

Charter Commission

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING
JULY 6, 2016
6:00 PM
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII – WEST OAHU
CAMPUS CENTER
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM C-208

MINUTES

Charter Commission Members Present:

Paul T. Oshiro, Acting Chair
David W. Rae, Chair
Kevin Mulligan, Vice Chair
Judge Michael F. Broderick
Reginald V. Castanares, Jr.
Guy K. Fujimura
Cheryl D. Soon

Commission Members Excused/Absent:

Donna Ikeda
Nathan T. Okubo
Edlyn S. Taniguchi
R. Brian Tsujimura
John D. Waihee III, Governor
Pamela Witty-Oakland

Others Present:

Carolee Kubo, Director, Department of Human Resources
Lila Tom, Classification & Pay Division, DHR
Dawn Spurlin, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Linda Luli Nakasone Oamilda, Executive Administrator, Honolulu Charter Commission

Testifiers:

Anita Manning
Polly Grace
Jim Wood
Karen Awana

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Reggie Castanares, Guy Fujimura, David Rae, Michael Broderick, Paul Oshiro, Kevin Mulligan, Cheryl Soon

With a quorum present, Acting Chair Oshiro called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

Acting Chair Oshiro explained the purpose of the meeting, citing the charter provision mandating a charter review every 10 years to improve the structure of government. He noted that this meeting was not for decision-making but strictly an opportunity for the commission to hear from the public on proposals under consideration. He reviewed the proposals on the agenda.

II. TESTIMONY

Carolee Kubo, Director, Department of Human Resources (DHR), testified on Proposal number 39 regarding the salaries of the Ethics Commission attorneys. DHR believes that the attorney salaries should be set by the Ethics Commission but that it should not exceed any division head's salary in the Corporation Counsel.

Lila Tom, Classification Division, DHR, testified that the pay, as proposed by Ms. Kubo would be more equitable and reasonable than the current system or the original proposal which ties staff attorney's to the SR 26 range.

Anita Manning asked for clarification; she was informed that the Commission was listening to public testimony at this meeting and not making decisions, and was told about the Commission's website.

At 6:25 p.m. Acting Chair Oshiro announced that the Commission will be in recess.

At 6:33 p.m. Acting Chair Oshiro called the meeting back to order.

Polly Grace testified that the Commission has done a lot of work in a short time and that reviewing the agenda has eliminated many of her concerns.

Jim Wood, from Kailua, testified in support of term limits for neighborhood boards to prevent lifetime presidents who can determine the agenda and create an opportunity for a wider variety of people to participate. Chair Rae noted that a board could create a rule that could require a turnover in the position of chair or could discuss the issue with the Neighborhood Commission. Commissioner Soon noted that the proposal being referred to is Proposal 44.

Anita Manning testified a second time noting that she supports Proposal 2. She cited the historical process of the mail-in ballot which started in World War I to give those in the military service who were not stationed in their home district the opportunity to vote.

Karen Awana, Waianae Coast resident and Nanakuli-Maili Board member, testified regarding her concern about limiting the neighborhood boards, and noted that there seemed to be a lot of merit in the proposal regarding land uses.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acting Chair Oshiro announced that the next meeting will be a regular Charter Commission meeting on tomorrow, Thursday, July 7, 2:30 p.m. at City Hall, City Council Committee Meeting Room.

Future meetings are planned for July 12 and July 13. For more information, you may go to the Charter website.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Acting Chair Oshiro adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.