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**MINUTES**

**STATE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**AUGUST 18, 2022**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Stan Sheriff Center, Ed Wong Hospitality Suite, 1355 Lower Campus Road, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822, with regents participating from various locations.

Quorum (11): Chair Randy Moore; Vice-Chair Alapaki Nahale-a; Vice-Chair Ernest Wilson; Regent Kelli Acopan; Regent Eugene Bal; Regent William Haning; Regent Wayne Higaki; Regent Gabriel Lee; Regent Diane Paloma; Regent Laurie Tochiki; and Regent Robert Westerman.

Regent Westerman, who participated remotely, noted that Ann Wooten was intermittently present in the same room.

Others in attendance: President David Lassner; Vice President (VP) for Administration Jan Gouveia; VP for Community Colleges Erika Lacro; VP for Academic Strategy Debora Halbert; VP for Research and Innovation Vassilis Syrmos; VP for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer Garret Yoshimi; VP for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer Kalbert Young; VP for Advancement/UH Foundation Chief Executive Officer Tim Dolan; UH Mānoa Provost Michael Bruno; UH Hilo Chancellor Bonnie Irwin; UH West O'ahu Chancellor Maenette Benham; Associate VP (AVP) for Legal Affairs Gary Takeuchi; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents (Board Secretary) Kendra Oishi; and others as noted.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Chair Moore inquired if there were any corrections to the minutes of the April 18, 2019, meeting which had been distributed. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Board Secretary Oishi announced that the Board Office did not receive any written testimony, and no individuals signed up to provide oral testimony. She also explained that, in accordance with new statutory requirements, public testimony would be accepted during the meeting should an individual sign-up to provide testimony on a specific agenda item.

**IV. AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Adoption and Approval to Request the Governor's Final Approval for the**

**Simultaneous Repeal of Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) Title 20, Chapter 40, "Rules of Practice and Procedure", and the Adoption of Chapter 40.1, "Rules of Practice and Procedure"**

AVP Takeuchi explained that, while the State Post-Secondary Education Commission (SPEC) is statutorily established, it rarely holds meetings. The last time SPEC convened for a meeting was in 2019 at which time the administration was authorized to seek the Governor's approval to hold public hearings on the simultaneous repeal of HAR Title 20, Chapter 40 and adoption of Chapter 40.1 in its place. He stated that the amendments were intended to address provisions with respect to of practice and procedure for SPEC that were no longer applicable due to statutory revisions and noted these changes were part of a larger effort to streamline the university's HARs by removing unnecessary and outdated language which, in many instances, has involved the repealing of HAR chapters. Since the university did not receive any written or oral comments on the proposed amendments through the public hearing process, the HAR drafts presently before SPEC are identical to the drafts that were previously presented at its 2019 meeting. As such, the administration was requesting authorization to request the Governor's final approval of the respective changes to HAR Title 20.

Regent Wilson moved to approve the request to seek the Governor's final approval for the simultaneous repeal of HAR Title 20, Chapter 40, "Rules of Practice and Procedure", and the Adoption of Chapter 40.1, "Rules of Practice and Procedure", seconded by Regent Tochiki, and the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 11:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kendra Oishi  
Executive Administrator and Secretary  
of the Board of Regents