

STATE OF HAWAII ELECTIONS COMMISSION

MICHAEL CURTIS
ELECTIONS COMMISSION CHAIR

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION

June 19, 2024 @ 1:30 p.m.

Note: The video of the meeting may be viewed on our website

at https://elections.hawaii.gov/about-us/boards-and-commissions/elections-commissions/

PROCEEDINGS

The time reference below indicates the point in the video when the stated action begins.

I. Call to Order [00:05:02]

The regular meeting of the Elections Commission was called to order by Chair Curtis.

II. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum [00:05:25]

All members of the Elections Commission were present at the meeting with the exception of Commissioner Kuwada.

III. Approval of Minutes for the April 16, 2024 meeting [00:06:00]

Commissioner Cushnie made a motion to amend item III as it was stated in the Elections Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrion and carried noting the excused absence of Commissioner Kuwada.

YES: Andrion, Aguino, Cushnie, Papalimu, and Curtis

NO: Kiguchi, McAdam and Takenaka

Commissioner Cushnie made a motion to amend item V of the minutes, having the motion be made clear and stand out in the minutes. The motion was

seconded by Commissioner Papalimu and carried noting the excused absence of Commissioner Kuwada.

YES: Andrion, Aquino, Cushnie, Kiguchi, McAdam, Papalimu, Takenaka,

and Curtis

NO: N/A

Chair Curtis stated a concern about the bottom of page 4 of the minutes that reads the motion failed with five ayes and three noes. Correction should show that Curtis voted no.

Commissioner Cushnie made a motion to correct the text in Section V at the top of page 4 to state the motion correctly. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrion and carried noting the excused absence of Commissioner Kuwada.

YES: Andrion, Aquino, Cushnie, McAdam, Papalimu

NO: Kiguchi, Takenaka, and Curtis

Commissioner Takenaka made a motion to approve amended minutes of the April 16 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Papalimu and motion carried.

IV. Public Testimony [00:29:20]

Public testimony was provided by Wendell Elento, Kellyna Campbell, Andy Crossland, Jamie Detwiler, Anthony Gairnese, Scott Shedko, Doug Pasnik, Adriel Lam, Mary Healy, Jessica Priya Caiazzo, Jen H., AnnMarie Hamilton, Thomas Stanton, James Viets, Rosemarie Jauch, Laura Nakanelua, Cynthia Jo, Brett Kulbis, Clint Curtis, Tamara McKay, Steve Yoder, Keikilani Kealoha, and OG.

Chair Curtis, Commissioner Cushnie, Commissioner Papalimu, and Commissioner Aquino provided comments on public testimonies.

V. Communications & Correspondence [02:03:01]

Commissioner Papalimu made a motion to send a letter from the commission on letterhead to the Governor letting him know that the Commission does not support ERIC for the State of Hawaii. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cushnie and carried noting the excused absence of Commissioner Kuwada.

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YES: Andrion, Aquino, Cushnie, Kiguchi, Papalimu, and Curtis

NO: McAdam and Takenaka

Commissioner Kiguchi left the meeting at 3:41 pm. [02:16:15]

Commissioner Papalimu made a motion to initiate investigation on Adriel Lam's claim that "United States Hawaii" was registered as a voter and was allowed to vote in the last election with a vacant address. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cushnie and carried noting the excused absence of Commissioner Kiguchi and Commissioner Kuwada.

YES: Andrion, Aquino, Cushnie, Kiguchi, Papalimu, and Curtis

NO: McAdam and Takenaka

Commissioner Papalimu made a motion to write a letter to Honolulu County regarding the investigation on "United States Hawaii." Motion carried noting the excused absence of Commissioner Kiguchi and Commissioner Kuwada.

YES: Andrion, Aquino, Cushnie, Kiguchi, Papalimu, and Curtis

NO: McAdam and Takenaka

Commissioner Cushnie made a motion to investigate signature settings on signature verifying machines that are compared to signatures on the ballot. And Cushnie to write a letter to the county. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Papalimu and carried noting the excused absence of Commissioner Kiguchi and Commissioner Kuwada.

YES: Andrion, Aquino, Cushnie, Kiguchi, Papalimu, and Curtis

NO: McAdam and Takenaka

Commissioner Cushnie made a motion to have the Election Commission direct the Attorney General's office to answer his March 27 letter and Karl Dicks letter regarding these matters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrion and carried noting the excused absence of Commissioner Kiguchi and Commissioner Kuwada.

YES: Andrion, Aquino, Cushnie, Kiguchi, Papalimu, and Curtis

NO: McAdam and Takenaka

Commissioner Cushnie made a motion to have Scott Nago respond to Jamie Detwiler's correspondence in writing and include a date for the scheduled audit in his response within 10 days. The motion carried noting the excused absence of Commissioner Kiguchi and Commissioner Kuwada.

YES: Andrion, Aquino, Cushnie, Kiguchi, Papalimu, Takenaka, and Curtis

NO: McAdam

Commissioner Cushnie made a motion to save all election materials from 2022 election until proper audits are conducted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrion and carried noting the excused absence of Commissioner Kiguchi and Commissioner Kuwada.

YES: Andrion, Aguino, Cushnie, Kiguchi, McAdam, Papalimu,

Takenaka, and Curtis

NO: N/A

Commissioner Cushnie made a motion to have the Chair share all correspondence regarding Election Commission business with the Election Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aquino and carried noting the excused absence of Commissioner Kiguchi and Commissioner Kuwada.

YES: Andrion, Aquino, Cushnie, Kiguchi, McAdam, Papalimu,

Takenaka, and Curtis

NO: N/A

Commissioner Papalimu made a motion to remove Scott Nago as Chief Election Officer pursuant to AnnMarie Hamilton's correspondence, seconded by Commissioner Cushnie. The votes were 4:3 noting the excused absence of Commissioner Kiguchi and Commissioner Kuwada.

YES: Andrion, Aguino, Cushnie, and Papalimu

NO: McAdam, Takenaka, and Curtis

Commissioner Cushnie made a motion to have the status of motions be put on future agendas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aquino and carried noting the excused absence of Commissioner Kiguchi and Commissioner Kuwada.

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YES: Andrion, Aquino, Cushnie, Kiguchi, McAdam, Papalimu,

Takenaka, and Curtis

NO: N/A

Commissioner Cushnie made a motion to have all communication and correspondence addressed to the Election Commission be distributed to Commissioners as its received. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aquino and carried noting the excused absence of Commissioner Kiguchi and Commissioner Kuwada.

YES: Andrion, Aguino, Cushnie, Kiguchi, McAdam, Papalimu,

and Takenaka

NO: Curtis

VI. Adopting Administrative Rules [02:49:56]

Commissioner Andrion made a motion to look at Corinne Solomon's suggestion for adopting a rule to allow for signature verification of ballot envelopes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrion and carried noting the excused absence of Commissioner Kiguchi and Commissioner Kuwada.

YES: Andrion, Aquino, Cushnie, Kiguchi, Papalimu, and Curtis

NO: McAdam and Takenaka

Commissioner Cushnie made a motion to adopt a rule to allow use of signature on voters' registration to compare to the signature on the envelope. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Papalimu and carried noting the excused absence of Commissioner Kiguchi and Commissioner Kuwada.

YES: Andrion, Aquino, Cushnie, Kiguchi, Papalimu, and Curtis

NO: McAdam and Takenaka

VII. Executive Session

A. Pursuant to section 92-5(a)(4), HRS, the Commission anticipates going into executive session to consult with the Commission's attorney on questions or issues regarding the Commission's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

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Chair Curtis recessed the meeting at 4:44 p.m. [03:23:46]

Chair Curtis reconvened the meeting at 4:54 p.m. [03:29:43]

VIII. Adjournment [04:00:54]

Elections Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:26 pm.