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This meeting is a continuation of the February 16, 2024, special board meeting which took place at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. Information for can be found here [Minutes of the February 16, 2024 Special Meeting of the Board](#).

Acting Chair Gabriel Lee called the meeting to order at 12:56 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, 1st Floor Conference Room 105A/B, 2520 Correa Road, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822, with regents participating from various locations.

Quorum (10): Acting Chair Gabriel Lee; Vice-Chair Ernest Wilson; Regent Neil Abercrombie; Regent Lauren Akitake; Regent William Haning; Regent Wayne Higaki; Regent Laurel Loo; Regent Abigail Mawae; Regent Diane Paloma; and Regent Laurie Tochiki.

Excused (1): Board vacancy due to the resignation of Chair Alapaki Nahale-a.

Others in attendance: President David Lassner; Vice President (VP) for Administration Jan Gouveia; VP for Academic Strategy Debora Halbert; VP for Community Colleges Erika Lacro; VP for Legal Affairs/UH General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; VP for Research and Innovation Vassilis Syrmos; VP for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer Kalbert Young; UH-Territory Chancellor Bruno; UH-West O'ahu Chancellor Maenette Benham; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents (Board Secretary) Yvonne Lau; and others as noted.

Acting Chair Lee announced that this meeting was a continuation of the February 16, 2024, special board meeting which took place at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. As Agenda Item IV.A was previously discussed and disposed of and Agenda Item IV.B was discussed, in part, the meeting will carry on with discussions on IV.B and continue through IV.C. and IV.D. He also noted that public testimony would be accepted for the unfinished items.

(For items II, IV.A, and IV.B. (in part), please see the Minutes of the February 16, 2024 Special Meeting of the Board.)

Deliberations resumed on the proposed membership of the PSAG initially presented at the February 16, 2024, special meeting of the board, with several regents acknowledging the efforts of the core PSAG members in fashioning a composition of the PSAG in such a manner so as to incorporate as many views and perspectives as possible within the confines of a 12-member entity. While some regents noted the existence of personal trepidations about some of the individuals recommended for inclusion on the PSAG, they expressed their support for and trust in the process.

Although concerns were raised with respect to the ambiguity of confidentiality and conflicts of interest standards to which PSAG members would be held, Acting Chair Lee noted that this will be addressed via documentation requirements and enforced by the board.

Regent Loo moved to accept the PSAG membership as proposed subject to all PSAG members completing confidentiality agreements as prepared by staff and securing of an ethics opinion, seconded by Vice-Chair Wilson, and the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

Acting Chair Lee noted the request made by the core members of the PSAG to have himself and Vice-Chair Wilson continue to serve as the board's liaisons to the group. However, in light of his current position as acting Chair, he proposed his removal from consideration for this task.

Regent Akitake moved to have Vice-Chair Wilson and Regent Tochiki serve as the board's liaisons to the PSAG, seconded by Vice-Chair Wilson, and the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

Jarret KC Leong, Co-Chair of the UH Staff Council and PSAG, Erin Centeio, Co-Chair of the All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs and Co-Chair of the PSAG, provided background information on the creation of the PSAG, stressed the importance of the PSAG's involvement in the selection of the next UH president, and presented information on recommended responsibilities for the group as formulated by the core members of the PSAG including collaborative consultation with the search firm selected by the board; establishment of clear and comprehensive criteria for selecting the next university president in partnership with the search firm; partaking in the candidate evaluation process; engagement with various university stakeholders; recommendation of finalists for the position; ensuring process transparency via, among other things, the holding of town halls and listening sessions; and participation in campus interviews with finalists.

Regents engaged in extensive discussions on the aforementioned recommendations noting their close alignment to the advisory group tasks outlined in the final report from the Presidential Search Process Permitted Interaction Group. Regents also shared their thoughts on the role the PSAG should play in the presidential selection process; the responsibilities of the selected search firm; the necessity of holding town halls and

Prior to adjournment, Regent Abercrombie gave a short statement about his desire, capacity, and commitment to interact positively with fellow regents, the university administration, the faculty, staff, and students of the University of Hawai'i System, and members of the public who support the goals and realities of the university. He also expressed his deep regret for any actions that appeared threatening or may have caused feelings of intimidation among those whom he interacted with at previous board meetings and pledged to work to create and sustain a positive, deliberate climate and atmosphere in all board activities.

There being no further business, Acting Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Yvonne Lau
Executive Administrator and Secretary
of the Board of Regents