

Small Business Regulatory Review Board

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

July 21, 2010

Conference Room 410 - No. 1 Capitol District Building, Honolulu, Hawaii

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Pang called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Charles Au
- Bruce Bucky
- David De Luz Jr.
- Donald Dymond
- Dorvin Leis
- Sharon Pang
- Richard Schnitzler

ABSENT MEMBER: None

STAFF:

DBEDT

Milton Kwock

Office of the Attorney General

Margaret Ahn

II. **APPROVAL OF June 29, 2010 MINUTES**

Mr. Bucky made a motion to accept the June 29, 2010 minutes as circulated. Mr. De Luz seconded the motion and the Board members unanimously affirmed the motion.

III. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Strategic Planning

Suggestion was made by Mr. Bucky to have Chair Pang meet with the Governor's State Boards and Commissions Office to discuss filling of vacant positions on the Board.

Suggestion was also made to have Board members make contact with industry/business organizations to surface unresolved issues that impact on small business.

Another suggestion was to develop a mini "white paper" distribute to all candidates to public office.

The Board also asked Deputy Attorney General Ahn to schedule a session on "Sunshine Law" for Board members.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Review and discussion of proposed amendments to Chapter 5-24, HAR, "Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center" (Department of the Attorney General)

Liane Moriyama, HCJDC Administrator, explained that the fee schedule helps to improve the system and have a positive impact on small business that use the online service.

Mr. au made a motion to send a memo to the Governor in support of sending the proposed amendments to public hearing. Mr. Schnitzler seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed to the motion.

B. Review and discussion of proposed amendments to Chapter 17-1709.2, HAR, "State Funded Hawaii Premium Plus" and adoption of new Chapter 17-1709.3, HAR, "State with Federal Match Funded Hawaii Premium Plus" (DHS)

Priscilla Thode, DHS/MedQuest, summarized the proposed amendments and adoption of new rules which provides incentives to Hawaii employers to hire new employees. As of May 1, 2010, the State program has been in place. Information about this program will be handled by the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. To date, 35 employers have taken advantage of this program. Employers

with 50 or less employees qualify for this program. The amendments and new rules would broaden assistance to small businesses with employees. The program focuses on hiring people unemployed at least 6 weeks and collecting unemployment insurance benefits.

Staff will work with DHS/MedQuest to post information about this program on RegAlert.

A motion was made by Mr. Yukimura to send a memo to the Governor in support of sending the proposed amendments and new rules to public hearing. Mr. De Luz seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed to the motion.

C. Nominations to fill board vacancies

The Board discussed Howard West's application and resume. Mr. West attended the meeting, as did fellow nominees John Leong and Elvira Lo.

A motion was made by Mr. Au to send Mr. West's nomination to the Governor. Mr. De Luz seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed to the motion.

The Board discussed Katy Foxwell's application and resume. Ms. Foxwell was nominated to represent Maui County. Chair Pang and Mr. Au will schedule a conference call before the August meeting with Ms. Foxwell to get more information about her background and small business experience.

Staff will keep in contact with the State Boards and Commissions office to encourage them to move the nominations forward.

D. Discussion leader assignments

The board discussed existing and potential new assignments. Board members decided to hold off on finalizing assignments until new board members were in place.

V. REPORT FROM CHAIR

The Chair updated board members on proposed rule changes that were forwarded to the SBRRB for consideration that had no small business impact.

VI. REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The Board suggested that testimonials be posted on the SBRRB section of DBEDT's website.

The Board also recommended that a letter of appreciation be sent to DBEDT Director Theodore Liu for his continuing support of the Board and its mission.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday September 15, 2010, 250 South Hotel Street, Honolulu, HI, Room 410.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.