

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

In person & via Zoom
Kauai, HI 96766

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Jesse Souki called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. with a quorum present.

The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Jesse Souki
Mark M. Murakami
Lanson Kupau
Kristin Izumi-Nitao

HSBA Staff

Iris Ito
Sean Perez
Brian Simon
Sara Taira (Via Zoom)

Directors Present

Jocelyn Chong (Via Zoom)
Steven Chow
Geraldine Hasegawa
Erin Kobayashi
Jacob Lowenthal (Via Zoom)
Simeona Mariano
Emiko Meyers
Robert Miyashita
Arsima Muller (Via Zoom)
Paul Naso

Directors Absent

Jessica Domingo
Amanda Jones
Ronnelle Kawakami
Carol Kitaoka
Mark K. Murakami
Kelcie Nagata
Zale Okazaki

- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The minutes of the February 28, 2024 Board meeting and Executive Session were approved by consensus.

C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Treasurer Lanson Kupau reported that the YTD revenue is \$1.4M and YTD expenses are \$392K (as of February 29th). He stated that the Executive Committee approved opening a 6-month Certificate of Deposit (CD) at Central Pacific Bank with funds from the First Hawaiian Bank (FHB) operating account. Mr. Kupau also mentioned that the committee agreed to renew the maturing CDs at American Savings Bank and Bank of Hawaii for another 6 months. Interest from each CD will be withdrawn at maturity and transferred to the HSBA Operating Account at FHB. He also noted that the annual financial audit will start soon and last about a month.

D. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – President Jesse Souki reported on the following items:

- Strategic planning – Moving forward: April 17th is the Retreat; April 18th is the governance review. Asked members to complete the survey that was distributed.
- Special Board meeting – Will be next Wednesday (April 10th) for judicial nominee Michelle Comeau.

E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Deferred.

F. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

G. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **HSBA Interim Executive Director Extension**

Action taken: A motion was made (Steven Chow), seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the extension of time for Lyn Flanigan to serve as Interim Executive Director from April 8, 2024 through May 3, 2024.

2. **Senior Counsel Division (SCD) Bylaw Amendment**

Action taken: A motion was made (Mark M. Murakami), seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the SCD's amendment to its Bylaws to allow all SCD members in good standing to run and vote in the SCD Board Election.

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Submitted by:



Iris Ito
HSBA Assistant Executive Director

Approved by:



Kristin Izumi-Nitao
HSBA Secretary