



HO'OU LU LĀHUI  
Regenerating Oceania  
13th Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture  
Hawai'i 2024

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023 AT 03:00 P.M.**

VIRTUAL APPLICATION ZOOM

Commission Members Present were:

Kalani Ka'anā'anā, Chair	-	Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) Designee
Shanty Asher	-	City & County of Honolulu
Colin Kippen	-	Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA)
Jamie Lum	-	Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT)
Makana McClellan	-	Governor's Designee

Guests:

Aaron Salā	-	Festival Director
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Staff:

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

Apologies:

Snowbird Bento	-	Community
Māpuana de Silva	-	Community Member At-Large
Sen. Jarrett Keohokāhole	-	Hawai'i State Senate
Rep. Richard Onishi	-	Hawai'i State House of Representatives

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kalani Ka'anā'anā at 03:07 p.m., who welcomed everyone present via ZOOM.

Chair Ka'anā'anā conducted the roll-call attendance. Chair Ka'anā'anā, Commissioner Asher, Commissioner Kippen, Commissioner Lum, and Commissioner McClellan were present via Zoom.

Commissioner Bento, Commissioner de Silva, Commissioner Keohokāhole and Commissioner Onishi were excused.

## **WEHENA**

The Chair called upon Commissioner Lum to provide the wehena (opening) who introduced Kumu Lāhela Ka‘aihue for the wehena.

Kumu Lāhela Ka‘aihue started in her wehena that she was a part of the very first FestPAC in Tahiti and she was very happy to be a part of it. She shared that the commission has a big job on their hand and that she’s so happy it’s going to be in Hawai‘i and wants to make sure it’s publicized so people can attend. Kumu Lāhela Ka‘aihue then shared the ‘oli Ka Lei Maila.

Also in attendance were Deputy Attorney General Elise Amemiya, Festival Director (FD) Aaron Salā, as well as HTA support staff: Maka Casson-Fisher.

## **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 shared that the Programming/Venue Committee met on Tuesday, October 17. Hearing no additional meetings, the Chair continued with the next agenda item.

## **APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes were previously distributed and reviewed by Commissioners. Chair Ka‘anā‘anā requested a motion to adopt the October 6, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Lum motioned and it was Seconded by Commissioner McClellan. With no additional discussion, Chair Ka‘anā‘anā conducted a roll-call vote. Chair Ka‘anā‘anā, and Commissioners Asher, Kippen, Lum, and McClellan voted in favor of approving the unamended minutes of the October 6th, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Bento, Commissioner de Silva, Commissioner Keohokālole and Commissioner Onishi were excused. Motion passed.

## **PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING THE FESTIVAL DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Festival Director Salā provided an update regarding the following items:

- 1) Program and Content
- 2) Logistics & Operations
- 3) Marketing & Promotion
- 4) Community Engagement

FD is working with SPC for bi-weekly circulars. The FestPAC website is up along with a delegation portal for the Heads of Delegations to login to receive up-to-date information. FS is working on follow-ups on countries’ intent to participate from as 17 of the 28 countries invited have accepted the invitation. There is currently a call for young ambassadors along with the Visual Arts exhibit at Capitol Modern along with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary exhibit there as well.

They are also looking to find festivalgoers throughout the years to provide to the anniversary exhibit in partnership with the University of Hawai‘i.

For Logistics & Operations, confirming T.C. Ching Athletics Complex and Stan Sheriff Center with UH. There are revised city asks for transportation as well as initial charger flight requests for Air Tahiti, Aircalin, and Solomon Airlines.

FD is finalizing how to invite particular dignitary and traditional leaders as well to ensure proper protocol. Council of Chiefs in Fiji would like to have a meeting of traditional leaders in early 2024 and looking to FestPAC’s list of traditional leaders for them to invite as well.

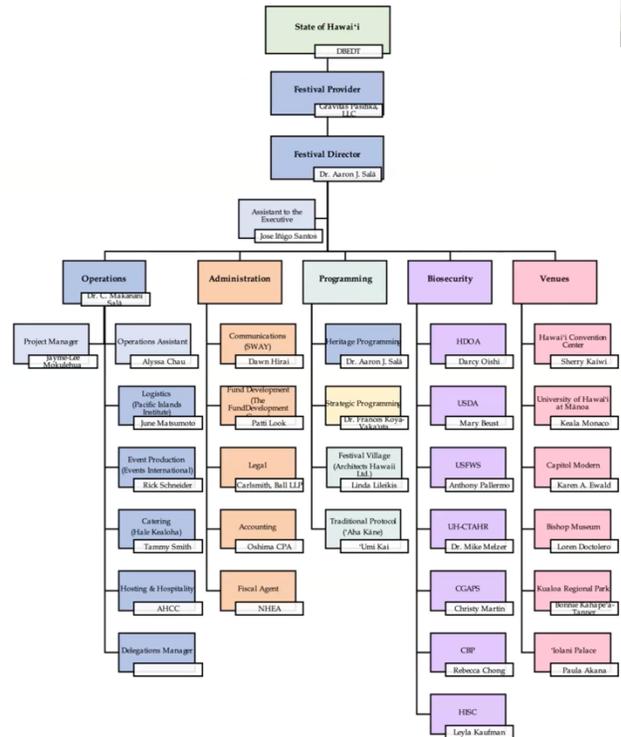
FD had meetings for accommodations for secondary venues for rooming.

FD continues to meet with Biosecurity committee and make great strides in confirming the logistics of transport of items and materials to and from Hawai‘i.

FD has shared the FestPAC Organizing Team showcasing the 13th FestPAC Commission, the Pacific Community (SPC), and Festival Provider’s team broken down within five categories: Operations, Administration, Programming, Biosecurity, and Venues attached below, explaining who his contacts are for each topic.

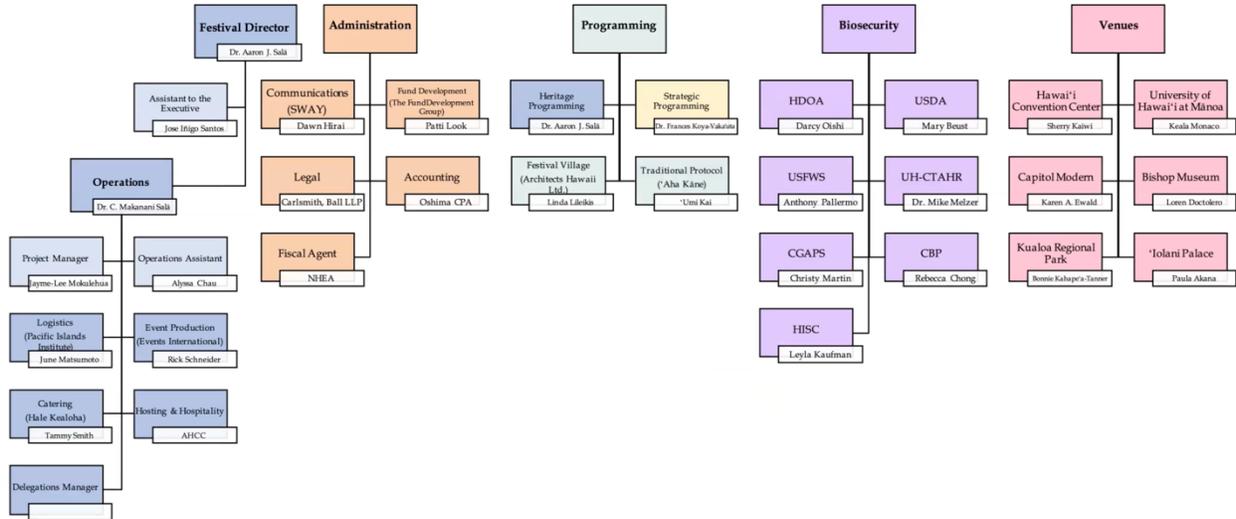
# FestPAC Organizing Team Internal

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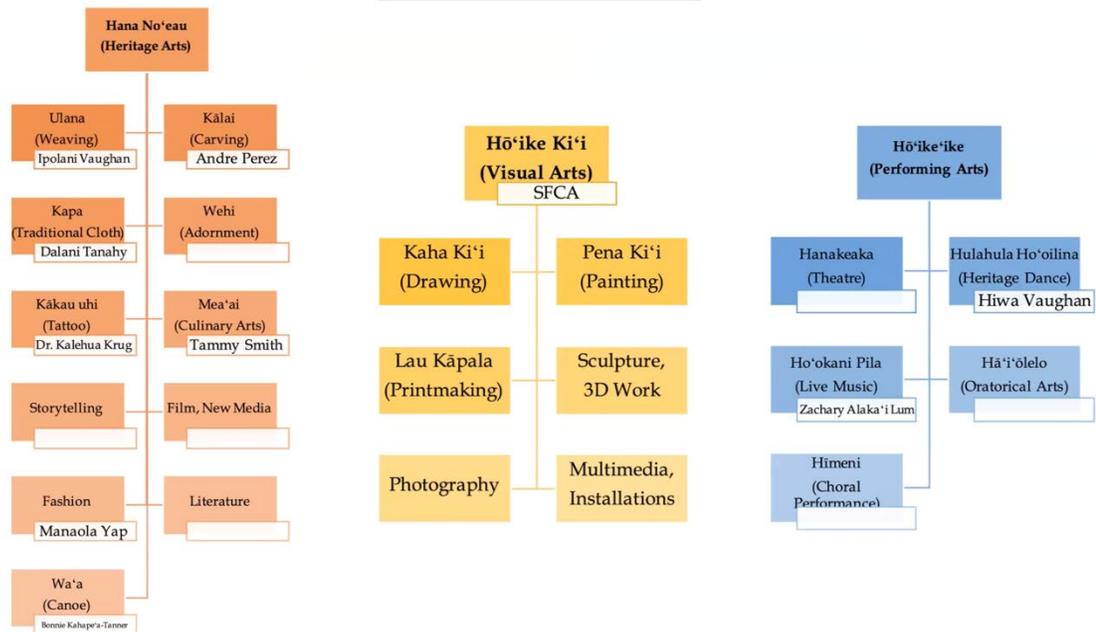




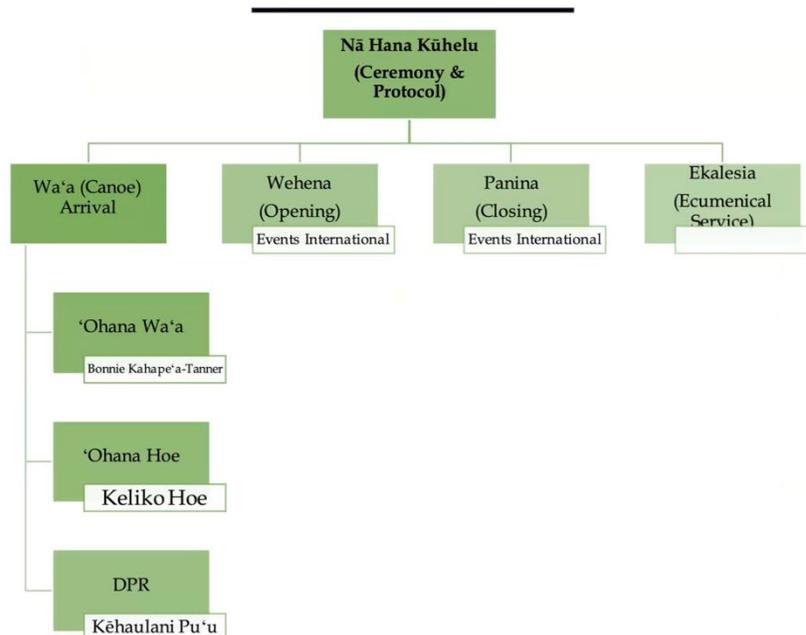
# FestPAC Organizing Team - Internal



# FestPAC Organizing Team - Programs



# FestPAC Organizing Team - Ceremonies



For Marketing & Promotions, FD is working with Stryker Weiner & Yokota (SWAY) on a press release while collecting contact emails from the website. FD has also begun to make more traction through Social Media through Facebook, Instagram, and X (formerly known as Twitter). A member of the Gravitas Pasifika team will also be traveling to the East Coast for a Media Blitz sharing the news of FestPAC while United States-based publications.

Commissioner Lum has asked how many actual delegates will be joining, which FD shared about 1,300 delegates.

Chair Ka'anā'anā shared that with his Festival Director report, FD has shared agenda item #7 and 8. Chair also asked that they needed to revisit the MOA to meet with SPC once their plan is in place for broadcasting.

Hearing no additional questions/comments from Commissioners, the Chair continued with the next agenda item.

## **PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Chair deferred this agenda item as the committee did not meet.

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

The Venues & Programming Committee shared the minutes of their permitted interaction within the meeting packet that should be referenced for those looking to know what was discussed. The meeting will be discussed in the next commission meeting as the Venue and Programming Chair was absent from this meeting.

Hearing no additional comments from Commissioners, the Chair continued with the next agenda item.

**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**

No Announcements.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held in-person on November 6, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in Room TBA. Wehena to be provided by Commissioner Asher.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Ka'anā'anā adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Kalani Ka'anā'anā  
Chair

Nov 7, 2023

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Date