



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

MONDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2024 AT 05:30 P.M.
HYBRID VIA ZOOM

Commission Members Present were:

Kalani Ka'anā'anā	-	Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA)
Shanty Asher	-	City & County of Honolulu
Snowbird Bento	-	Community
Stacy Ferreira	-	Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA)
Sen. Jarrett Keohokāhole	-	Hawai'i State Senate
Jamie Lum	-	Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT)
Rep. Richard Onishi	-	Hawai'i State House of Representatives

Staff:

Elise Amemiya	-	Office of the Attorney General
Maka Casson-Fisher	-	Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA)

Guests:

Aaron J. Salā	-	Festival Director, Gravitas Pasifika
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Apologies:

Māpuana de Silva	-	Community
Makana McClellan	-	Governor's Designee

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kalani Ka'anā'anā (Chair) at 5:37pm, who welcomed everyone present via ZOOM.

WEHENA

Chair Ka'anā'anā called upon Festival Director Salā to provide the wehena (opening). FD Salā then performed a mele for Kaukini, a famous bird catcher of Waipi'o Valley, "known so well for his community service that they commemorate him in song," in FD Salā's words, "the work that we have done collaboratively in community, bringing us all together, is something for us to celebrate." FD then performed a mele (song) in tribute of Kaukini.

ATTENDANCE

Chair Ka'anā'anā and Commissioners Asher, Bento, Ferreira, Keohokālole, Lum, and Onishi were present. Commissioners de Silva and McClellan were excused prior. Staff Member Casson-Fisher, Festival Director Aaron Salā, and Deputy AG Elise Amemiya, were also present via Zoom.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Ka'anā'anā invited public members attending the ZOOM call to testify on any agenda items. Hearing and seeing none, Chair proceeded to the next agenda item.

REPORT ON PERMITTED INTERACTIONS, PURSUANT TO ACT 103, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2021

Chair noted neither an Admin or Venue Committee meeting took place between commission meetings. Hearing and seeing no further permitted interactions from the commission, Chair continued to the next agenda item.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 13TH, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes were previously distributed and reviewed by commissioners. Chair Ka'anā'anā requested a motion to adopt the May 13th 2024 minutes. Commissioner Onishi motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lum. With no additional discussion, Chair conducted a roll-call vote. Chair Ka'anā'anā, and Commissioners Asher, Bento, Ferreira, Keohokāhole, Lum, and Onishi voted in favor of approving the unamended minutes of the May 13th 2024 meeting. Commissioners de Silva and McClellan were excused. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 20TH, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes were previously distributed and reviewed by commissioners. Chair Ka'anā'anā requested a motion to adopt the May 20th 2024 minutes. Commissioner Lum motioned, seconded by Commissioner Bento. With no additional discussion, Chair conducted a roll-call vote. Chair Ka'anā'anā, and Commissioners Asher, Bento, Ferreira, Keohokāhole, Lum, and Onishi voted in favor of approving the unamended minutes of the May 20th 2024 meeting. Commissioners de Silva and McClellan were excused. Motion carried.

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

Festival Director (FD) Salā presented updates on operations, security and credentialing protocols, marketing and promotions, and updates on the festival village build.

FD Salā began with acknowledgements- first, to the Pacific Islands Institute (PII) for their dedication to overseeing the arrivals for each delegation. Then to the City and County of Honolulu Department of Facilities and Maintenance for assisting with hauling the lumber, felled by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), from Waimanalo to the Hawaii Convention Center. Construction of the individual hale (houses) of the festival village was completed a day early. FD Salā then acknowledged Linda Lileikis of Architects Hawaii Limited (AHL) and Rick Schneider of Events International for their contributions. Salā noted a personal and moving observation during the construction of the festival village- seeing volunteers from the military in uniform, together with Hawaii resident volunteers, building hale together. Salā called it "An incredible sight, to forsake our individual selves for something much larger." Prior to the festival village opening on Friday, the Mauloa wa'a (canoe) had been delivered from

Hilo just a few days prior, Upon entrance to the festival village, the Mauloa will be the centerpiece, pointing to a star compass that projects the night sky onto the ceiling of the exhibition hall. Plants from Hui Kū Maoli Ola have been additionally been delivered, with acknowledgment to Rick Barboza. FD Salā described the convention center being transformed into a welcoming gallery space.

The Council for Pacific Arts and Culture had a meeting set for the following morning, with a majority of FestPAC delegates arriving by the middle of the week of June 3rd.

A 36-page Star Advertiser insert will serve as the program for the festival, with a 20,000 additional copy overrun, with 1,000 keepsake editions for dignitaries and VIPs, that will be delivered within the week. With further acknowledgements to Rick Schneider and Events International, credentialing has been in-process for arriving delegates and festival staff, and takes about two minutes per participant to complete on-site. As security protocols will be heightened during the festival event, assuring proper maintenance for dignitaries and VIPs is a priority for FD and team.

Chair Ka‘anā‘anā asked of the commission for additional questions or comments, to which Commissioner Ferreira inquired what type of access a “sponsor” event staffer would have, as compared to a regular staff or VIP member. FD Salā then responded that all staff members will have access to what they need, operationally- with sponsors receiving inclusive event access for the FestPAC venues.

Chair then expressed heartfelt gratitude to all collaborators, and desire for each member participating in the meeting to invite their friends and family, and to spread the word about the festival event.

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Chair deferred the agenda item as there was no meeting of the administrative committee.

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

Chair deferred the agenda item as there was no meeting of the venues and programming committee.

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE DISPOSITION OF THE COPYRIGHT OF THE 13TH FESTPAC BROADCAST

Chair deferred the agenda item.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Ka‘anā‘anā invited public testimony. Hearing and seeing none, Chair proceeded to announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair announced that the Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture was fast ahead, and for all to participate at their leisure. There will be additional satellite venues at Windward Mall for O‘ahu’s windward community, Kamakana Alii for the west community, and the Palama Settlement for the central community. Chair then acknowledged the Hawaii Community Foundation for the grants they issued to help bring neighboring island residents to O‘ahu to

experience the festival. Hawaii News Now was also recognized as the festival's broadcast partner, ensuring the event is accessible for those unable to attend in-person. He then advised against parking at the convention center due to limited spaces available for attendee and VVIP participant vehicles, and utilizing ride-share options or commuting, if possible due to the high volume of anticipated visitors. Chair lastly expressed gratitude to the commission, acknowledging all members for their long-lasting commitment to this historical event, as well as senate commission members, and members of their respective caucuses for the support of the legislature for the event. Chair then stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 1st 2024 at 3:00pm. Hearing no further announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Kalani Ka'anā'anā
Chair

Jul 1, 2024

Date