

**HAWAII COUNTY POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2008
KING KAMEHAMEHA BEACH HOTEL**

INVOCATION

Commissioner Kaiwi gave an invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lassiter called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	pudding Lassiter, Chair	Also Present:	Lincoln Ashida, Corporation Counsel
	Thomas P. Whittemore, Vice Chair		Josie Pelayo, Secretary
	Richard J. Behenna, Commissioner		
	Louis Kaiwi, Commissioner		
	Karolyn P. Lundkvist, Commissioner		
	Melvin S. Morimoto, Commissioner		
	Anita Politano Steckel, Commissioner		
	Michael B. Sumja, Commissioner		

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kaiwi moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Sumja seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

TESTIMONIES FROM THE PUBLIC ON CHIEF OF POLICE CANDIDATES

The Police Commission will take public input regarding the selection of the Chief of Police for the Hawai'i County Police Department. The two candidates for Chief of Police are:

- 1. Chadwick K. Fukui**
- 2. Harry S. Kubojiri**

TESTIMONIES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

MRS ELAINE WATAI of the Kealakehe Neighborhood Watch spoke in support of Chad Fukui. His compassionate attitude enabled them to overcome their inadequacies and fears and helped them develop their volunteer skills. He went the extra mile to extend the services of the department. His attitude and professionalism makes her support him.

JEREMY GAMBING of a Kealakehe Youth group spoke in support of Chad Fukui. Chad is a good community person. He will help wipe out pakalolo.

JULIAN SHIROMA stated that he retired as a Captain in Hawai'i Police Department in December 2003. He has known Harry Kubojiri for 29 years. They became close friends, and he began to like and trust him. One night Harry broke his trust and crossed the forbidden line. This happened about 24 years ago, but it is not forgotten. He has known Chad Fukui for many years. He worked his way up the ranks. He doesn't remember him sucking up to the brass. He earned his respect and trust.

SHILOAH WATAI of the Youth Crime Watch stated that she never had the opportunity to know Chad Fukui like her aunty. She supports him because of everything she heard.

ARTEMIO GUZMAN, a sixth grader at Kealakehe Elementary School stated the people in his community know Chad Fukui. He casts his vote for him.

YVONNE NALDOZA of the Kealakehe Youth Neighborhood Watch spoke in support of Chad Fukui. She knew him from 1974 when she got married. While living in Puna, her 18-year old son got in trouble. Chad came out and took care of the problem. They need leaders like him.

JOHN BERTSCH stated that he has lived in Kona close to ten years. He encouraged the commission to listen to everybody and listen to the pros and cons. The two are fantastic candidates. He knows them both personally and has had inter-working knowledge with both for a long time. He is here to support of Harry Kubojiri. Kubojiri has come up the ranks in the police department and continues to show leadership and depth which the department needs to carry on. Harry was significant in implementing the Special Response Team. He met Harry when he was a Major in West Hawai'i. He believes that his management and leadership has reduced the crime rate and made them feel safer.

TESTIMONIES CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC (EXECUTIVE SESSION): Vice Chair Whittemore moved to meet in executive session to consider the hire of an employee where consideration of matters affecting privacy will be involved, to receive information comprising of personal recommendations or evaluation, and to consult with Corporation Counsel on questions and issues pertaining to the commission's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities pursuant to HRS 92-5 (a) (2), (4), and 92F-14 (b) (8). Commissioner Lundkvist seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Executive session convened at 5:35 p.m.

Regular session reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Lassiter announced that the Police Commission is scheduled to have two more meetings to take testimony on the Chief of Police candidates. The next meeting will be on November 18, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. at the County's Aupuni Center Conference Room, 101 Pauahi St., Hilo. The last meeting will be on November 20, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at the Waimea Civic Center Conference Room, 67-5189 Kamamalu St., Waimea.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED:

Josie Pelayo
JOSIE PELAYO, SECRETARY

APPROVED:

Pudding Lassiter
PUDDING LASSITER, CHAIR