



MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION ON THE 13TH FESTIVAL OF
PACIFIC ARTS & CULTURE (FestPAC) MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 19 2023 AT 3:00 P.M.

VIA VIRTUAL APPLICATION ZOOM: VIDEO / AUDIO CONFERENCE

Commission Members Present:

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| Kalani Ka'anā'anā | - | Hawa'i Tourism Authority Designee (HTA) |
| Shanty Asher | - | City and County of Honolulu Designee |
| Sylvia Hussey | - | Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) |
| Jarrett Keohokālole | - | Senate President's Designee |
| Jamie Lum | - | Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) |
| Makana McClellan | - | Governor's Designee |

Staff:

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| Elise Amemiya | - | Deputy Attorney General |
| Micah 'Ākau | - | HTA |
| Maka Casson Fisher | - | HTA |
| Aaron Salā | - | Festival Director |
| Irina De La Torre | - | HTA |

Apologies:

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| Māpuana de Silva | - | Community Member At-Large |
| Richard Onishi | - | House Speaker's Designee |
| Snowbird Bento | - | Community Member At-Large |

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ka'anā'anā at 3:03 pm, who welcomed everyone present via ZOOM.

The Chair called upon HTA Staff Member Maka Casson-Fisher presented the wehena (opening).

Casson-Fisher presented about King Kamehameha Day and shared a clip from Tagata Pasifika who also attended the festivities about their experience with the festival.

Chair Ka'anā'anā briefly took the agenda out of order to welcome the newest Commissioner Shanty Asher to the FestPAC commission as the City of Honolulu's designee.

Chair Ka'anā'anā conducted roll-call attendance. Chair Ka'anā'anā was present at the in-person

location. Commissioner Asher, Hussey, Keohokālole, Lum, and McClellan were all alone and present via Zoom. Commissioner Bento, de Silva, and Onishi were excused.

Chair recognized that there were no public attendees at the in-person venue or at the Hawai'i Tourism Authority office.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS

No testimony was received in advance of the day's meeting. The chair invited members of the public to testify on the agenda items. Hearing none, he continued with agenda items.

REPORT ON PERMITTED INTERACTIONS, PURSUANT TO ACT 103, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAI'I 2021

Chair Ka'anā'anā asked if there were any reports of permitted interactions, hearing none he continued with the agenda items.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 5, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

The minutes were previously distributed and reviewed by Commissioners. Chair Ka'anā'anā requested a motion to amend the June 5, 2023, meeting minutes. Commissioner Hussey motioned and it was seconded by Commissioner Lum. Commissioner Hussey mentioned in the wehena on page three on line 13 it indicated an error that needed to be fixed and an adjustment on the word lāhui based on the Hawaiian dictionary. Commissioner Lum on page four under the venue committee updates, noted that they met on May 31st not in April.

Attorney General Amemiya also asked to make a note that she was not at the previous meeting and if we could have a note that Alison Kato was there.

Commissioner Hussey mentioned that on the first page, the meeting was indicated as June 6 but on subsequent pages, it stated June 22nd.

Chair noted that Commissioner de Silva arrived at 3:13 p.m.

Seeing no further discussion, the Chair conducted a roll-call vote. Chair Ka'anā'anā and Commissioners, Asher, de Silva, Hussey, Keohokālole, Lum, and McClellan, voted to approve the minutes of the June 5th meeting. With the members present the minutes of June 5th, 2023, were adopted with edits noted above.

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING THE FESTIVAL DIRECTOR REPORT OF FESTIVAL DIRECTOR

Festival Director Salā presented the convening of the Council of Pacific Arts and Culture along with the 6th Culture Ministers Meeting in Nouméa, New Caledonia, and that he would be attending with Commissioner Keohokālole and Commissioner de Silva.

Chair Ka'anā'anā shared that he will also be attending albeit virtually. Mr. Salā offered attendance for those who would like to attend these meetings as an observer. Mr. Salā explained the hierarchy of the FestPAC Working Group's SPC Assessment before presenting how the SPC assessment meeting went as SPC had presented an assessment of where Hawai'i is in festival

planning in early June. The Festival Director went through the assessment rubric explaining where Hawai‘i is in comparison to where the festival should be in relation to the festival manual guidelines and timeframes. Mr. Salā is confident that we will be able to answer the questions that arose during the CPAC meeting in Hawai‘i in March, providing a plan for the delivery of the 13th FestPAC, and a mitigation plan for the assessment. The main provisions needing answers by CPAC Noumea were the Program Matrix (Digital Platform), an Intent to Participate Form and Registration set, and a list of delegation items and artifacts.

On the issues of Visas, the issue still remained that the issued visa would be B1/B2 along with an interview at a U.S. embassy within the Pacific region.

On the issues of Biosecurity, Mr. Salā stated that the issues were mitigated by needing to go to Long Beach and he asked Darcy Oishi of the State whom he could speak on the issues of Biosecurity.

Darcy Oishi with the Hawai‘i Department of Agriculture was brought onto Zoom. Mr. Onishi shared that he had been talking with his federal counterparts about Methyl Bromide treatment. An option discussed about the Biosecurity issue, they discussed using non-Methyl Bromide treatments as an alternative. The solution will really depend on the materials coming to Hawai‘i and the risks the state departments are willing to take. Important factors moving forward would be compliant agreements with USDA for treatment, ensuring a facility, and getting appropriate equipment.

This is what the state has identified as their need for the biosecurity issues that FestPAC would face. Festival Director Salā opened up the floor for any questions for Mr. Onishi. Chair Ka‘anā‘anā thanked Mr. Onishi for his efforts and asked if the challenges that they faced were state or federal regulations. Mr. Onishi shared that this was all federal regulatory issues. Festival Director Salā continued with his report and moved to agenda item #11 to showcase the Gravitas Pasifika Team.

INTRODUCTION OF GRAVITAS PASIFIKA FESTPAC TEAM

Festival Director Salā shared the team and the various disciplines they would take on:

- Executive Management
- Legal
- Communications / Public Relations
- Fund Development
- Web Development
- Operations and Logistics
- Program

Donalyn Dela Cruz will be joining the Executive Management team. Legal is on hold for now. Stryker Weiner and Yakota will be the Public Relations firm assisting FestPAC. Pattie Look has

joined the team in Fund Development. Wondros is the Web Development team. Pacific Island Institute will be the Operations and Logistics team. There is no Program director yet, but each specific program has a head and has iterated their desires to do this work for FestPAC.

Festival Director Salā has a request for the commission to have a secondment for the Culture Advisor of the SPC, Letila Mitchell be in Hawai‘i as often as necessary to help execute a well-organized and planned FestPAC and is happy to draft the official ask to send over to the SPC. Chair Ka‘anā‘anā opened the floor for questions. Commissioner Lum asked who would be responsible for paying Letila Michell’s expenses, to which Festival Director Salā responded the SPC. Chair Ka‘anā‘anā responded next sharing that he feels as though they are trying to get things to be too perfect and figure out what the timeline is to get basics out the door. He wants to ensure that the delegations have information to start their planning, but what he does not want is worst-case scenario plans to be given that information later and give them this information as soon as possible. The Festival Director shared that he would provide our information as accurately as possible when they are in Noumea. For the timeline, there still are logistic issues that need to be worked through. After dialogue between Chair and Festival Director, a document with relevant information that they do not think will be changing soon will be shared with the various countries headed to the 13th FestPAC.

Chair Ka‘anā‘anā would like for us to do everything possible to respond item for item of those seven things with what CPAC has asked of us for this mitigation plan as he is worried without a detailed plan the members of the CPAC planning committee would take action that would cause Hawai‘i not able to host.

Commissioner de Silva has requested the document going to the various countries to be ready by this Friday, June 15, and have the details in writing along with on the website. She reiterated the Chair’s point of making sure that every single point within the assessment was addressed within our document and as a presentation.

Festival Director Salā discussed challenges he faced but now that he is properly procured, the fire is lit to get everything that is needed for this festival.

Chair Ka‘anā‘anā asked if there were any additional questions. Hearing none, he continued with the agenda items.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Ka‘anā‘anā welcomed Miki-Tae Tapara asking the commission to really consider Mr. Salā’s request for a secondment with Ms. Letila Mitchell to support Hawai‘i in FestPAC planning.

Chair shared that he did place a request in to bring Ms. Letila Mitchell to Hawai‘i but the response was if Ms. Mitchell could continue to support remotely. Commissioner Keohokālole asked for clarity on the motion of support and followed up by putting a motion to send a formal

request to CPAC to request Ms. Mitchell's presence in Hawai'i, which Commissioner de Silva seconded. Without any further question, the Chair had a role call where Chair Ka'anā'anā, de Silva, Hussey, Keohokālole, Lum, McClellan, and Asher voted aye.

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE.

The Chair deferred as there was no business for this agenda item.

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING VENUES AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Chair deferred as there was no business for this agenda item.

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE

The Chair deferred as there was no business for this agenda item.

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING BIOSECURITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Chair deferred as we took it out of order.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS

The chair invited members of the public to testify on the agenda items. Hearing none, he continued with agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Ka'anā'anā has no announcements.

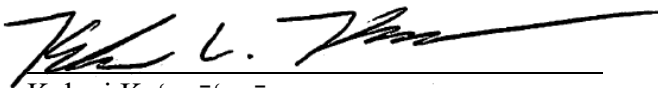
NEXT MEETING

Chair Ka'anā'anā confirmed that the next meeting will be held on July 24th, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. via zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ka'anā'anā adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kalani Ka'anā'anā
Chair

July 15, 2023
Date