

HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Meeting

November 21, 2019 1:00 PM to 1:50 PM

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

Members Present:

Lata Sua (HEMIC), Jim Newberry (Veterans of Safety), Frank Izuta (First Medical Group), Malcolm Barcarse, Jr. (Associated Builders and Contractors Hawaii Chapter), Gareth Sakakida (Hawaii Transportation Association), Joseph O'Donnell (Ironworkers, Local 625), Sharon Moscovic for Walter Madina (City and County of Honolulu), Dan Miyahira (Department of Transportation), Lily Chu (Department of Human Resources Development), Angel Santiago Cruz (UPW); Tim Lyons (Hawaii Business League)

Steve Litschauer (Highgate Hotels): For new membership.

DLIR Staff:

Scott Murakami, Director's Office; Norman Ahu, HIOSH; Nicole Bennett, HIOSH; Kaori Caraway, HIOSH; Kevin Won, HIOSH; Alan Yamamoto, HIOSH; Tin Shing Chao, HIOSH; Roxane Ishimaru, HIOSH; Deirdre Yamasaki, HIOSH (Recorder)

Guests (Public):

Roger Forstner (OSHA), Steve Carson

| Agenda | Discussion | Decision and/or Outcome |
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| 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A motion was made to accept and approve the August 15, 2019 minutes. • A motion was made to accept and approve the May 14, 2019 minutes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion passed to accept minutes from August 15, 2019. • Motion passed to accept minutes from May 14, 2019. |
| Director's Comments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating Boiler rules, currently with the Governor's office and waiting for final approval. • Three bills for the 2020 Legislative session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase in minimum wage, increase in fines/penalties DLIR can assess, and third-party inspection capabilities for elevators. • Leonard Hoshijo left as Deputy Director. Anne Perreira-Eustaquio is the new Deputy Director. • Multiple vacancies within DLIR. Recruiting from within and looking at new, creative ways to fill positions. | |
| Selection of Vice Chair | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations were called for chair. There were no nominations. • A motion was made to elect Alexis Naito as chair. • It was clarified that Alexis Naito was elected as Vice Chair and Lata Sua moves up from Vice Chair to Chair. | Alexis Naito was elected as chair. Later corrected to elected as Vice Chair. |
| Information from HIOSH to the HIOSH Advisory Committee | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIOSH's staffing update: | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deirdre Yamasaki leaving as HIOSH Secretary. Roxane Ishimaru will replace as contact. ○ Administrative and Technical Support (ATS) Branch has a vacant OA IV and CAS position. ○ C&T Branch hired Conroy Dang as a Safety OSH Advisor. ○ Occupational Safety and Occupational Health branches have 3 vacancies. ● HIOSH is updating and structuring the training requirements for safety and health inspectors. ● HIOSH completed 92-93% of its 750-inspection goal for FY19. ● Ended FY19 with three fatalities: a snuba incident on the Big Island, Mid-Pacific Institute's kayak accident and at the Symphony condominium, a maintenance worker fell from a ladder. Three in FY19 compared to seven in FY18. ● CAS position (outreach) goal to fill in FY20. | |
| New Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A motion was made to accept Steve Litschauer, from Highgate Hotels, as a member of the HIOSH Advisory Board. | Motion passed; Steve Litschauer is now a member of the HAC representing the hotel industry. |
| Information from HIOSH Advisory Committee to HIOSH | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HIOSH confirmed that penalties are set to increase in January 2020 based on inflation rate. ● Roger (OSHA) confirmed no standard changes upcoming yet. OSHA is working on updating table 1 for the silica standard to add more information. ● 2020 Governor's Pacific Rim Safety and Health Conference coming up in October. Alexis Naito will have future updates. | |
| Around the Table Comments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HIOSH concern with the penalties increasing there may be an increase in contest from employers. ● DHRD trying to increase recruitment to vacant positions by using 89-day hires. | |
| Public Comment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clarification that Lata Sua is now chair and Alexis Naito was elected as Vice Chair. | |
| Next Meeting | | February 20, 2020 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., HIOSH Training Room 427 |

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Nicole Bennett
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Lata Sua, Chair
HIOSH Advisory Committee