



MEETING MINUTES OF THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORP (HTDC) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 06, 2022
Entrepreneurs Sandbox – Large Classroom
643 Ilalo St., Honolulu, HI 96813

Member(s) Present

Craig Nakanishi, Chairperson (Mr. Nakanishi)
 Edward Barnabas, (Mr. Barnabas)
 Sandra Fujiyama, (Ms. Fujiyama)
 Gregory Kim, (Mr. Kim)
 Vincent Kimura, (Mr. Kimura)
 Bernice Kissinger, (Ms. Kissinger)
 Chris Sadayasu, Department of Business
 Economic Development and Tourism
 (DBEDT) (Mr. Sadayasu)
 Rick Volner, Jr. (Mr. Volner Jr.)

Staff Present

Len Higashi, Executive Director (Mr. Higashi)
 Ray Gomez, HTDC Controller (Mr. Gomez)
 Paul Hsi, HI-CAP Program Manager (Mr. Hsi)
 Wayne Inouye, MEP Center Director (Mr. Inouye)
 Sandi Kanemori, HTDC Contracts Manager
 (Ms. Kanemori)
 Wayne Layugan, MEP Program Manager
 (Mr. Layugan)
 Dave Molinaro, HCATT Manager (Mr. Molinaro)
 Stephanie Yuu-Sato, HTDC Fiscal & Contract
 Specialist (Ms. Yuu-Sato)

Member(s) Excused

Vassilis Syrmos, Vice Chair (Mr. Syrmos)

Counsel Present

Elise Amemiya, Deputy Attorney General
 (Ms. Amemiya)

Guest(s) Present

Chenoa Farnsworth, Blue Startups (Ms. Farnsworth)	None
Meli James, Mana Up (Ms. James)	
Maya Rogers, Blue Startups (Ms. Rogers)	

Members of the Public Present

None

Guest(s) Present Virtually

Brittany Heyd, Mana Up (Ms. Heyd)	
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1. Call to Order

Meeting started at 3:09 p.m.





2. Roll Call

Members Present: Chair, Mr. Barnabas, Ms. Fujiyama, Mr. Kim, Mr. Kimura, Ms. Kissinger, Mr. Sadayasu and Mr. Volner Jr.

Mr. Higashi introduces Mr. Sadayasu as the new DBEDT Director.

Mr. Sadayasu advises that while he looks forward to attending the HTDC board meetings he will be designating DBEDT Deputy Director, Dane Wicker when he is unable to attend.

5. HTDC Reports

Chair advises that Agenda item 5 – HTDC Reports and all items listed will be cancelled and no discussion will be covered during this meeting.

3. Approval of November 1, 2022 and November 9, 2022 Minutes

No comments or changes to the minutes.

No testimony received.

Chair calls for a motion.

Motion to approve the November 1, 2022 minutes and November 9, 2022 minutes made by Mr. Kimura / Second by Mr. Volner Jr.

Motion approved, Vote: 7-0 / 1 abstained (Mr. Sadayasu)

4. Accelerator Program Updates – Information Only

Mr. Higashi introduces Blue Startups and Mana Up, Accelerator Programs and their current process and possible future HI-CAP investments.

Ms. James and Ms. Heyd present the Mana Up slides contained in the board packet.

Ms. Farnsworth and Ms. Rogers present the Blue Startups slides contained in the board packet.

6. Old Business



- A. Continue discussion and/or action related to developing a strategic plan for HTDC.

Chair deferred to next board meeting on January 12, 2023

7. Executive Session: Legal Matters

Chair advises that we will be going into Executive Session to consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes § 92-4 and § 92-5 (a)(4).

No testimony received.

Chair calls for a motion.

Motion to convene into Executive Session made by Mr. Kimura / Second by Mr. Sadayasu

Motion approved, 8-0 will all member present voting in the affirmative.

8. Adjournment

Chair calls for a motion.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Barnabas

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Stephanie Yuu-Sato
Board Secretary