



Hawaii State Association of Counties

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



MINUTES
HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 19, 2016
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 9:08 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 Dennis "Fresh" Onishi, 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 Gladys Baisa, County of Maui;
Councilmember Don Couch, County of Maui;
Councilmember Stacy Crivello, County of Maui;
Councilmember Riki Hokama, County of Maui;
Councilmember Greggor Ilagan, County of Hawaii.



Honolulu staff Doug Chun, Legislative Analyst, Office of Council Services;
Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison, Honolulu City Council Administrative Support Services;
Honolulu staff Francisco Figueiredo, Legislative Aide, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson;
Honolulu staff Shirley Ann Templo, Legislative Aide, Office of Councilmember Joey Manahan;
Kauai staff Aida Okasaki, Legislative Assistant, Council Services Division;
Maui staff Kit Zulueta, Communication Director, Office of Council Services.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda.

III. MINUTES

The Committee approved the Minutes of the December 7, 2015 HSAC Executive Committee meeting.

IV. REPORTS

(At this point, Treasurer Victorino, noting that his aide had not yet arrived with the reports, requested that the Treasurer's Report be moved to a later point in the Agenda. President Rapozo, in granting the request, noted that the County Reports would be taken out of order and would precede the Treasurer's Report.)

B. County Reports

1. Hawaii County Report. Vice President Onishi, noting that it's been quiet on the Big Island, mentioned that the County Council would be addressing the General Excise Tax surcharge issue. (At this point, he acknowledged and introduced Hawaii County Councilmember Greggor Ilagan.)

2. City and County of Honolulu Report. Secretary Anderson reported on the following items: 1) The Council, in a special Council Session, recently approved the HSAC legislative package, 2) The Council is preparing for the budgetary process and looks forward to working with the Executive branch in crafting an affordable housing policy and initiative, and 3) Secretary Anderson will submit a written report on his attendance and experience at the NACo fall meeting prior to the next HSAC Executive Committee meeting.
3. Kauai County Report. President Mel Rapozo reported on the following items: 1) The County Council passed a TAT resolution that supports the Task Force recommendation to increase TAT funding to the counties, 2) The Council will address the possibility of a GET surcharge, although support is uncertain at this time, and 3) The Council is continuing to assess the county manager system of governance, with a possible charter amendment forthcoming.
4. Maui County Report. Treasurer Victorino reported on the following items: 1) The last viable sugar plantation on Maui and in the State is closing at the end of the year. The State, County, and Alexander and Baldwin are assembling a task force to assist the almost 700 workers who will be laid off, 2) The bill that would repeal or amend the "Show Me The Water" policy has been deferred for the time being. This policy 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, 3) The establishment of the Maui MPO, which would allow the county to access federal transportation funds, is ongoing, and 4) The Council's special committee that is reviewing the county manager form of governance continues to move forward. The committee has until May 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.

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

A. Treasurer's Report

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

Treasurer Victorino reported that expenditures in the month of November were \$308.74, mainly for airfare and ground transportation, while expenditures in December totaled \$2,718.36 and consisted mainly of airfare and ground transportation that included two members traveling to the NACo fall meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The ending balance as of December 31, 2015 was \$219,378.93.

There being no discussion or questions, a motion was made, seconded and approved to approve both Treasurer's Reports.

C. NACo Report

Maui Councilmember Riki Hokama, who was in attendance, reported on the following items: 1) 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, 2) The payment in lieu of taxes program (PILT), which provides payments to counties and other local governments to offset losses in tax revenues due to the presence of tax-exempt federal land in their jurisdictions, is 100% funded, and 3) Jerry Abramson, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs stated that he would be open to an invitation from HSAC to attend the June conference as an official representative of the President.

(At this point, Treasurer Victorino acknowledged and introduced Maui Councilmembers Gladys Baisa, Don Couch, Stacy Crivello and Riki Hokama.)

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

D. WIR Report

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

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Communication (December 18, 2015) from Deputy County Clerk Scott K. Sato, County of Kaua'i, transmitting for the Executive Committee's information Resolution No. 2015-69, Resolution Approving Proposals For Inclusion In The 2016 Hawai'i State Association Of Counties Legislative Package, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Kaua'i at its meeting on December 16, 2015.**

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

- B. Communication (December 21, 2015) from County Clerk Danny A. Mateo, County of Hawai'i, transmitting for the Executive Committee's information Resolution No. 15-166, Approving Proposals For Inclusion In The 2016 Hawai'i State Association Of Counties Legislative Package, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui at its meeting on December 18, 2015.**

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

- C. Communication (December 22, 2015) from County Clerk Stewart Maeda, County of Hawai'i, transmitting for the Executive Committee's information Resolution No. 353-15, A Resolution To Approve Legislative Proposals For Inclusion In The 2016 Hawai'i State Association Of Counties Legislative Package, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Hawai'i at its meeting on December 14, 2015.**

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

- D. Discussion and approval of authorized signatures for the 2016 HSAC Conference Bank Account.**

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

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Schedule the next meeting:

The next HSAC Executive meeting will be held on February 12, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in Honolulu.

B. Other announcements.

There were no announcements.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


IKAIKA ANDERSON, Secretary
Hawaii State Association of Counties