



Commissioners:
Ray Kamikawa, Chair
Scott Higashi, Vice Chair
Amy Hirano
Natalie Iwasa
Joy Kimura
Earl Mente
Matthew Pennaz

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR AUDIO RECORD

OAHU REAL PROPERTY TAX ADVISORY COMMISSION'S FIRST MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
2ND FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

The actual and recorded time references below indicate the point in the audio record when the stated actions began.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Oahu Real Property Tax Advisory Commission was called to order by Council Vice Chair Ann Kobayashi at 1:30 p.m. Commissioners Ray Kamikawa, Scott Higashi, Amy Hirano, Joy Kimura, Earl Mente, and Matthew Pennaz were present at the meeting. Commissioner Natalie Iwasa was excused from the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. WELCOME BY COUNCIL VICE CHAIR

[1:30 p.m.] [Start of recording]

At this juncture, Council Vice Chair Kobayashi welcomed the Commissioners at the meeting and thanked them for their willingness to serve on this Advisory Commission. Council Vice Chair Kobayashi introduced the OCS staff members, Randall Young and Colleen Jones who are assisting the Commission and then requested the Commissioners introduce themselves.

3. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS

[1:32 p.m.] [2 minute mark]

Commissioners Joy Kimura, Amy Hirano, and Scott Higashi introduced themselves.

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[1:34 p.m.] [4 minute mark]

4. REVIEW OF COUNCIL RESOLUTION 17-112

Council Vice Chair Kobayashi commended the Commissioners for their service on this Commission and directed the Commissioners to review Resolution 17-112, which establishes the Oahu Real Property Tax Advisory Commission, outlines the Commission's responsibilities and imposes a December 1 deadline on the Commission to submit written recommendations to the Council.

[1:35 p.m.] [5 minute mark]

Council Vice Chair Kobayashi asked for testifiers to present testimony.

One testifier, Arvid Youngquist, presented testimony.

5. ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

[1:37 p.m.] [7 minute mark]

Council Vice Chair Kobayashi commenced the election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair.

Council Vice Chair Kobayashi asked for nominations for the office of Commission Chair. Commissioner Hirano nominated Commissioner Kamikawa for the office of Commission Chair. Motion seconded by Commissioner Mente. No further nominations were made for the office of Chair. By acclamation, Commissioner Kamikawa was elected Chair of the Commission.

[1:38 p.m.] [8 minute mark]

Council Vice Chair Kobayashi asked for nominations for the office of Commission Vice Chair. Commissioner Hirano nominated Commissioner Higashi for the office of Commission Vice Chair. Motion seconded by Commissioner Mente. No further nominations were made for the office of Vice Chair. By acclamation, Commissioner Higashi was elected Vice Chair of the Commission.

Council Vice Chair Kobayashi excused herself and exited the room.

6. INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING BY DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FISCAL SERVICES

[1:39 p.m.] [9 minute mark]

Representatives from the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, Steven Takara and Keith Yamashita introduced themselves and presented an informational briefing on the overview of the City's tax system and pending legislation for possible Commission review.

[2:06 p.m.] [36 minute mark]

Commission Chair Kamikawa thanked the Department for their presentation and for their willingness to be a resource for the Commission.

7. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

[2:06 p.m.] [36 minute mark]

Commission Chair Kamikawa asked the Commissioners if the remaining proposed meeting dates and 1:30 p.m. time indicated in the calendar are acceptable. All commissioners agreed with the dates and time. The next meeting would be scheduled for August 8, 2019 at 1:30. Commissioner Kimura indicated that she will not be available for the Thursday, August 8, 2019 meeting.

[2:08 p.m.] [38 minute mark]

One testifier, Arvid Youngquist, presented testimony regarding concerns about a wish list from the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services.

Commission Chair Kamikawa concluded scheduling matters.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Mente, which was seconded by Commissioner Higashi and the meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.