

**HAWAII COUNTY POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2008
DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL, HILO**

INVOCATION

Commissioner Kaoiwi gave an invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lassiter called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Pudding Lassiter, Chair Also Present: Lincoln S. Ashida, Corporation Counsel
Tom Whittemore, Vice Chair Josie Pelayo, Secretary
Richard J. Behenna, Commissioner
Louis Kaoiwi, Commissioner
Karolyn P. Lundkvist, Commissioner
Melvin S. Morimoto, Commissioner
Anita Politano Steckel, Commissioner

Absent: Michael B. Sumja, Commissioner

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Whittemore moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Kaoiwi seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

ANDREA TISCHLER, Hilo Coordinator for American's for Safe Access (of marijuana) stated that she was there for the patients. The new chief needs to be more responsive. She asked the commission to select the best candidate who will abide by the lowest enforcement of marijuana.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Correspondence 08-24, request for legal representation by Officer Kelly Moniz in CV08-00331. Corporation Counsel Ashida stated that the commission deliberated on this request at the previous meeting but failed to take a vote. His office recommends approval. Commissioner Kaoiwi moved to approve the request for legal counsel. Commissioner Morimoto seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

- Annual Performance Evaluation of Police Chief Lawrence K. Mahuna. Chair Lassiter stated that they need to discuss this in executive session.

Corporation Counsel Ashida explained that they have scheduled two interviews, and they most likely won't come out of executive session until after 8:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chair Whittemore moved to meet in executive session to consider the hire of an employee where consideration of matters affecting privacy would be involved 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 Hawai'i County Charter Section 13-20 (b). Commissioner Politano Steckel seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Executive session convened at 5:25 p.m.

Regular session reconvened at 9:21 a.m.

SELECTION OF CHIEF OF POLICE

Corporation Counsel Ashida welcomed the public back after an executive session meeting. He explained that the commission advertised for the position of Chief of Police state-wide in both the West Hawai'i Today and Hawai'i Tribune Herald, and they also paid for internet advertising. They did receive an application from New York State. The process that the commission followed was done to attract the maximum number of candidates possible. After interviewing the candidates, the commission decided to continue on and vote for the Chief of Police. He explained that each commissioner would be given a voting slip with his or her name and the name of the two candidates. They will mark their selection. This would allow the member to vote privately and according to his or her conscience. Ms. Pelayo would then read out each member's selection.

Ms. Pelayo called out each member's selection, and it was unanimous for Harry Kubojiri as Chief of Police.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

SUBMITTED:

Josie Pelayo
JOSIE PELAYO, SECRETARY

APPROVED:

Pudding Lassiter
PUDDING LASSITER, CHAIR