

Charter Commission

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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SUBMISSION AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM HONOLULU HALE

August 4, 2016, 1:15 PM

Originally convened on August 2, 2016, 3:30 PM and
Reconvened on August 3, 2016, 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Submission and Information Committee Members Present:

John D. Waihee, III, Chair
Cheryl D. Soon, Vice Chair
Kevin Mulligan
Nathan Okubo

Submission and Information Committee Members Absent/Excused:

Reginald V. Castanares, Jr.

Others Present:

Krishna Jayaram, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Dana Viola, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Kamilla Chan, Deputy Corporation Counsel
John Williams, Writer, Anthology Marketing Group
Megan Muramatsu, Managing Director's Office
Linda Luli Nakasone Oamilda, Executive Administrator, Honolulu Charter Commission
Mary James, Research Analyst, Honolulu Charter Commission
Norma Reyes, Secretary, Honolulu Charter Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Governor Waihee called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

At 1:35 p.m. the Committee recessed.

At 1:36 p.m. Governor Waihee called the meeting back to order. The Committee once again reviewed all the Ballot Questions.

II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Discussion and decision-making on a recommended action plan to acquaint the electorate with the proposed Charter amendments; potentially includes print campaign, mail campaign, online outreach, media appearances and community informational events, technical assistance with each of the preceding tasks as well as written explanatory information for the proposals (summary of each proposal and a brief narrative explaining the current situation and the situation if a proposal is adopted by the electorate).

None.

III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Discussion and decision-making on the recommended ballot language for the 27 final proposals; includes the plain English question for each, suggested ordering of questions, and grouping of certain questions.

The Committee reviewed the copies of all the Ballot Questions as corrected at its previous meeting on August 3, 2016.

Governor Waihee noted that in reviewing Ballot Question 12, regarding boards and commissions, it was brought to the Committee's attention that it does not accurately reflect the intent of the Commission. Therefore, the Committee will inform the Commission that a necessary correction is needed to clarify the Commission's intent.

In the discussion of Ballot Question 16, Deputy Corporation Counsel (DCOR) Viola noted that the Committee needs to make clear to the Commission how the digest is to be used and that the use of acronyms must be consistent and clear.

DCOR Viola noted that Ballot Question 18, regarding fire chief promulgation of rules and regulations, needs to be presented to the Commission for clarification again, emphasizing that the motion must be very specific. Governor Waihee requested that the Department of the Corporation Counsel draft the motion. DCOR Viola agreed.

At 1:56 p.m. the Committee recessed.

At 2:36 p.m. Governor Waihee called the meeting back to order.

The Committee reviewed the most current corrected copies of all the Ballot Questions. Commissioner Soon inquired about the procedure to correct Ballot Questions 12 and 18.

Commissioner Okubo noted that the current Ballot Question 15 looked different from the previous draft. Governor Waihee requested that staff provide the Committee with the correct page. He also pointed out that the Committee needs the corrected Ballot Question 18.

At 2:42 p.m. the Committee recessed.

At 2:55 p.m. Governor Waihee called the meeting back to order.

Commissioner Mulligan moved that the work product completed as of this afternoon be recommended to the full Commission. Commissioner Soon seconded the motion. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.

Governor Waihee suggested, and the Commissioners concurred, that he will make a motion to suspend the rules to correct and clarify Ballot Questions 12 and 18 at the Commission meeting.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee anticipates convening in Executive Session pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes sec. 92-5(a)(4) to consult with its attorneys regarding the committee's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in connection with the draft plain English questions and written explanatory information for the 27 final proposals.

None.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:57 p.m. Governor Waihee recessed the Committee's meeting to reconvene after the end of the Commission's meeting.

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At 4:33 p.m., following after the adjournment of the Commission's meeting, Governor Waihee called the Committee's meeting back to order. With no further business, Governor Waihee adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.