



Hawaii State Association of Counties

Counties of Kauai, Maui, Hawaii and City and County of Honolulu



**MINUTES
HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
December 7, 2015
Honolulu Hale, Committee Meeting Room
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by HSAC President and County of Kauai Council Chair Mel Rapozo at 10:08 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

- County of Kauai: President Mel Rapozo, County of Kauai Council Chair
- County of Hawaii: Vice President Alternate Daniel K. Paleka, County of Hawaii Councilmember
- City and County of Honolulu: Secretary Ikaika Anderson, City and County of Honolulu Council Vice Chair
- County of Maui: Treasurer Michael Victorino, County of Maui Councilmember
- Others Present: Councilmember Mike White, County of Maui Council Chair
Councilmember Dru Mamo Kanuha, County of Hawaii Council Chair

Honolulu staff Doug Chun, Legislative Analyst, Office of Council Services;
Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison, Honolulu City Council Administrative Support Services;
Kauai staff Aida Okasaki, Legislative Assistant, Council Services Division;
Maui staff Kit Zulueta, Communication Director, Office of Council Services



OCS2015-1196/12/9/2015 2:36 PM



II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda.

III. MINUTES

The Committee approved the Minutes of the November 23, 2015 Special HSAC Executive Committee meeting.

IV. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2015, deferred as submitted by the HSAC Treasurer.

Treasurer Victorino reported that because the bank statement for November 2015 has not been received yet, he was making a motion to defer the Treasurer's Report until the next scheduled meeting. There being no discussion or questions, the motion was seconded and approved to defer the item.

B. County Reports

1. Maui County Report. Treasurer Victorino reported on the following items: 1) The Council passed a resolution that established a special committee to review the county manager form of governance. The committee has until June 1 to possibly recommend a county manager form of government, which would require a charter amendment proposal to be approved by the voters in November 2016, 2) The Council is considering the repeal or amendment of the "Show Me The Water" policy, which was enacted during the boom development years when the fear was that there was insufficient water to support increased development. Currently, however, the policy is restricting the needed development of subdivisions and work force housing, and 3) Treasurer Victorino, noting that \$300+ airfares between the neighbor islands is too high for working people, introduced a resolution urging competitive interisland airfares.

2. Hawaii County Report. Vice President Alternate Paleka reported that the major issue on the Big Island is the dengue fever outbreak, with the media reporting on the increasing number of cases, as well as the county's efforts to work with the State Department of Health to contain and resolve the outbreak. He also noted that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) looked into the county/State response to the outbreak and issued a favorable opinion of all efforts thus far.

(At this point, both County of Hawaii Council Chair Dru Mamo Kanuha and County of Maui Council Chair Mike White were acknowledged and introduced.)

3. City and County of Honolulu Report. Secretary Anderson reported the following items: 1) The Council is expecting to receive future updates on all the community plans, as well as the General Plan. Noting that all the plans are long overdue, Secretary Anderson stated that the Department of Planning and Permitting is claiming that staffing issues are the reason for the delays, even though the Council has provided adequate funding for these staffing concerns, 2) Bill 8, dealing with commercial activities at certain parks, has been deferred to allow the parties to further discuss the issue and hopefully result in a workable compromise of the need to regulate commercial activities vis-à-vis the needs and desires of park users, 3) The Council passed Bill 73, authorizing the issuance of general obligation commercial paper related to the rail project, 4) Bill 23, which will extend the general excise tax surcharge for another five years, is up for second reading. Secretary Anderson noted that the current projected shortfall for the rail project is \$1.1 billion. Finally, on behalf of the City Council, he met with the acting administrator of the Federal Transit Administration, who stated clearly that failure to build the rail project according to the terms and conditions of the Full Funding Grant Agreement would result in serious consequences, including the demand to return all New Starts funding.

4. Kauai County Report. President Mel Rapozo reported on the following: 1) The County Council is looking into placing a cap on real property taxes due to changing economic circumstances, 2) The issue of barking dogs is before the Council again and will be considered, 3) The Council is continuing its consideration of the county manager system of governance, although it's too early to

say what will happen, 4) In the near future, the County will be discussing the Public Purpose Power agreement concept, which currently requires the county to petition the utility before a proposed project can go to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for approval. Under an alternate proposed scheme, the county would be able to submit the public purpose project proposal directly to the PUC, and 5) The Council is requesting that the U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney General, and the Department of Justice investigate the current high interisland airfare situation and the apparent monopoly of Hawaiian Airlines.

There being no discussion or questions, a motion was made, seconded and approved to receive the county reports.

C. NACo Report

Secretary Anderson reported that he just returned from the NACo board meeting held in Colorado Springs, Colorado from December 3-5, 2015, and that he would provide a detailed report on the meeting at the next HSAC Executive Committee meeting.

Treasurer Victorino noted that a press release put out by NACo immediate past president Riki Hokama touted the passage of the U.S. Fast Act, which authorizes surface transportation funding and may result in \$1.6 billion coming to Hawaii over the next five years for transportation infrastructure improvements. (At this point, committee members engaged in a brief discussion noting that Councilmember Hokama focused his presidency on transportation and infrastructure issues and that most U.S. counties have large infrastructure needs and funding deficits. President Rapozo suggested sending an HSAC letter of appreciation to Councilmember Hokama, with Treasurer Victorino agreeing to have his office draft the letter.)

D. WIR Report

There was no new WIR report since the report was made at the last Executive Committee meeting in November.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to receive the NACo report.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Communication (November 27, 2015) from County Clerk Stewart Maeda, County of Hawai'i, transmitting for the Executive Committee's information Resolution No. 325-15, A Resolution Approving The Hawai'i State Association Of Counties' Slate Of Officers For Fiscal Year 2015 2016, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Hawai'i at its meeting on November 18, 2015.

There being no discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to receive the item.

- B. Communication (November 30, 2015) from City Clerk Glen Takahashi, City and County of Honolulu, transmitting for the Executive Committee's information Resolution No. 15-291, Approving The Officers Of The Hawai'i State Association Of Counties For Fiscal Year 2015-2016, which was adopted by the Council of the City and Council of Honolulu at its meeting on November 4, 2015.

There being no discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to receive the item.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Schedule the next meeting:

(At this point, President Rapozo began a discussion on the outrageous airfares demanded by Hawaiian Airlines, noting that the highest interisland fare he has documented on his smartphone is \$2,618.)

Secretary Victorino suggested that the next Executive Committee meeting and General Membership meeting be held on the same day in January. If the meeting were held on January 19th, then the two meetings could be held that morning, followed by the HSAC luncheon at the Legislature, with the opening of the 2016 Legislature on January 20th.

After a brief discussion among members regarding HSAC legislative package finalization and timing, the dates of county council meetings in January, and the need to transmit the HSAC legislative package before the opening of the Legislative Session, it was agreed that the next HSAC Executive meeting would be held on January 19, 2016, at 9:00

a.m., to be immediately followed by the General Membership meeting at 10:00 a.m.

B. Other announcements.

President Rapozo wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ikaika Anderson". The signature is stylized and written in cursive.

IKAIKA ANDERSON, Secretary
Hawaii State Association of Counties