

MINUTES
FOR THE MEETING OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR
THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

DATE: October 20 and 24, 2025
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: CWRM Conference Room, Kalanimoku Bldg.
1151 Punchbowl Street, Rm. 227
& Online via Zoom, Meeting ID: 878 1342 5485

Online links to the video recordings of the October 20 – 24, 2025 Nominating Committee meeting: <https://vimeo.com/1130071728>; <https://vimeo.com/1133996786>

The Nominating Committee for the Commission on Water Resource Management was called to order at 09:50 a.m. It was a hybrid meeting held in the Kalanimoku Building CWRM Conference Room, remotely via Zoom, and live streamed via YouTube.

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS: Denise Antolini, Esq., Marian Chau, Ph.D., Kā‘eo Duarte, Ph.D. (Dr. Duarte participated in person October 20, 2025 and via Zoom on October 24, 2025), and Timothy Johns, Esq.

STAFF: Deputy Director Ciara Kahahane, Ms. Suzanne Kariya-Ramos

COUNSEL: Deputy Attorneys General Cindy Young and Alyssa-Marie Kau

All written testimonies submitted are available for review by interested parties and are posted online on the Commission on Water Resource Management website. Public oral testimonies can be found on the aforementioned video recording.

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A. INTRODUCTION

1. Introduction by Deputy Director Ciara Kahahane

2. Introduction of Committee Members –

- Timothy Johns, Esq.
- Marian Chau, Ph.D.
- Kā‘eo Duarte, Ph.D.
- Denise Antolini, Esq.

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3. **MOTION: (ANTOLINI/DUARTE)**
To nominate Timonthy Johns, Esq. as Committee Chair
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
(JOHNS, ANTOLINI, DUARTE, CHAU)

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4. Call to Order by Chair Johns

20251020 00:32:34 – Recess

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B. INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS

1. Moses Haia, III, Esq.
PUBLIC TESTIMONY – None

20251020 01:09:25 – Recess

20251020 01:14:50

2. Walter Kanamu
PUBLIC TESTIMONY – None

20251020 01:50:15 - Recess

20251020 01:56:53

3. Shaun Wilcox
PUBLIC TESTIMONY – None

20251020 02:22:57 - Recess

20251020 2:29:43

4. Juanita Reyher-Colon
PUBLIC TESTIMONY – None

20251020 02:49:30 – Recess

20251020 2:58:45

5. Deputy Director Kahahane noted that Makahiapo Cashman, Jr. has withdrawn from consideration and will not be interviewing to fill the Commission vacancy.

20251020 02:59:25 – Lunch

20251020 04:09:22

6. Kawika Tengan, Ph.D.
PUBLIC TESTIMONY – None

20251020 04:33:23 – Recess

20251020 04:44:04

7. Aurora Kagawa-Viviani, Ph.D.
PUBLIC TESTIMONY – None

20251020 05:06:27 – Recess

20251020 05:19:35

8. Dana Okano, Ph.D.
PUBLIC TESTIMONY – None

20251020 05:40:11 – Recess

20251020 05:56:24

9. Mehanaokalā Hind
PUBLIC TESTIMONY – None

20251020 06:26:20 – Recess until October 24, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. to continue interviews of applicants

20251024 00:06:11 – Continuation Date, October 24, 2025 at 9:32 a.m.

10. Maile Lu‘uwai, Esq.
PUBLIC TESTIMONY – None

20251024 00:47:11 - Recess

20251024 00:53:00

11. Jeffrey Pearson

PUBLIC TESTIMONY –

- Isaac Moriwake, Esq., Earthjustice
- Kapua Sproat, Esq.

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MOTION: (ANTOLINI/CHAU)

To enter into executive session to consult with legal counsel on questions and issues pertaining to [Committee Members'] powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities¹

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

(CHAIR JOHNS, ANTOLINI, DUARTE, CHAU)

20251024 01:21:53 – *Enter executive session*

20251024 02:15:24 – *Reconvene following executive session*

C. DELIBERATION AND SELECTION OF NOMINEES

Chair Johns stated the Committee met in executive session with legal counsel pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 92-5(a)(4) to consult on questions and issues pertaining to [their] powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

Chair Johns recounted all public testimony received in person, online, or by telephone:

- Jade Chihara – In support of B4 candidate, Juanita Reyher-Colon
- Jonathan Scheuer – In opposition to B11 candidate, Jeffrey Pearson
- Loke Aloua – In support of B7 candidate, Aurora Kagawa-Viviani, and in opposition to B11 candidate, Jeffrey Pearson
- David Kimo Frankel – In opposition to B11 candidate, Jeffrey Pearson
- Kimberly Crawford - In support of B7 candidate, Aurora Kagawa-Viviani, and in opposition to B11 candidate, Jeffrey Pearson
- Wayne Tanaka – In opposition to B11 candidate, Jeffrey Pearson
- Hui o Nā Wai 'Ehā – In opposition to B11 candidate, Jeffrey Pearson
- Makanui Kitahara - In support of B7 candidate, Aurora Kagawa-Viviani, and in opposition to B11 candidate, Jeffrey Pearson
- Isaac Moriwake, Esq., Earthjustice - In opposition to B11 candidate, Jeffrey Pearson
- Kapua Sproat, Esq. - In opposition to B11 candidate, Jeffrey Pearson

¹ The Committee may go into executive session pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 92-5(a)(4), to consult with their attorney "on questions and issues pertaining to [their] powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities."

Chair Johns asked for any additional testimony before deliberations began. No additional testimony received.

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MOTION: (CHAIR/ANTOLINI)

To submit two lists with the following candidates on both lists to the Governor for consideration:

1. Moses Haia, III, Esq.
2. Shawn Wilcox
3. Juanita Reyher-Colon
4. Kawika Tengan, Ph.D.
5. Aurora Kagawa-Viviani, Ph.D.
6. Dana Okano, Ph.D.

DISCUSSION

Members Antolini, Duarte, and Chau in support of Chair Johns' proposal.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

(DUARTE, CHAU, ANTOLINI, CHAIR JOHNS)

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Kariya-Ramos

SUZANNE KARIYA-RAMOS
Commission Secretary

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ciara Kahahane".

CIARA KAHAHANE
Deputy Director

WRITTEN TESTIMONIES RECEIVED:

Please refer to the Commission website to read and view written testimonies received:
<https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/cwrn/newsevents/notices/>