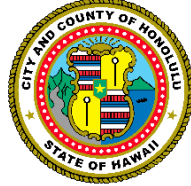


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711 Kapi'olani Blvd., 12th Floor
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
Minutes – Eighth Meeting
March 19, 2024
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present In Person: Vice Chair Eliza Talbot, 'Olu Campbell, Tony Mizuno, Deborah Lui-Anderson

Commissioners Present Online: Meli James, Greg Kim, Reid Chung

Commissioners Excused: Chair Olin Lagon, Keoni Lee

OER Staff Present In Person: Amy Asselbaye, Kym Sparlin, Patrick Williams, Kate Ozawa

1. Call to Order: The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.
 - a. The Commission reviewed the draft minutes from the January 23, 2024, meeting. Vice Chair Talbot moved to approve the minutes as drafted and Commission Member Mizuno seconded. The Commission approved the draft minutes by a voice vote.
2. Update from the Office of Economic Revitalization (Executive Director)
 - a. OER Director Amy Asselbaye shared news about the process of engaging a new grants contractor, the March 5, 2024, launch of the O'ahu Business Connector, and OER's Economic Recovery Corps Fellow, who will start his position in May 2024. Director Asselbaye updated the Commission Members on

OER's status for the FY25 City and County of Honolulu budget hearings.

3. Andrew Aoki and Kaipo Kukahiko of Islander Institute gave a presentation on a recent study to understand what it means to have [A Good Job in Hawai'i](#). Commission Members offered comments and questions on the report.
4. Suzanne Skjold and Kayla Keehu-Alexander of Aloha United Way gave a presentation of the [ALICE 2023 Report](#), and its Future Research and [Cohort](#) Activities.
 - a. The study presented recent updates to AUW's ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) reports and discussed ALICE cohort priorities, activities and results.
5. Action Items
 - a. Commission Member Greg Kim presented a memo sharing his research on how cities can implement policies and preferences to support government contracting opportunities for local businesses.
 1. Action on memo was deferred to the May 21 meeting due to the memo not being posted subject to the Sunshine Law requirements.
 2. The Commission deferred consideration of the creation of a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG).
 - b. No further action items were discussed.
6. New Business
 - a. The next Office of Economic Revitalization Commission meeting will be on May 21, 2024. The representatives from the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and the U.S. Economic Development Administration will present to the commission.
7. Adjournment: Vice Chair Talbot adjourned at 1:03 pm.

OER's YouTube channel has a video of the meeting: youtube.com/watch?v=WiZN2N7ISd0