

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS SPECIAL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 15, 2024**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at the University of Hawai'i (UH) Maui College, Ka'a'ike Building Room 105BCD, 310 W. Ka'ahumanu Avenue, Kahului, Hawai'i, 96732, with regents participating from various locations.

Quorum (11): Chair Gabriel Lee; Vice-Chairs Laurie Tochiki and Laurel Loo; Regents Neil Abercrombie, Lauren Akitake, Joshua Faumuina, William Haning, Wayne Higaki, Michael Miyahira, Diane Paloma, and Ernest Wilson.

Others in attendance: President David Lassner; Vice President (VP) for Legal Affairs/UH General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents (Board Secretary) Yvonne Lau; and others as noted.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 3, 2024, AND JULY 18, 2024, SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS**

Chair Lee inquired if there were any corrections to the minutes of the July 3, 2024, and July 18, 2024, special board meetings which had been distributed. Hearing none, the minutes for both meetings were approved.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Board Secretary Lau announced that, while the Board Office did not receive any written testimony, one individual did sign up to provide oral comments.

Maximus Paschoal offered verbal comments on the search for a new President of UH.

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed to the public)**

Prior to convening in executive session, Chair Lee provided an update on the board's search for the next President of UH stating it remains on schedule. He announced the receipt of over 90 applications for the position, thanked the Presidential Search Advisory Group for its hard work in reviewing the applications to determine its recommendations to the board for the next stage of the search, and spoke about the board's plans to publicly identify finalists in September and hold a series of public forums to introduce them to all of the university's stakeholders. These public forums will

give stakeholders the opportunity to speak with the finalists and offer feedback about each to the regents, who are ultimately responsible for making the final selection.

Regent Wilson moved to convene into executive session, seconded by Regent Faumuina, and with all members present voting in the affirmative, the board approved convening in executive session to consider the hire, evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of an officer or employee or of charges brought against the officer or employee, where consideration of matters affecting privacy will be involved, pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(2), Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), and to consult with the board's attorneys on question and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities, pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), HRS.

The meeting recessed at 11:04 a.m.

Chair Lee called the meeting back to order at 1:01 p.m. and announced that the board met in executive session to discuss and determine the matters as stated on the agenda.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Yvonne Lau  
Executive Administrator and Secretary  
of the Board of Regents