

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: October 28, 2011
Time: 2:00 pm.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 0016
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

BAAC Members Present: Everett Kaneshige, Deputy Director of DCCA, Chair; Forest Frizzel for Gordon Bruce, Chief Information Officer, City & County of Honolulu; Kiman Wong for Bob Barlow, President, Oceanic Time Warner; Eric Yeaman, President, Hawaiian Telcom; Clyde Sonobe for Jennifer Sabas, Office of U.S. Senator Inouye; Sharene Urakami-Oyama, AT&T; Rep. Derek Kawakami, David Lassner, Chief Information Officer, University of Hawaii, and Sen. David Ige.
Absent: Lisa Konkola, Eyekon Systems, Rep. Kyle Yamashita, Sen. Carol Fukunaga.

Others Present: Yuka Nagashima, CEO, High Technology Development Corporation (for DBEDT); Donn Yabusaki, CATV Administrator; Sterling Yee, DCCA Broadband Program Specialist

AGENDA: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Everett Kaneshige at 2:04 pm.

II. Discussion and approval of minutes from September 9, 2011 meeting

Chair Kaneshige presented a draft of the minutes of the September 9, 2011 and asked for any corrections or additions. With no corrections or additions the minutes were approved.

III. Working Groups

Chair Kaneshige presented a draft describing each of the working groups and preliminary assignments of the members of the committee to each group. The draft also included recommended possible additional participants and potential issues for each group. Chair Kaneshige stated that there was an intention of purposely keeping the working groups small in order to keep them “lean and mean.” There were no questions or changes to the list of participants. Chair Kaneshige said anyone wanting to make changes to call Mr. Yee. Some additional participants were suggested including Hawaiian Homelands and the military in the area of permitting, and DOE in the area of adoption

The discussion moved on to the issues involved with each working group. There was a suggestion to include education, training and other applications that drive demand as issues in the area of adoption. Another suggestion was to look at other groups such those involved with Health IT that have grants to do work similar to what the BAAC is doing, to ensure that the BAAC does not duplicate their efforts and encourage collaboration. Chair Kaneshige indicated he would contact Beth Giesting, the Health Transformation Coordinator in the Office of the Governor for further information on this issue.

Chair Kaneshige also mentioned that DCCA would be available to provide administrative support for the working groups. However, DCCA did not expect to chair each of the working groups so each group would need to elect their own chairs. Chair Kaneshige reminded the group that the purpose of the Council is to provide advice to the Director of DCCA in implementing the objectives contained in Act 199 (SLH 2010) and the Hawaii Broadband Initiative. He further explained that members of the three working groups are to provide their collective expertise and experiences to be reported back to the full Council. Example of issues which could be addressed by the respective groups included obstacles related to broadband adoption, improvements to the current permitting process and coming up with a workable economic model, including what it might take to provide 1 gigabit download speeds by 2018 and what could government do to assist. Ultimately, it would be up to the groups themselves to decide on the issues they will address and determine the priorities and timeframes.

IV. Proposed Legislation

Chair Kaneshige informed the Council that DCCA's was working on a draft bill to transfer the authority to regulate telecommunications from the PUC to the DCCA. He reported that the PUC is supportive of the proposed transfer and is working very closely with the DCCA on the bill. The draft will be circulated with the Council for their feedback as soon as the draft is reasonably complete.

V. Future Council meeting schedule for 2011

Chair Kaneshige informed the Council that as a result of moving this meeting back by a week there was not enough time to work on various areas to have a productive meeting in November. Therefore, he recommended canceling the November meeting and just having the meeting in December. The December meeting has already been established for December 15, 2011 at 10 am. Mr. Yee will be sending out the meeting notice. There was overall agreement from the Council as there were no objections.

Ms. Nagashima suggested coming up with a tentative schedule for next year. Specifically, she wanted to leverage the Pacific Telecommunications Council meeting on January 12, 2012 to obtain speakers for our Council. Mr. Yee will work with Ms. Nagashima to schedule this in January 2012.

VI. Announcements

Chair Kaneshige read a letter from HECO to the Chair of the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council indicating their interest in participating with the Council. While HECO does not see itself as a provider, they believe they will be an active participant in the adoption area as they begin implementing their smart-grid applications.

Ms. Urakami-Oyama mentioned that her company was working on a draft of a bill addressing wireless broadband infrastructure. She was thanked for her effort and it was suggested that she become part of the permitting working group so this issue can be pursued.

VII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm