

MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2024

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2024, at the University of Hawai'i (UH) at Mānoa, Bachman Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room 106A/B, 2444 Dole Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96822, with regents participating from various locations.

Quorum (11): Chair Gabriel Lee; Vice-Chairs Laurie Tochiki and Laurel Loo; Regents Neil Abercrombie, Lauren Akitake, Joshua Faumuina, William Haning, Wayne Higaki, Michael Miyahira, Diane Paloma, and Ernest Wilson.

Others in attendance: President David Lassner; Vice President (VP) for Administration Jan Gouveia; VP for Legal Affairs/UH General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; VP for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer Garret Yoshimi; UH-Hilo Chancellor Bonnie Irwin; Executive Assistant for the Board of Regents (Executive Assistant) Jamie Go; and others as noted.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Executive Assistant Go announced the Board Office's receipt of written testimony from the Senate Executive Committee of the Mānoa Faculty Senate (MFS), Susan Pope, and Marguerite Butler regarding the appointment of Presidential Search Advisory Group (PSAG) members to fill vacancies. Additionally, two individuals signed up to provide oral testimony on this subject matter.

Erin Centeio, on behalf of the MFS, and Marguerite Butler offered verbal comments on the appointment of PSAG members to fill vacancies.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Appointment of PSAG Members to Fill Vacancies

For the edification of newer regents, Chair Lee provided background information on the formation of the PSAG noting the methodology used to determine the group's membership. He then requested Regent Tochiki, one of the board's two liaisons to the PSAG, to provide a brief update of the status of the entity's work.

Regent Tochiki mentioned her and Regent Wilson's service as board liaisons to the PSAG, noting their participation in meetings and planning discussions with the PSAG Co-chairs, WittKieffer, and board staff to assure the process was being conducted in a

transparent, open, and fair manner and with the utmost integrity. She provided context to the filling of recently created vacancies on the PSAG; went over the upcoming timeline for PSAG activities including, among other things, meetings scheduled over the next week or so to review applications, the generation of a list of candidates the PSAG is recommending for further consideration and interview, and the presentation of this list to the board at a special meeting on August 15; pointed out the opening of an online portal for PSAG members and regents to view all applications received as of the application deadline of July 31, 2024; and stressed the need for PSAG members and regents to observe strict confidentiality throughout the process. It is hoped finalists for the position will be named in early September, with campus visits and in-person interviews with the board occurring throughout the month. The expectation remains for the board to name a new president of the university sometime in October.

Regent Wilson and Regent Tochiki expressed their gratitude for the work of the PSAG thus far and their commitment to an extraordinary amount of time and work over the next 30 days.

Jaret KC Leong and Erin Centeio, PSAG Co-Chairs, went over the rationale for the request to fill two existing vacancies on the PSAG and discussed the process used to select Lance Yamamoto and Tim Dolan as the nominees to fill those open seats. They reviewed some of the credentials of the named individuals as contained within the PSAG's memo to the board and sought board approval of these nominees for appointment to the PSAG.

Regent Miyahira asked if Mr. Yamamoto and Mr. Dolan were made fully aware of the time commitment and workload they will be encountering over the next two months. Mr. Leong responded in the affirmative stating both he and Ms. Centeio have had discussions with Mr. Yamamoto and Mr. Dolan to inform them of what was forthcoming.

Regent Abercrombie questioned whether there would be a conflict of interest for Mr. Dolan's appointment to the PSAG given his position as Chief Executive Officer of the University of Hawai'i Foundation (UHF). VP Okinaga explained that UHF is a private, 501(c)(3) organization, with its own board, and is a legally separate entity from the university. As such, she did not see a conflict of interest arising from his participation on the PSAG.

Chair Lee, Regent Haning, and Regent Abercrombie shared their thoughts on the nomination of Mr. Dolan to the PSAG with consensus being that he would be an asset to the group and to the presidential selection process.

Regent Wilson moved to appoint Lance Yamamoto and Tim Dolan to the PSAG, as recommended, seconded by Regent Haning, and the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed to the public)

Chair Lee announced it would not be necessary to have an executive session at this time.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jamie Go
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for the Board of Regents