

**HAWAII GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY**

State of Hawai'i  
January 27, 2021– 3:00 p.m.  
Video Conference

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Present: Mike McCartney, Scott Glenn, Dennis Wong, Craig Hirai and Richard Wallsgrave

        
Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Gwen Yamamoto Lau, Ryan Hamadon, Nathan Akamu and Cindy Nawilis

Others Present: Gregg Kinkley (Deputy Attorney General).

Members of the Public: None

**I. ROLL CALL**

Chair Mike McCartney called the virtual meeting of the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority (HGIA) to order at 3:03 p.m.

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| Chair McCartney   | Present                      |
| Vice Chair Glenn  | Absent (joined at 3:07 p.m.) |
| Secretary Wong    | Present                      |
| Member Hirai      | Absent (joined at 3:09 p.m.) |
| Member Wallsgrave | Present                      |

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED**

1. Agenda for January 27, 2021 Meeting.
2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 18, 2020.
3. Quarterly Report for the period ended December 31, 2020.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

As required by the Governor's seventeenth emergency proclamation regarding the Sunshine Law, Chair McCartney announced the names of all members present.

Chair McCartney welcomed Richard Wallsgrave to the Authority. Richard is an Assistant Professor with the Environmental Law Program at William S. Richardson School of Law. Chair McCartney also thanked former member Jeff Mikulina for his dedication and years of service since the Authority was constituted in 2014.

Chair McCartney stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the December 18, 2020 regular meeting.

At 3:07 p.m., Vice Chair Glenn joined the meeting. His attendance was acknowledged by Chair McCartney.

Secretary Wong moved and Vice Chair Glenn seconded the motion to approve the December 18, 2020 minutes. Chair McCartney asked if there were comments or discussion from the Members. Hearing none, he asked if there were any questions from the general public. Hearing none, Chair McCartney called for the vote via roll call.

Ayes: McCartney, Glenn, and Wong.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Wallsgrove (was not present at December 18, 2020 meeting)

The motion carried unanimously, 3 to 0.

### **III. PROGRAM UPDATES**

Chair McCartney stated that miscellaneous program updates are next on the agenda and called on Gwen Yamamoto Lau to present.

1. Yamamoto Lau provided a legislative update on 3 sets of bills currently being tracked:
  - HB558, HB905, HB1172, SB1059, and SB932: All to establish a Clean Energy Revolving loan fund and to allow HGIA to borrow from the Federal government.
  - SB45: To expand the authorized expenditures of the GEMS State RLF to allow the Department of Education install new energy-efficient air conditioners.
  - SB493: To establish an agriculture and forest carbon positive incentive program in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the Office of Planning, under the administration of HGIA.
2. She also provided an update on a new opportunity to finance a community based solar project proposed on Molokai. While the project is still going through the RFP process, due to the long development nature of CBRE projects and limited amount of loan capital available, staff may make a recommendation to the board to set-aside loan capital for said project in the near future.

Chair McCartney noted the presence of Member Hirai, who joined the meeting earlier at 3:09 p.m..

Deputy Attorney General Kinkley had clarifying questions on the legislative update, which were addressed by Yamamoto Lau.

### **V. DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION MAKING**

Chair McCartney announced that the last item on the agenda is the approval of HGIA's Quarterly Report for the period ended December 31, 2020. Chair McCartney called on Gwen Yamamoto Lau to present.

Yamamoto Lau reviewed the following highlights of the Quarterly Report:

- Overview: As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, over \$87.0 million in GEMS funds were committed leaving \$3.1 million available to lend under the State Revolving Fund and \$37.7 million available for all other eligible segments.
- Allocation of funds: Of the \$37.7 million available to lend for all other eligible segments, only \$3.1 million is available under the allocation for small businesses. With the economic crisis facing many small businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, HGIA may want to consider a reallocation of available funds to make additional resources available to help small businesses lower their energy costs.

The board may approve the reallocation of available funds from time to time per the decision made during the August 15, 2019 regular meeting when the board enacted the four-segment allocation recommendations of the Permitted Interaction Group. Staff will make a re-allocation recommendation for the board to consider during an upcoming meeting.

- Delinquencies - Residential Portfolio: As of December 31, 2020, 2.7% of the residential portfolio (seven total loans) were past due. Based on feedback received from the CARES funded rent and utility relief programs in 2020, as rent is a “big ticket item,” only a nominal amount of resources were used to pay delinquent utility bills. In concert with the Hawaii State Energy Office, Public Utilities Commission, and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, HGIA has been working with Department of Budget and Finance to advocate for a coordinated approach and comprehensive application which includes all eligible utilities, in anticipation of the launch of the CARES funded rent and utility relief program during the first quarter.

Yamamoto Lau addressed questions from the Members.

Chair McCartney asked if there was any additional comment from the Members. Seeing none, he asked for public comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve HGIA’s Quarterly Report for the period ended December 31, 2020. Vice Chair Glenn moved and Member Wallsgrove seconded the motion. The votes were called via roll call.

Ayes: McCartney, Glenn, Wong, Hirai and Wallsgrove.

Nays: None.

The motion carried unanimously, 5 to 0.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair McCartney asked if there were any other matters that should be discussed. Seeing none, before asking for a motion to adjourn.

All were in favor to adjourn the meeting with unanimous support.

Chair McCartney adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:



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Dennis Wong  
Secretary