

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM (DBEDT)  
MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> FESTIVAL OF PACIFIC ARTS  
AND CULTURE (FESTPAC) MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018, AT 10:00 A.M.  
AT THE HAWAII CONVENTION CENTER, 1801 KALAKAUA AVENUE, HONOLULU HI  
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Commission Members Present were:

J. Kalani English, Chair	-	Senate President's Designee
Lynn DeCoite	-	House Speaker's Designee
Mapuana de Silva	-	Community Member
Kalani Ka'ana'ana	-	Hawaii Tourism Authority Designee
Misty Kela'i	-	City & County of Honolulu Designee
Dennis Ling	-	DBEDT Designee
Monte McComber	-	Governor's Designee

Guests:

Jacob Aki	-	Office of Senator English
Iwalani Kaho'ohanohano	-	Hawaii Tourism Authority
Michi Moore	-	Senate Communications
Kapuahelani Sterling	-	Hawaii Tourism Authority
Vicky Takamine	-	PA'I Foundation
Kathy Tschudy	-	Senate Communications

Staff:

Margaret Ahn	-	Deputy Attorney General
Jamie Lum	-	DBEDT

Apologies for Absence:

Snowbird Bento	-	Community Member
Mehana Hind	-	Office of Hawaiian Affairs Designee

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:00 a.m., who welcomed everyone present.

Prayer was said by Ms. Kaho'ohanohano.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 4, 2018 MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, January 4, 2018, were approved on a motion by Mr. Ka'ana'ana and seconded by Ms. Kela'i.

The motion was carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Festival Coordinator Contract – Status update

Ms. Lum reported that the Contract awarded to PA'I for FESTPAC Coordinator was signed and estimated PA'I would receive the first installment between mid-April to early May 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Legislative Report:

The Chairman reported that the Senate passed the FESTPAC appropriation bill and it crossed over to the House.

B. Festival Coordinator's Report:

Ms. Vicky Takamine reported the following:

- Bill SB2693 SD1 relating to FESTPAC was submitted to the House for hearings.
- A state Grant-in-Aid application was submitted on 1/19/18 for \$237,200 for the planning and construction of the FESTPAC Village. The potential sites that have been identified for the Village are Kaka'ako Park, Kapiolani Park and Fisherman's Wharf. The Village will be the center of activities for the two weeks of festivities showcasing and celebrating the culture and arts of the participating nations. Ms. Takamine also stated that the Foundation's vision is to transform the Village into a Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Center after FESTPAC for the people of Hawaii and visitors.
- Fundraising for the event will be sought through various government and non-government agencies, private and public foundations.

Ms. Kela'i offered information for the Commission to consider if there is going to be a request for funding from the City & County of Honolulu. If a request is made through the Grant-in-Aid process, the maximum amount available is

\$125,000. Also, if FESTPAC were to receive a GIA from the City, FESTPAC could not receive any other in-kind assistance from the City for services such as police, refuse collection, venues, etc.

- PA'I will partner with communities and churches; vendors and local farmers to develop community agricultural farm lots to grow most of the food for FESTPAC. The Foundation will also partner with other Native Hawaiian institutions, local and national non-profits to successfully create and implement events/activities for the Festival.
- The main responsibilities of the Commission/Host Committee are to provide venues for all performances, activities and meetings, and provide meals (3 per day for 2 weeks), housing, ground transportation and support services for the participating nations during the two weeks of festivities. Discussion ensued.

The following recommendations and requests were made:

- It was recommended that the Commission's final report to the Legislature should include a request that a line item be set aside in DBEDT's budget that builds up over a four-year period to assist Hawaii delegations to attend future FESTPACs.
- It was also recommended that the contract that was signed between DBEDT and PA'I Foundation be made available to the Commission. The scope of work, payments schedule and/or any other budgets that are attached to it will help the Commission to fully understand the obligations of PA'I Foundation.
- The Commission members requested copies of PA'I Foundation's monthly/annual FESTPAC budget.

The next FESTPAC will be held in Fiji in 2024.

C. Formation of Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Pursuant to Subsection 92-2.5(b):

Deputy AG Margaret Ahn briefed Commission members on the section of the statutes pertaining to the formation of Permitted Interaction Groups (PIG). Chair English felt there may be a need to form a PIG for fundraising. Ms. Ahn pointed out that a PIG is allowed for one time and cannot be ongoing. Chair English asked the Commission members to give more thought to this issue.

There was discussion about a group of Commission members attending the Council of Pacific Arts and Culture (CPAC) meetings in Nadi, Fiji, from May 15-17, 2018, to give a status report on plans for the 2020 FESTPAC. A motion was made by Mr. Ka'ana'ana and seconded by Mr. McComber to create a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) for the 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of the Pacific Arts and Culture. However, the motion was withdrawn when Ms. Ahn informed the Commission that this action is allowed per Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 92-2.5(e) and that not more than four (4) members can attend (must be less than quorum).

The Commission members indicating interest and availability to attend the CPAC meetings are:

- Mapuana de Silva (currently serves as CPAC Chair)
- Senator J. Kalani English (FESTPAC Commission Chair)
- Kalani Ka'ana'ana (Commission Member)

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Hawaii Convention Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. on a motion made by Mr. Ka'ana'ana and seconded by Ms. Kela'i.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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Senator J. Kalani English  
Chair

May 30, 2018

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Date