

**BROADBAND ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING (BAAC)  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (DCCA)  
STATE OF HAWAII**

**MINUTES OF MEETING [DRAFT]**

Date: Monday, January 30, 2013, 2:00 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.  
Time: King Kalakaua Building, Queen Liliuokalani Conf. Room  
Place: 335 Merchant Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

BAAC Members Present: Everett Kaneshige, Chair; Bob Barlow, Oceanic Time Warner; Lester Chu for Eric Yeaman, Hawaiian Telcom; Dr. David Lassner, University of Hawaii; Sharene Urakami-Oyama,

Others Present: Kendall Matsuyoshi, Watanabe Ing; Steve Nagata, Associate General Counsel, Hawaiian Electric Company; Paul Nakagawa, Superintendent – Planning Division; Tracy Nishibun, Planning Administrator, HECO; Celeste Nip for Verizon Wireless; Powell Onishi, tw telecom; Kiman Wong, Oceanic Time Warner; Cathy Takase, DCCA; Todd Ogasawara, DCCA

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Everett Kaneshige called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**II. Minutes of December 10, 2012 meeting**

Chair Kaneshige asked for a review of the minutes of the last meeting. Council member Barlow moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Chu, representing Council member Eric Yeaman, seconded the move to approve the minutes. The minutes were given verbal approval by the board members present.

**III. State Broadband Strategic Plan**

Chair Kaneshige reported that the State broadband strategic plan was filed with the NTIA. He noted that the plan would be available in a PDF file format from the DCCA website in the near future.

#### **IV. ARRA Grant – State Broadband Capacity Building Project**

Chair Kaneshige provided a brief overview of the Capacity Building Project charter as something that incorporates the BAAC and BAAC workgroups in tasks related to adoption and permitting. He noted that workgroup meetings will be scheduled to address capacity building needs.

#### **V. ARRA Grant – Technical Assistance Project**

Chair Kaneshige pointed out the key aspects of the Technical Assistance Project. It involves field work with teams in each county to identify priorities specific for each county. He also noted that revisions will be made to the draft charter that was presented at the December 10, 2012 BAAC meeting. The BAAC will be consulted for input regarding possible participants in the Technical Assistance Project local planning teams for each county. The DCCA will be looking specifically for people engaged in broadband operation or adoption on a day-to-day basis in the counties.

#### **VI. LEGISLATION**

Two (2) 2013 bills were noted by Chair Kaneshige for informational purposes at the request of DCCA Director Lopez:

- A. SB941/ HB635 - Broadband Permits; Automatic Approval;
- B. SB1236 - Fiber Optic Cable Systems; Installation; Mandatory

Mr. Nagata (HECO) raised concerns about SB941. He asked what “broadband permits” are meant to be included under the bill? Chair Kaneshige stated that it was not an administrative bill, but noted that, although the State has limited ability to regulate broadband, it does require approvals related, for example, to health, safety, and zoning. Mr. Onishi (tw telecom) commented that the changes described by the bill would help his firm by speeding up the permitting process.

On a related note, Chair Kaneshige reminded members of the Permitting Workgroup that the definition and execution of permitting demonstration projects is the key to provide real-world examples of permitting issues. Dr. Lassner noted that the University of Hawaii gave up on the attempt to pull fiber optic cables from Kahului to Hana, Maui, because of the difficulty and time involved in getting easement access from the 87 private land owners controlling access to 155 poles in the time frame required under UH’s BTOP grant.

Ms. Urakami-Oyama stated that AT&T has identified some demonstration projects that could be used by the Permitting Workgroup. AT&T would like more information from the State on what information would be required from AT&T and disclosure of same to get internal acceptance. Chair Kaneshige indicated that the Broadband staff would clarify this in the near future.

Mr. Wong said that Oceanic Time Warner is developing a permitting demonstration project for consideration by the Permitting Workgroup.

## **VII. Announcements**

Chair Kaneshige reported that DCCA initiated communications with the Senate President and Speaker of the House to appoint BAAC members to replace former Senator Fukunaga, former Honolulu CIO Gordon Bruce, and Jennifer Sabas, Office of Senator Inouye.

## **VIII. Next meeting – to be scheduled**

Chair Kaneshige proposed scheduling workgroup meetings before setting a date for the next full BAAC meeting.

## **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.