

HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Meeting

November 15, 2018 1:00 PM to 1:20 PM

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations / 830 Punchbowl Street / HIOSH Training Room 427

Members Present:

Robert Aquino (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers), Malcolm Barcarse, Jr. (Associated Builders and Contractors), Mark Benson (Hawaii Teamsters, Local 996), Lily Chu (Department of Human Resources Development), Frank Izuta (First Medical Group), Pane Maetoga, Jr. (Operating Engineers), Walter Medina (City and County of Honolulu), Dan Miyahira (Department of Transportation), Joseph O'Donnell (Ironworkers, Local 625), Alexis Pangilinan (American Society of Safety Professionals), Rick Ravelo (Hawaii Electric Company), Gareth Sakakida (Hawaii Transportation Association), Angel Santiago Cruz (UPW), Lata Sua (HEMIC)

DLIR Staff:

Lois Iyomasu, Director's Office; Norman Ahu, HIOSH; Tin Shing Chao, HIOSH; Kevin Won, HIOSH; Alan Yamamoto, HIOSH; Deirdre Yamasaki, HIOSH (Recorder)

Guests (Public):

Travis Yara

Agenda	Discussion	Decision and/or Outcome
Call to Order	Welcome and Introduction Mr. Angel Santiago Cruz welcomed members of the HIOSH Advisory Committee. A quorum was present when the meeting was called to order.	
Minutes	A motion was made to accept the August 16, 2018 minutes.	August 16, 2018 was accepted.
Selection of Vice Chair	Since there were no nominations, Ms. Lata Sua volunteered to be vice chair but cannot serve as chair because she was the chair before Mr. Rick Ravelo.	Ms. Sua was elected as vice chair.
Recognition of Service of Chair Rick Ravelo	Mr. Ravelo was recognized for being chair 2017-2018.	
Information From HIOSH to the HIOSH Advisory Committee		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIOSH's staffing update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Administrative and Technical Support Branch is shorthanded. Ms. Nicole Bennett is the acting manager. HIOSH has posted the manager position and the OSH Program Specialist position to back fill the CAS position that was lost. The branch has Ms. Bennett and two Office Assistants. ○ Consultation and Training Branch has one vacancy. There are three advisors and one manager. ○ Safety Inspector Mr. Kevin Won is the acting manager for the Occupational Safety Branch. As soon as the position description is updated, HIOSH will post two safety inspector positions. ○ Occupational Health Branch has eight inspectors. The three new health inspectors are progressing well and two have gone solo on their inspections. • Although HIOSH is not at full benchmark, HIOSH has been meeting its goals. At year end, September 30, 2018, HIOSH's goal was 750 inspections. HIOSH completed 756 inspections. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Governor signed the adoption of HIOSH's standards. The standards became effective October 27, 2018. Although the standards are effective, HIOSH has not enforced them yet. HIOSH wants to update its website and train staff first.• HIOSH has a dedicated attorney for HIOSH's collections. Funding is provided from the fines and penalties collected. Mr. Lyle Leonard is the attorney. He has two support staff.• Despite the strike, HIOSH attended and enjoyed the Pac Rim conference.• There was one fatality on the Big Island. An employee doing snubba got stuck in the grating and the air holes got cut off. By the time they got to the employee, they were unable to revive him. HIOSH is doing an investigation.	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion was made to accept Ms. Alexis Naito's appointment to the HIOSH Advisory Committee representing American Society of Safety Professionals, replacing Mr. Scott Knowles.	Motion to accept Ms. Naito's appointment was approved.
Around the Table Comments	No comments.	
Next Meeting		February 21, 2019, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., HIOSH Training Room 427

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Deirdre Yamasaki
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations/HIOSH

Mr. Rick Ravelo, Chair
HIOSH Advisory Committee