were no questions for this testifier nor any further public testimonies.

2. Discussion to draft the Commission's position on Bill 111 for transmittal to County Council

Chair Andrion suggested the Commission stay abreast on this topic and defer the drafting of the Commission's position. There was no opposition by the Commission.

XI. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Testifier JC Law shared that St. John's Episcopal Church in Keokea has a community dinner on the last Friday of the month at 5:00pm. No sign up or identification is required and everyone is invited.

Chair Andrion addressed the previous questions from the testifier earlier in the meeting:

- The TIG was comprised of Commissioner Lindo, Tempo, Kahele, Tempo and Former Commissioners Razo and Tomoso
- Churches are designated as faith-based groups to include different denominations and faith leaders.

Commissioner Tempo added that a bike group also participated in the TIG.

There were no further questions regarding this topic.

Testifier Laura McClellan shared that the Commission appears unique according to how it is positioned and created and advocated for its relevance and ties to all parties in the government that are involved with the homeless community. She feels the homeless situation is worsening especially with the recent sweeps and individuals being provided with no alternative dwelling options.

Commissioner Lindo thanked the testifier and encouraged her and other interested individuals in the community to consider becoming a member of the Commission. Commission members discussed residency requirements of future and if vacant seats reserved for required council residency areas can be eventually filled by other residency areas when termed out.

Deputy Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo advised that of the vacant seats, two must be filled by the remaining required council residency areas (i.e., Lanai, and East Maui). Also, this Commission is subject to going through the Independent Nomination Board. She will confirm at the next Commission meeting:

- Whether the Commission must wait for required council residency area vacancies to term out before filling them with another residency area citizen
- Independent Nomination Board's status on filling vacant Commissioner seats

There were no further questions regarding this testimony and no further testimonies.

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA SETTING – OCTOBER 23, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

- Transmittal from WASSP Committee (WASSP – 1(6)) - CHSH Annual Draft Report
- Commission Membership Report
- Discussion on Managing Encampments

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Andrion adjourned the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

[Link to 9/25/25 CHSH Meeting Recording](#)