

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM (DBEDT)  
MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> FESTIVAL OF  
PACIFIC ARTS & CULTURE (FESTPAC) MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019, AT 9:00 A.M.  
HAWAI'I CONVENTION CENTER  
1801 KALĀKAUA AVE., BOARD ROOM A  
HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96815

Commission Members Present were:

J. Kalani English, Chair	-	Senate President's Designee
Snowbird Bento	-	Community Member
Māpuana de Silva	-	Community Member
Kalani Ka'anā'anā	-	Hawai'i Tourism Authority Designee
Misty Kela'i	-	City & County of Honolulu Designee
Mike McCartney	-	DBEDT
Monte McComber	-	Governor's Designee

Guests:

Jacob Aki	-	Senator English's Office
Kapalai'ula de Silva	-	Kamehameha Schools
Leituala Kuiniselani	-	Pacific Community (SPC)
Michael Pili Pang	-	PA'I Foundation
Jay Rojas	-	PA'I Foundation
Vicky Takamine	-	PA'I Foundation
Kanoe Takitani-Puahi	-	MOCA
John White	-	Strategies 360
Honey Maltin-Wisot	-	Strategies 360
Briana Leite Ah Yo	-	Hawai'i Convention Center

Staff:

Margaret Ahn	-	Attorney General's Office
Selma Malcolm (Recording)	-	DBEDT

Apologies:

Lynn DeCoite	-	House Speaker's Designee
Mehana Hind	-	Office of Hawaiian Affairs

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair English on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at 9:09 a.m., who welcomed everyone present. Special welcome was extended to Ms. Leitulala Kuiniselani of the Pacific Community (SPC).

APPROVAL OF WEDNESDAY, March 13, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, was deferred until the next meeting on April 10, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Recommendations by the Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to Determine the Best Location(s) for the Festival Village:

The Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) comprised of Mr. Mike McCartney, Ms. Misty Kela'i and Ms. Māpuana de Silva and alternate members Mr. Monte McComber and Ms. Mehana Hind, was created at the last meeting of the Commission to investigate alternate sites for the Festival Village. The PIG reported that: They toured the entire Hawai'i Convention Center (HCC) and agreed that it is the best location for the Festival and that the Ala Wai Promenade (below the south entrance grand staircase) meets their requirements for the Festival Village. It is at a great location, near Waikīkī and hotels, walkways are shaded with beautiful trees on the waterfront with two public entrances that can be easily secured at nights. It is large enough to accommodate all the participating nations, a Hawaiian Village/Market, concession and food booths, etc. It is also a City and County of Honolulu Property and daily cleaning of the grounds is possible.

The Group recommended that the Ala Wai Promenade be designated as the Festival Village, the HCC be used for the Festival activities, and that small satellite villages could be placed at the Bishop Museum, the Honolulu Museum of Arts and the Hawai'i State Art Museum.

Chair English thanked the Group for the report and noted that the Commissioners will take action/vote on their recommendations at the next meeting of the Commission.

Ms. Takamine stated that she talked with Kūhiō Lewis about a floating stage on the Ala Wai Canal (if it is not too expensive). She also suggested the use of laser lights at the show instead of fireworks and the organization of a parade of canoes on the Ala Wai Canal.

**Site Visit:** Mr. McCartney led the tour of the Hawai'i Convention Center (HCC) which included the Rooftop Garden on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, the Kamehameha Exhibition Hall, and the Ala Wai Promenade located between Kalākaua Avenue and Ala Moana Boulevard, HCC

and Ala Wai Canal. The Commissioners were all impressed with both the HCC facilities and the Promenade.

Ms. Snowbird Bento left the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

B. Festival Director's Report:

The Festival Director's Report was deferred until the next meeting of the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

Festival Budget:

Mr. McCartney suggested that Commissioners plan a retreat, possibly in May, to define the roles and responsibilities of members, organize team activities and review the direction of the budget., etc. Chair English felt it was a good idea and encouraged the Commissioners to start looking at their schedules. Best meeting date and time will be decided at the next Commission meeting on April 10.

Chair English gave a brief update on developments at the Legislature. He stated that due to the Council on Revenues shortfall prediction, the Governor did not fund major elements of the State Budget.

Chair English reported that he had dinner with the President of Taiwan, Tsai Ing-Wen along with her Council of Indigenous People and Foreign Ministers in Hawai'i while they were in transit. They are fully participating in FESTPAC.

Destination Management Services (DMS):

Discussion was held regarding the Destination Management Services for the Festival. PA'I Foundation is communicating with potential DMS Contractors for the events and will be working out the contract issues with DBEDT to secure funds and move forward.

NEXT MEETING:

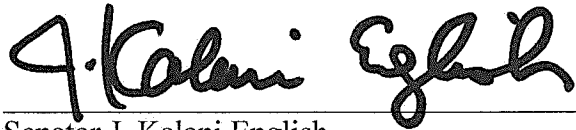
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., at the Hawai'i Convention Center.

Chair English thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Senator J. Kalani English  
Chair



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Date