

HAWAII GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY
State of Hawai'i

Monday, November 21, 2022 – 3:00 p.m.

Conference Room # 436 and Video Conference

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Mike McCartney, Scott Glenn, Dennis Wong

Member Excused: Richard Wallsgrove, Craig Hirai

Staff Present: Gwen Yamamoto Lau, Nhu-An Tran, Jordan Wong, Carol Montes

Others Present: Gregg Kinkley (Deputy Attorney General), John Cole (Deputy Attorney General), Susan Hirai (DBEDT Deputy Director)

Members of the Public: None

I. ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Glenn called the meeting of the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority to order at 3:01 pm. Vice Chair Glenn called a proper roll call of all members.

Chairperson McCartney	Present
Vice Chair Glenn	Present
Secretary Wallsgrove	Excused
Member Hirai	Excused
Member Wong	Present

Chair McCartney stated that Susan Hirai was present as a guest. All other members confirmed that no other adults were present in the room with them.

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Agenda for the November 21, 2022 Meeting.
2. Minutes from the October 31, 2022 Meeting.
3. Re-allocation of GEM\$ Loan Funds Document.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Vice Chair Glenn stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the October 31, 2022 regular meeting.

Member Wong moved and Chair McCartney seconded the motion to approve the October 31, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Vice Chair Glenn asked members if there was any discussion on the meeting minutes. Hearing none, Vice Chair Glenn stated there are no members from the public present. Should a member of the public join the meeting, he will acknowledge them at that time. Vice Chair Glenn called for the vote via roll call.

Ayes: McCartney, Wong, Glenn (with reservation, as he did not attend the October 31, 2022 meeting).

Nays: None.

The motion carried unanimously, 3 to 0.

III. DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION MAKING

1. Vice Chair Glenn stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval to re-allocate of funds available under the Nonprofit category to the Small Business and Low and Moderate-Income household categories. Vice Chair Glenn stated Yamamoto Lau will be providing background information.

Yamamoto Lau shared the following points:

- A Permitted Interaction Group established in 2019 to investigate and make recommendations regarding the GEM\$ loan funds remaining at that time, concluded that funds should be allocated for underserved ratepayers consisting of Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) Homeowners and renters, small businesses, multi-family rental projects, and nonprofits.
- During the October 2021 meeting, the authority approved a \$7.5 million set aside for the Molokai Community Solar Project and carved out said amount from the \$33.8 million remaining at that time.
- As of September 30th, 2022, there was almost \$11.0 million available under the non-profit category, but only \$1.9 million and \$2.6 million in the small business and LMI household categories.
- Due to an upcoming Solarize808 campaign and other LMI focused initiatives, we are recommending \$8.5 million in the non-profit category be re-allocated to the Small Business and LMI Household categories of \$1.5 million and \$7.0 million, respectively.

Yamamoto Lau addressed questions from the Board. Vice Chair Glenn asked for motion to approve the reallocation of \$8.5 million in the non-profit category to the Small Business and LMI Household categories of \$1.5 million and \$7.0 million respectively.

Chair McCartney moved and Member Wong seconded the motion. Vice Chair Glenn asked if there were comments or discussion from members. Hearing none, Vice Chair Glenn called for the vote via roll call.

Ayes: McCartney, Wong, Glenn.
Nays: None.

The Motion carried unanimously, 3 to 0.

2. Vice Chair Glenn stated the final item on the agenda is for the board to discuss an employment agreement for the Executive Director and asked for a motion to convene into Executive Session pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(2), HRS where a board may hold a meeting closed to the public to consider the evaluation of an employee where matters affecting privacy will be involved, as well as Section 92-5(a)(4) to consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

Chair McCartney moved and Member Wong seconded. Vice Chair asked if there was any discussion on this motion. Hearing none, Vice chair called the vote via roll call.

Ayes: McCartney, Wong, Glenn
Nays: None

The motion carried unanimously, 3 to 0.

Vice Chair Glenn asked for all, Gwen Yamamoto Lau and Deputy Attorney Gregg Kinkley to be moved to another zoom. The meeting entered Executive Session at 3:13 p.m.

Executive Session

The meeting reconvened at 3:37 p.m.

Based on the discussions held during the Executive Session, Vice Chair Glenn asked for a motion to approve a form of an Employment Agreement, subject to final legal review and agreement between HGIA's Chair and Executive Director. Chair McCartney moved and Member Wong seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Glenn asked if there was any discussion. Chair McCartney stated that over the past three years, although HGIA's Executive Director did an outstanding job, she did not receive any salary increases. As such, similar to other Executive Director positions in the state, the Authority felt it important to incorporate future salary adjustments at the same time and rate as the amount contained in the collective bargaining agreement for Bargaining Unit 13 of the Hawaii Government Employees Association.

Vice Chair Glenn asked if there were any other comments or discussion from the members. Hearing none, he called the vote via roll call.

Ayes: McCartney, Wong, Glenn.

Nays: None.

The Motion carried unanimously, 3 to 0.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Glenn asked if there are any other matters that should be brought up at this time. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Chair McCartney moved, and Member Wong seconded the motion. Vice Chair Glenn adjourned the meeting by acclamation at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Wallsgrove

By: _____

Richard Wallsgrove

Its: Secretary