

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM (DBEDT)

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION ON THE 13TH FESTIVAL OF PACIFIC ARTS AND
CULTURE (FESTPAC) MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018, AT 2:00 P.M.
NO. 1 CAPITOL DISTRICT BUILDING, 250 S. HOTEL STREET, HONOLULU, HI 96813
CONFERENCE ROOM #436

Commission Members Present were:

J. Kalani English	-	Senate President's Designee
Dennis Ling	-	DBEDT Designee
Kalani Ka'ana'ana	-	Hawaii Tourism Authority Designee
Mehana Hind	-	Office of Hawaiian Affairs Designee
Mapuana de Silva	-	Community Member

Guests:

Snowbird Bento	-	Community Member (Pending Confirmation)
Iwalani Kaho'ohanohano	-	Hawaii Tourism Authority
Jacob Aki	-	Senator English's Office
Rebecca Crall	-	Representative DeCoite's Office
Jill Kawamoto	-	Senate Communications
Michi Moore	-	Senate Communications
Vicky Takamine	-	PA'I Foundation

Staff:

Margaret Ahn	-	Deputy Attorney General
Mary Alice Evans	-	DBEDT
Jamie Lum	-	DBEDT
Selma Malcolm (Recording)	-	DBEDT

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Dennis Ling called the meeting to order on Thursday, January 4, 2018, at 2:35 p.m. He welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Introduction of Members:

Mr. Ling asked the members to introduce themselves.

B. Orientation:

Statutory Authority – Act 104, SLH 2017

Ms. Margaret Ahn stated that Act 104 of the 2017 Legislative Session created a temporary commission to oversee the planning of the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts (FESTPAC) which will take place in Hawaii from June 11 – 27, 2020. The Legislation also appropriated funds for the Commission to plan for the Festival. The Commission is housed in and the appropriation to be expended by the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

Ms. Ahn also stated that the Legislation authorized the Commission to perform the following tasks:

- Serve as the coordinating agency for all state-sponsored and other celebration events as designated by the chairperson.
- Ensure that the activities planned are timely and appropriate to commemorate FESTPAC.
- Solicit funding from private and public sources.
- Accept appropriations, donations of money and personal properties provided and ensure that all donations are recorded and properly accounted for.
- Submit a report of its activities, plans, and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the 2018 regular session. The Commission ends on June 30, 2021.

State Ethics Code & Sunshine Law for Board and Commission Members:

Ms. Ahn stated that all Commission members are considered employees for the purposes of the Ethics Code. She informed the Commission that the most applicable provision is the conflict of interest provision which means that no employee, including Commission members, should take any official action directly affecting the business or undertaking in which he or she (including spouses and dependent children) has a substantial financial interest. The Code also prohibits a Commission member from accepting any gift of any value if it is reasonable to infer that the gift is intended to influence or reward official action. Ms. Ahn also advised that it is important to note that a gift can be anything of value including tokens of Aloha.

Regarding the Sunshine Law, Ms. Ahn stated that the intent of the Sunshine Law is to open-up the governmental processes to the public for scrutiny and participation. Therefore, discussions of official board business should only be done in open meetings, but there is an exception where two members can be allowed to discuss official board business outside of a meeting if no commitment to vote is made or sought. Ms. Ahn stated that discussions pertain not only to in-person discussions but also discussions by telephone, email and social media.

Mr. Kalani Ka'ana'ana inquired if he was permitted to discuss the Commission's business with members of his leadership team at HTA. Ms. Ahn replied that in general it is permitted, and further clarified that anything discussed in the open meeting is public information; however any matter discussed in an executive session is not public information.

C. Election of Commission Chair:

Motion was moved by Mr. Dennis Ling, seconded by Mr. Kalani Ka'ana'ana to nominate Senator J. Kalani English as the Commission Chair. There were no other nominations. The motion was passed unanimously.

D. DBEDT Report on Selection of Festival Coordinator:

Mr. Ling stated that DBEDT went through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to select the FESTPAC Coordinator, and the PA'I Foundation was the successful awardee for the contract.

Senator English noted that the sum of \$500,000 has been appropriated for FESTPAC. He will submit a request to the Ways and Means Committee to prepare a line item in DBEDT's budget for \$1 million per year until their goal is achieved. He will also introduce a separate bill. Everyone's support is requested.

A motion was made by Senator English and seconded by Mr. Ka'ana'ana recommending that a report be submitted to the Legislature stating that:

- the Commission convened its first meeting on Thursday, January 4, 2018.
- Senator J. Kalani English was elected as chairperson and attach a list of all the Commission members.
- DBEDT has selected PA'I Foundation as the FESTPAC Coordinator through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

The motion was passed unanimously.

E. Status of Festival Plans:

Ms. Vicky Takamine, Executive Director of the PA'I Foundation, presented the following reports for information purposes:

- A list of the participating nations including the indigenous people of Taiwan who were invited to participate in the Festival.
- Tentative schedule of events.
- Draft budget.

Ms. Takamine also reported that the total estimated budget to plan, coordinate, produce, manage and promote FESTPAC is over \$24 million. The FESTPAC Coordinator will be seeking additional public (federal, state and county) and private sources of funding. FESTPAC has been held every four years since 1972, and it brings together artists, performers and cultural practitioners from around the Pacific region for two weeks of festivities. It is the largest gathering in which Pacific peoples unite to enhance their respect and appreciation for one another. Hawaii has been selected to host the 2020 Festival.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Ling, on behalf of the Commission, congratulated and thanked Ms. Vicky Takamine and Ms. Mapuana de Silva for their hard work and commitment to FESTPAC over the years.

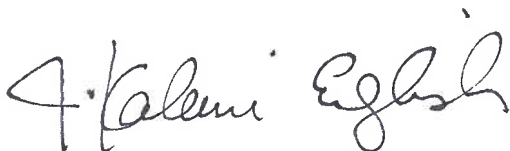
NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Senator J. Kalani English
Chair



Date