MINUTES

SPECIAL BOARD OF REGENTS' MEETING

APRIL 16, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Randy Moore called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2015, at University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, UCB 100, Ho‘olulu Terrace, 200 West Kawili Street, Hilo, HI 96720.

Quorum (14): Chair Randy Moore; Vice Chair Eugene Bal; Regent Simeon Acoba; Regent Dileep G. Bal; Regent Chuck Gee; Regent Pete Hoffmann; Regent Ben Kudo; Regent Coralie Matayoshi; Regent Barry Mizuno; Regent Helen Nielsen; Regent Jeff Portnoy; Regent Lee Putnam; Regent Michelle Tagorda; and Regent Stanford Yuen.

Excused (1): Vice Chair Jan Sullivan.

Others in Attendance: President David Lassner; Vice President for Academic Affairs, Risa Dickson; Vice President for Administration, Jan Gouveia; Vice President for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer, Kalbert Young; Vice President for Community Colleges, John Morton; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, Garrett Yoshimi; Vice President for Legal Affairs and University General Counsel, Darolyn H. Lendio; Interim UH Mānoa Chancellor, Robert Bley-Vroman; UH Hilo Chancellor, Don Straney; University of Hawai‘i-West O‘ahu Chancellor, Rockne Freitas; Hawai‘i Community College Chancellor Noreen Yamane; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents, Cynthia Quinn; and others as noted.

Chair Moore called the special board meeting to order and explained that the regular board meeting held at 8:45 a.m. was a business meeting and this special meeting was being held to address the university’s management of Maunakea. There were many regents who do not have a long history with the board, so the meeting would begin with a briefing by Chancellor Straney, followed by public comment and discussion by the regents. He noted that several individuals attended the meeting of the Committee on Planning & Facilities that was held on April 1, 2015, and one of the requests from those who testified was the need for conversation regarding Maunakea. This special board meeting is intended to be the beginning of part of that conversation, but is a long way from the end of the conversation. He said enough people had signed up today to testify that the meeting would extend beyond the 3:00 p.m. adjournment time. There are regents who need to leave O‘ahu tonight for the mainland, so the meeting has to end at 3:00 p.m. If the meeting is not finished, there are two further opportunities to provide input:

1. For those who submitted written testimony, it has already been distributed to the regents and is on the board’s public website. Any testimony submitted hereafter
would also be distributed and go on the public website.

2. In addition, he would work with President Lassner, and Chancellor Straney to find a mechanism to continue the conversation in Hilo for those who are not able to present public comments today.

Chair Moore reminded everyone that due to the number of individuals who have signed up to testify, he asked that testimony be kept to no more than three minutes. In order to maximize the time people have to testify, he said they would be calling the names of individuals early so they can get to the microphones. With everyone’s kōkua they should be able to accommodate as many individuals as possible.

III. FOR INFORMATION

A. University of Hawai‘i at Hilo: The Management of Mauna Kea and the Mauna Kea Science Reserve.

Chair Moore explained that the meeting was beginning with this briefing to benefit the regents who do not have a long history as regents regarding the Maunakea management issue and to provide the same information to interested individuals. The briefing will be followed by public comment.

Chancellor Straney said he had the privilege of being chancellor at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo and it was a pleasure to welcome everyone to the largest classroom on campus and he was looking forward to hearing everyone speak. He would begin by showing a very short segment of a video on the history of how astronomy came to the Big Island and Maunakea as quick way to go from 1960 to the mid 1990s on astronomy. Following that, Mr. Barry Taniguchi will speak about how the university developed its current management plan; Ms. Stephanie Nagata, the Director of the Office of Mauna Kea Management will briefly describe the components of the management structure that is in place; Mr. Greg Chun will describe how the boards and process actually work in practice; and Chancellor Straney would talk about where they are moving forward.

The public requested that, given the time constraints and the number of testifiers, that the public testimony be heard first before the briefing. Chair Moore responded that he appreciated that valid observation, and agreed to defer the briefing but pointed out that the regents will not have the context that they need to understand the testimony and he personally would like to have. He appreciated everyone who took the time to come and speak, and Chancellor Straney yielded the time for public comment.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Moore asked that if individuals had written comments in addition to oral testimony, they submit it to the board office so it could be posted on the public website.

Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board Cynthia Quinn announced that the Board Office received written testimony from 1,010 individuals in opposition to either TMT or the use of Maunakea lands, and from 28 individuals in support, 2 of which were
comments. There were 120 who signed up to testify. The following individuals testified in opposition to construction and telescopes on the Maunakea and others provided additional comments including the need for further dialog with constituent groups, recognition of Hawaiian religion, cultural values, and the sacredness of Maunakea: Lanakila Mangauil, Jorji Akiona-Oden, Mark Chun, Jaynice Akaka, Maile Lavea, Moanikeala Akaka, Majila Murray, Rebecca Kakalia, Jazzmin Cabanilla, Nākoa Kulani Nelson-Riley, Leilani Peahi Nelson-Riley, Mary Alice Kau’ilani Milham, Kamahana Kealoha, Dexter Kaima, Koaokalani Johnasen, Mehana Kihoi, Senna Killi, Kale Gumpac, Iokepa Kaolulo Kaeo, La’akea Caravalho, Abel Lui, David Schlesinger, Nahaku Kalei, Kau’ilani Trainer, Mailani Kuamoo, Liliana Gosset, Breeani Lee, Keoko Viernes, Kahanu Manalo, Malani Alameda, Ana Kahoopii, Albert Kahoopii, Chad Kanakanui Mahuna, Mary Begier, Bronson Kobayashi, Leilani Lindsey-Ka'apuni, Kaho'okahi Kanuha, Lākea Trask, Dr. Kalani Makekau-Whittaker, Joy Mills-Ferren, Brad Wood-Ferren, Kealoha Pisciotta, and Wilma Oli.

Many testifiers exceeded the three minute time limit. Among those who signed up to testify, the following individuals did not provide oral testimony: Audrey Villaneuva, Ikaika Gonsalves, Henry Noa, Carl Carlson, Miles Miyasato, David Vera Cruz, and Deborah Ward.

Due to time constraints Chair Moore announced that as was stated at the beginning of the meeting, the meeting must end at 3:00 p.m., and that he appreciated the fact that there were more people signed up to speak. He indicated he would work with Chancellor Straney and President Lassner to determine how to follow up, and reminded everyone that testimony could be submitted via email at bor@hawaii.edu.

Members of the audience objected. Chair Moore responded that travel constraints and schedules would require a follow up meeting. The time and date will be posted on the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo campus web page.

Secretary Quinn announced upon inquiry that 61 individuals of 120 who had signed up had testified. Chair Moore thanked the audience and said they had given the regents much to think about.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Regent Hoffmann moved and Regent Dileep G. Bal seconded, and with unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 3:31p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Cynthia Quinn
Executive Administrator and
Secretary of the Board of Regents