

HAWAII GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY
State of Hawai'i

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.

Conference Room #436 and Video Conference

250 S. Hotel Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: James Kunane Tokioka, Richard Wallsgrove, Mark Glick, Dennis Wong, Seth S Colby.

Member Absent:

Staff Present: Gwen Yamamoto Lau, Valerie Kubota, Jenna Seagle, Latrisha Nakasone.

Others Present: John Cole (Deputy Attorney General).

Members of the Public:

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Tokioka called the meeting of the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority to order at 3:00 p.m. Chair Tokioka called a proper roll call of all members.

Chairperson Tokioka	Present
Vice Chair Wallsgrove	Present (joined at 3:02 p.m.)
Secretary Glick	Present
Member Colby	Present
Member Wong	Present

All members confirmed that no other adults were present in the room with them.

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Agenda for the December 17, 2025 Meeting.
2. Minutes from the November 18, 2025 Regular Meeting.
3. GEMS Bond Fund Audit
4. HGIA's Loan Fund Audit
5. 2025 Report to the Governor and Legislature

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Chair Tokioka stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the November 18, 2025 regular meeting and asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Member Wong moved, and Secretary Glick seconded the motion to approve the November 18, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Chair Tokioka asked if there was any discussion on the meeting minutes. Hearing none, he asked if there were any questions from the general public. With no questions from the general public, he called for a vote via roll call.

Ayes: Tokioka, Glick, Wong.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Colby (not present at the last meeting)

The motion carried, 3 to 0.

Member Wallsgrove joined the meeting.

III. DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION MAKING

1. Chair Tokioka stated that the first item on the agenda for discussion and decision making is the acceptance of the Green Energy Market Securitization Bond Fund audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 and called on Gwen Yamamoto Lau to present highlights.

Yamamoto Lau presented the following highlights:

- N&K CPA's completed its audit of the GEMS Bond Fund and opines that said financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Minor, non-substantive updates may be made as final information is received.
- In accordance with established practice since 2014, the Authority submits a semiannual true-up to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to set the Green Infrastructure Fee (GIF) for bond debt service. The GIF was \$1.21 per residential ratepayer for January 1–June 30, 2025, and \$1.19 per residential ratepayer for July 1–December 31, 2025, reflecting changes in estimated expenses and ratepayer counts.
- The assets, liability, and fund balances remain relatively stable from year to year.
- Infrastructure fees totaled \$13.4 million, offsetting \$13.3 million in bond payments and related expenses.
- As of July 1, 2025, remaining bond obligations include \$49.2 million in principal and \$3.7 million in interest. The bond matures on June 30, 2029, with the final payment due January 2, 2029.

- There were no findings or deficiencies in internal controls, compliance, or other matters.

Chair Tokioka asked if there were any further questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked if there were any questions from the general public. With no questions from the public, Chair Tokioka called for a motion to accept the Green Energy Market Securitization Bond Fund audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. Member Wong moved and Member Colby seconded the motion to accept the GEMS bond fund audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. Chair Tokioka called for a vote via roll call.

Ayes: Tokioka, Wallsgrove, Glick, Wong, Colby.

Nays: None.

The motion carried unanimously, 5 to 0.

2. Chair Tokioka stated that the next item on the agenda is the acceptance of the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority Loan Fund audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 and called on Gwen Yamamoto Lau to present highlights.

Yamamoto Lau presented the following highlights:

- N&K CPA's completed its audit of HGIA's loan fund financial statements and opines that the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Minor, non-substantive updates may be made as final information is received.
- Non-capital assets increased by \$25.8 million, primarily due to the receipt of \$10 million in federal SSBCI funds for the HI-CAP program; and net growth in loan receivables of \$13.8 million.
- Liabilities increased by \$10.2 million, primarily reflecting grants and other funds received but not yet earned, recorded as unearned revenues.
- As grant and other funds are deployed into loans, unearned revenues are reclassified as program revenues, resulting in a \$10.8 million increase from the prior year.
- Of the \$6.2 million in total expenses, approximately \$4.0 million represents amounts due to the PUC for GEMS bond-funded loan repayments, which will be transferred shortly.
- With the adoption of GASB Statement No. 101 this fiscal year, HGIA is required to recognize a liability for unpaid or unused sick leave that is expected to be paid, based on historical usage.
- Due to increased premium costs, the State allowed its liability insurance coverage to lapse. DAGS may cover claims up to \$25,000, with any amounts exceeding this threshold requiring payment through legislative appropriations from the State's general fund.
- There were no findings or deficiencies in internal controls, compliance, and other matters.

Chair Tokioka asked if there were any further questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked if there were any questions from the general public. With no questions from the public, Chair Tokioka called for a motion to accept the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority Loan Fund audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. Secretary Glick moved and Vice Chair Wallsgrove seconded the motion to accept HGIA's loan fund audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. Chair Tokioka called for a vote via roll call.

Ayes: Tokioka, Wallsgrove, Glick, Wong, Colby.

Nays: None.

The motion carried unanimously, 5 to 0.

3. Chair Tokioka stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of HGIA's 2025 Report to the Governor and Legislature and asked Gwen Yamamoto Lau to present.

Yamamoto Lau presented the following highlights:

- Infographics included in the report were program impacts as of September 30, 2025.
- 2025 has been a year of disruption with the Authority receiving a termination notice for its \$62.35 million Solar for All grant; the 30% residential federal tax credit expiring on December 31, 2025; and the 30% commercial tax credit scheduled to expire at the end of 2027.
- In spite of these disruptions, 2025 was a busy year with the following milestones achieved:
 - the launch of a new residential loan application portal on 4/22/2025;
 - implementation of a new GEM\$ servicing program during the summer of 2025;
 - PUC approval of HGIA's request to modify a previous Order, allowing the retention of interest income and enabling some \$18 million in GEMS loan capital to be released for financing;
 - outreach efforts during the year included 46 media articles, 26 workshops, and 9 community outreach events;
 - securing an additional \$10 million in federal funding for the HI-CAP program;
 - featuring Participating Lenders, businesses and partners on Hawaii News Now's *HI Now Daily*;
 - administrative rulemaking for Act 296, SLH 2025 to establish a condominium loan and loan loss reserve program is currently underway with a targeted launch in spring 2026;
 - and Act 96, SLH 2025, establishing the historic Green Fee, was signed into law on May 26, 2025.
- Looking ahead, priorities include accelerating application processing, expanding targeted outreach, advancing catalytic HICAP projects, and launching the Condominium loan and Solar Hui loan programs in the coming year.

Chair Tokioka thanked Gwen for her excellent work coordinating the Hawaii News Now feature, noting that the one-hour program effectively showcased program beneficiaries and highlighted the work of DBEDT, HGIA, and the HI-CAP program.

Secretary Glick and Member Colby provided suggestions to incorporate into the report.

Chair Tokioka asked if there were any further questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked if there were any questions from the general public. With no questions from the public, Chair Tokioka called for a motion to approve HGIA's 2025 Report to the Governor and Legislature, as amended. Vice Chair Wallsgrove moved and Secretary Glick seconded the motion to approve HGIA's 2025 Report to the Governor and Legislature. Chair Tokioka called for a vote via roll call.

Ayes: Tokioka, Wallsgrove, Glick, Wong, Colby.

Nays: None.

The motion carried unanimously, 5 to 0.

4. Chair Tokioka stated that the last item on the agenda is for the board to discuss the performance of the Executive Director and stated that the board will 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 Tokioka asked if there were any further questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked if there were any questions from the general public. With no questions from the public, Chair Tokioka called for a motion to enter into Executive Session. Member Wong moved and Vice Chair Wallsgrove seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session. Chair Tokioka called for a vote via roll call.

Ayes: Tokioka, Wallsgrove, Glick, Wong, Colby.

Nays: None.

The motion carried unanimously, 5 to 0.

Chair Tokioka stated that all members of the public will remain in public TEAMS room. Board members, Gwen Yamamoto Lau, and Deputy Attorney General John Cole were asked to join a breakout room. The meeting entered Executive Session at 3:25 p.m.

Executive Session

The meeting reconvened at 3:58 p.m.

Chair Tokioka summarized the Executive Session stating that the Board discussed the performance of the Executive Director and thanked Yamamoto Lau for her performance over the evaluation period.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tokioka asked if there were any other matters that should be discussed. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Member Wong moved, and Secretary Glick seconded the motion. Chair Tokioka adjourned the meeting by acclamation at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



By: _____
Mark Glick
Its: Secretary