

SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Date: May 2, 2023
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Teleconference via Zoom

Members Present:

Alan Oshima, Chairperson
Harold Edwards
Bettina Mehnert
Candy Suiso

Staff Present:

Chad Keone Farias, Executive Director
Anne Horiuchi, Department of the Attorney General
Emma Christopherson, Department of the Attorney General
Ronald Rodriguez, Department of the Attorney General
Scott Fuji
Cindy Watarida
Greg Zabinski

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – Chairperson Oshima called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.
- II. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum – Four members were present at roll call. Quorum is established.
- III. Approval of the Meeting Minutes
Motion: To approve the April 4, 2023 meeting minutes.
 - a. Movant: Suiso; Second: Edwards
 - b. Discussion: None
 - c. Vote: 4 Ayes (Oshima, Edwards, Mehnert, Suiso), 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions
 - d. Motion carries; minutes are approved.
- IV. Public Testimony - None
- V. Update from the SFA Executive Director
 - A. Update on Act 257, 2022
 - i. SFA is working with the Executive Office on Early Learning (“EOEL”) on meeting the facilities needs for an anticipated 55 new classrooms opening over the next two years. SFA is negotiating with its ranked

contractors for continuing the work on renovations and initiating new builds on campuses. ED Farias also noted that the MOA with UH regarding the NOAA project is under review with AGs to finalize the contract.

B. Other Updates

i. Legislative Updates: Scott Fuji

i. ASO Fuji provided the board with an update on legislation that impacted the SFA. ASO Fuji noted that the following bills had passed out of conference committee and were to be voted on by both chambers on the floor.

1. HB960 CD1: Moves the previously appropriated \$200M for pre-kindergarten facilities to the SFA special fund. Appropriates the funds back out for FY24.
2. SB531 CD1: Amends HRS to allow the SFA Board to appoint the Executive Director rather than have the Governor appoint.
3. SB941 CD1: Deposits \$170M from the budget to the SFA special fund for the purposes of teacher housing. Appropriates that money back out for the fiscal biennium.

ii. Act 248, SLH 2022: ED Farias

i. Central Maui: The SFA met with DOE regarding a CIP allocation for a new elementary and middle school in Central Maui. The SFA will be working with the DOE on student needs, capacity, and other data points.

ii. East Kapolei: The SFA has an MOA in review with AGs to contract the University of Hawaii Community Design Center (“UH-CDC”) to conduct a feasibility study on the use of federal funds for school construction projects like East Kapolei High School.

iii. Administration: ED Farias

i. The SFA is working with Department of Accounting and General Services (“DAGS”) to find office space. The SFA has a scheduled site visit to look at a private leasing option.

ii. ED Farias introduced Greg Zabinski, the new project manager who started on May 1, 2023.

C. Board Questions:

i. Member Mehnert asked if a breakdown of the current Permitted Interaction Groups (“PIG”) be provided with the departure of Member Ball. Three PIGs were noted with the following members:

- i. Housing: Members Edwards and Mehnert
- ii. Rules: Members Edwards and Ball
- iii. Legislative: Members Oshima and Suiso

VII. Strategic Planning: Chair Oshima and Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs (“HIPA”)

A. Chair Oshima introduced Bill Kaneko of HIPA to the board. Chair Oshima noted that HIPA was awarded the contract for the strategic planning process and was presenting on the drafted plan for putting together the

SFA's first strategic plan.

- B. In his presentation to the board, Kaneko noted specific strategic plan deliverables including stakeholder meetings, a land use plan, a financial plan, and a communication and engagement strategy. Board discussion included questions around firming up the SFA mission, goals, and objectives to help with the communication and engagement strategy. Kaneko also noted there are certain short-term actions that the SFA should incorporate into the strategic plan including Act 257 SLH2022, teacher housing, and administrative activities.
- C. Board members Mehnert, Edwards, and Suiso all expressed support for the strategic planning process as outlined in the presentation.

VIII. Announcements

- A. No announcements were made

IX. Adjournment:

A. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

- i. Movant: Mehnert, Second: Edwards
- ii. Discussion: None
- iii. Vote: 4 Ayes (Oshima, Edwards, Mehnert, Suiso), 0 Noes, 0 Abstention.

- B. Motion carries; meeting adjourned at 9:24am