

**MINUTES
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**DECEMBER 4, 2007
10:00 A.M.
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 423
415 S. BERETANIA STREET
HONOLULU, HI 96813**

Commissioners in Attendance:

Mr. John Chan
Mr. William Marston, Chair
Mr. Harold Masumoto
Mr. Harold Nelson
Ms. Zale Okazaki
Ms. Susan Russell
Ms. Donna Soares
Mr. Richard Swift

Technical Support Staff in Attendance:

Ms. Robyn Chun, Department of the Attorney General
Ms. Ciress Cuevo, Office of Elections
Ms. Carolyn Roldan, Office of Elections
Mr. David Rosenbrock, Office of Elections
Mr. Russell Suzuki, Department of the Attorney General

Guests in Attendance:

Ms. Jean Aoki, League of Women Voters
Mr. Richard Borreca, Honolulu Star Bulletin
Mr. Bart Dame, Democratic Party
Mr. Jeff Kuwada, Office of the Maui County Clerk
Mr. Willes Lee, Hawaii Republican Party
Ms. Shirley Magarifuji, Office of the Maui County Clerk
Ms. Jo Ann Maruoka, League of Women Voters
Ms. Diane Mastuura, Department of Accounting and General Services
Ms. Pat Nakamoto, Office of the Hawaii County Clerk
Mr. Walter Nakasato, Election Systems and Software
Ms. Kenwyn Sato, Department of Accounting and General Services

PROCEEDINGS

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair, Ms. Susan Russell at 10:04 a.m. on December 4, 2007 at the State Capitol in room 423.

II. Roll and Quorum Determined

Ms. Ciress Cuevo, Elections Commission Secretary, conducted roll call. Ms. Yuki Lei Sugimura was absent.

III. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of November 8, 2007

Mr. Harold Nelson asked that the minutes be amended to include the word, "canoe" in reference to the districts noted under item VI in paragraph six.

Ms. Donna Soares moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 8, 2007 with amendments. Mr. Nelson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. Seating of Chairperson: William Marston

Ms. Robyn Chun, Department of the Attorney General, swore in Mr. William Marston as the Elections Commission Chairperson.

V. Public Testimony – Any interested person may submit data, views or arguments on any agenda item

Mr. Bart Dame, Democratic Party and Safe Vote Hawaii, provided oral testimony recommending that the Commission take a stronger view on their ability to advise the Chief Election Officer. Mr. Dame also expressed his concerns regarding the technology of voting machines.

VI. Executive Session Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes § 92-5(a)(2) – Deliberation to appoint the Chief Election Officer Finalists: Kevin Cronin, Scott Nago, and Rex Quidilla

Ms. Zale Okazaki moved for the Commission to go in to executive session. Ms. Soares seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Commission resolved to executive session at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened in open meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Chair Marston announced that the Commission has made an offer to an applicant and upon acceptance, the Commission will make an announcement. The announcement will be made by no later than Monday, December 10, 2007.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Marston adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ciress Cuevo
Elections Commission Secretary