

NOTICE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

Date: June 6, 2023
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Board of Education
1390 Miller Street, Board Conference Room
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
and
Teleconference via Zoom

Topic: School Facilities Authority June 2023 Board Meeting
Time: Jun 6, 2023 08:30 AM Hawaii

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum
- III. Approval of the Meeting Minutes
 - Board Meeting – May 2, 2023
- IV. Public Testimony

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School Facilities Authority
75 Aupuni Street, Basement
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meeting and via the above-listed video conferencing link or by calling in to the above-listed telephone number.

- V. Update from the SFA Executive Director
 - Update on Act 257, SLH 2022
 - 2023 Legislative Session Report
 - Administrative Activities
 - Other updates
- VI. Update from the Department of Education
- VII. Additional Public Testimony
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjournment

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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

SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY (SFA) UPDATE

Highlights Of Our Work & Impact

Updated June 2, 2023

2023 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Throughout the 2023 Legislative Session, the SFA has been collaborating with the State Legislative Branch and various State and partner agencies in advocating for initiatives and policies related to improving the learning environment of our Hawaii Keiki and Educators.

- ❖ [S.B. 941 SD2](#) Authorizes the School Facilities Authority to partner with public and private agencies to develop housing, including workforce housing, for teachers, educators, and staff.
- ❖ [H.B. 960 HD1 SD2](#) Transfers the \$200 million appropriated through Act 257 SLH2022 to the SFA special fund.

ACT 257 (SLH 2022) EXPANDING PRE-K ACCESS

Pursuant to Act 257 (2022), the SFA was tasked with assisting the State in its efforts to expand pre-kindergarten access Statewide through the construction of new school facilities, renovation, improvement, and expansion of existing school facilities. In addition to the construction projects, the SFA is also involved in various collaborative meetings related to the pre-k expansion plan:

- ❖ Led by Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke, the SFA, and various public-private partners attend a monthly meeting to discuss the progress and furthering the efforts of the State's "[Ready Keiki](#)" initiative.
- ❖ The SFA and County Coordinators of Early Childhood programs meet bi-weekly to discuss pre-k opportunities, concerns, and updates in their County.

IN THE NEWS:

Executive Director Chad Farias is featured in Honolulu Star-Advertiser's Spotlight Hawaii series. Interviewed by Ryan Tsuji and Yunji de Nies, Executive Director Farias shares the progress and impact of Act 257 (2022); and SFA's support in addressing the chronic teacher shortage. [Video: Honolulu Star-Advertiser Spotlight Hawaii](#)

PROJECT UPDATES:

- ❖ Eleven (11) Pre-K Classrooms are currently in the construction phase. Anticipated on-site construction completion is slated for ending July 2023. Design work for outdoor play spaces has begun through interagency partnerships with Hawaii 3Rs-SFA-DOE.
- ❖ In collaboration with the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) and the DOE 18 additional pre-k sites have been identified and prioritized for the next round of construction projects. The SFA is currently negotiating with a professional services consultant. The DOE has sent a new survey agreed to by all partners to Comp[lex Area Superintendents to identify cohort 3 pre-K classroom renovations. The goal remains a total of 55 new pre-K classrooms opened in August 2024.
- ❖ Hawaii Public Charter School Commission and the SFA are continuing to refine a list of pre-K classrooms on their school campuses.
- ❖ In late March 2023, the SFA received approval on the release of Act 257 funds for \$10,000,000 to fund the construction of pre-k instructional and support spaces at the University of Hawaii (UH) at Manoa Children's Center. The facility will include a minimum of six pre-k classrooms. After project completion, the pre-k facility will be staffed and operated by the UH Manoa Children's Center. [UH News](#)
- ❖ In addition to pre-k classrooms, the SFA is currently working with the Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE), EOEL, and Consultant MKThink in formulating a standard and guide on pre-k outdoor play areas and equipment and pre-k classroom furniture to streamline the process in design and planning decisions (by reducing timelines and increase efficiency).
- ❖ SFA and the UH Community Design Center are finalizing contracts to study areas of growth including East Kapolei, Central Maui for possible new school construction. We have also begun conversation about a feasibility study for the greater Kaimuki area.

ACT 248 (SLH 2022)

CENTRAL MAUI NEW ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL

The SFA was appropriated \$20,000,000 in Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds for the planning and design of a new elementary and middle school in Central Maui. The SFA held its first meeting in April 2023 with primary stakeholders (HIDOE Office of Facilities and Operations and CA Baldwin-Kekaulike-Kulanihakoi-Maui). The preliminary meeting included discussions on capacity concerns related to middle and elementary schools within the complex area. Since the meeting, the SFA has initiated its strategy for data collection (capacity analysis) and will begin its process in A&E selection soon.

EAST KAPOLEI HIGH SCHOOL, FEASIBILITY STUDY

The SFA was appropriated \$100,000 in CIP funds for "plans and design for a feasibility study to build a new high school in East Kapolei, O'ahu, including consideration of leveraging potential

federal funding from USDA Rural Development and other sources” (Act 248, 2022). The SFA is partnering with the UH Community Design Center (UHCDC) to conduct the feasibility study; the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is currently under Attorney General (AG) review.

OPERATIONS

FY24 OPERATING BUDGET

HB300 SD1: Budget request(s) to the Legislature:

(8) FTE positions

Requests consist of the following positions:

(1) Data Processing System Analyst VI

(1) Land Agent

(1) Management Analyst

(1) Office Assistant IV

(1) Planner

(2) Project Manager

(1) Purchasing Specialist

These position requests were strategically made based on the needs of the SFA to complete the work it has been tasked with by the Legislature as well as fulfill its statutory mission. The SFA has also requested an additional \$396,000 to cover personnel costs and \$100,000 to cover other expenses related to the SFA's position requests and statutory mission. Awaiting governor's signature.

LEVERAGING PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS

HAWAII DATA COLLABORATIVE (HDC): The SFA is collaborating with HDC and its partners to create an online reporting and dashboard platform. The online platform, designed to integrate with external systems for timely and accurate data, is intended to provide public transparency, accountability, and reporting to stakeholders and policymakers.

USDA: The SFA has been collaborating with the USDA Rural Development in identifying opportunities and areas of need in the community related to educational facilities and resources. This collaboration has led to discussions with EOEL; and potential partnerships with HPCSC.

OFFICE SPACE: OAHU

In compliance with [Comptroller's Memorandum 2017-15](#), the SFA continues working with the State Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) Planning and Leasing Services Branch on selecting a potential office space. A site has been agreed upon and is in current negotiations between DAGS and the brokerage firm. Preliminary design and furnishing layout is underway.

PERSONNEL

Currently working on position descriptions for anticipated new staff (8) with Department of Human Resource Development.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The SFA, on behalf of the Board, has entered into a contract with Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs (“HIPA”) to facilitate the Board’s first strategic plan. SFA staff held a preliminary meeting with Bill Kaneko of HIPA to provide background information to assist with the strategic planning process.