

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAUI POLICE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014 AT 9:00 A.M.
CHIEF'S CONFERENCE ROOM, WAILUKU, HAWAII**

PRESENT Gregg Lundberg, Chair
Pancho Alcon, Member
Roger Dixon, Member
Howard Hanzawa, Member
Lawrence Ing, Member
Kelly Ruidas, Member
Kevin Tanaka, Member
Michael Wilson, Member

ALSO PRESENT Gary Yabuta, Chief of Police
Clayton Tom, Deputy Chief of Police
Danny Matsuura, Assistant Chief, Investigative Bureau Services
Dean Rickard, Assistant Chief, Support Bureau Services
Victor Ramos, Assistant Chief, Uniform Bureau Services
Greg Takahashi, Business Manager
Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Gary Colton, Chaplain
Cynthia Sasada, Secretary
Chivo Ching-Johnson, AKAKU- Maui Community Television
Susan Halas, Maui Weekly
Lila Fujimoto, The Maui News

EXCUSED Ronald Vaught, Member

**CALL/
QUORUM** Chair Lundberg called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was ascertained with eight Commissioners present to conduct business.

**OPENING
REMARKS** The opening remarks were offered by Father Gary Colton.

Chair Lundberg recognized Vice-Chair Vaught and wished him a speedy recovery. He stated Vice-Chair Vaught has been a valuable player and partner for the Commission and wished him the best.

ELECTION OF POLICE COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Commissioner Wilson nominated Chair Lundberg for the position of Chair. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Ing. Commissioner Tanaka nominated Commissioner Dixon for the position of Chair. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Alcon. Chair Lundberg asked to have his name withdrawn from the nomination and suggested to give Commissioner Dixon the opportunity as the new Chair. Commissioner Dixon was unanimously elected as the new Chair of the Maui Police Commission.

Commissioner Dixon nominated Commissioner Ruidas for the position of Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Alcon. Commissioner Ruidas was unanimously elected as the new Vice-Chair of the Maui Police Commission.

PRESENTATION By the Public of Oral or Written Testimony on Agenda Items of the Commission: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES A motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2014 was made by Commissioner Alcon and seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. The motion carried unanimously.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION (12)

Sergeant M. Bonilla, M. Won; Officers F. Abreu, R. DeVooght, M. Hada, C. Keliipaakaua, M. Kincaid, A. Miyashiro, G. Ornellas, D. Potter, S. Singh, A. Yazaki.

Chair Lundberg wished to recognize the officers for their outstanding job.

A motion to accept and file the Letters of Commendation was made by Commissioner Tanaka and seconded by Commissioner Alcon. The motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT Chief Yabuta congratulated the newly elected Chair and Vice-Chair.

Chief Yabuta stated the department received the FY2015 Mayor's Budget Proposal and the council hearings are scheduled for April. Related it is a very fair and good budget. It allows the department to go into areas they haven't been for quite some time, especially in traffic enforcement. An inventory request for much needed vehicles has been submitted. The collective bargaining unit received a substantial raise for the sworn officers--that is taken into account in the total budget package as well. Support is needed for a new Molokai Station and a future Lahaina Station.

The State of Hawaii Police Commissioners' Conference will be held on April 24-25, 2014 at the Marriott Waikoloa Beach Resort & Spa.

The Dare Rally will be held on May 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Iron Maehara Baseball Stadium.

Chief Yabuta recognized Vice-Chair Vaught for serving on the Commission and wished him the best. He stated Vice-Chair Vaught was the unofficial public service voice for the department and will be missed.

Deputy Chief Tom announced two new lieutenants will be promoted today. There will be interviews for seven sergeant positions.

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Assistant Chief Matsuura gave the report for the Investigative Services Bureau.

A.C. Matsuura recognized the Patrol Division and the Canine Unit for their efforts in getting drugs off the street. The Special Response Team continues to assist the Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Division, Juvenile Crime Prevention Division and Crime Reduction Unit.

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Assistant Chief Victor Ramos gave the report for the Uniform Services Bureau.

A.C. Ramos thanked A.C. Matsuura for allowing the Canine Unit to assist Patrol in various cases.

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Assistant Chief Dean Rickard gave the report for the Support Services Bureau.

A.C. Rickard reported the 78th Recruit Class completed their training on February 22nd, and have been sent to their respective districts.

Twenty-one members of the 79th Recruit Class completed their physical training finals and are currently in the ILEADS, and report writing portion of their training.

The 80th Recruit Class will begin April 21, 2014. Currently, there are seven recruits and further applicant interviews will be conducted in the upcoming weeks to increase the size of the class.

A.C. Rickard welcomed back Pastor Steven Kaneshiro to the Maui Police Chaplaincy.

The Tip a Cop event was held on March 15, 2014 at the Outback Steak House in Kihei. The event raised approximately \$3,412 to benefit Special Olympics.

FINANCIAL Mr. Takahashi handed out the Financial Report as of February 28, 2014. He reported for FY2014, the total operating budget is \$47million. As of February 28, 2014, \$30 million was spent with a balance of approximately \$17 million, which is roughly 36% of our operating funds. The salaries and wages are at 33%, which is pretty much on schedule as far as spending for the year. FY 2015, the Mayor's Proposed Budget will be released on March 25, 2014.

PERSONNEL Mr. Takahashi handed out the Staffing Report for March 19, 2014, which reflects 39 vacant positions with 26 conditional offers pending. There are currently 16 civilian vacancies, 3 of which are ESD positions.

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Chief Yabuta thanked Chair Lundberg for his service as Chair of the Commission and for representing the community extremely well. Chief Yabuta appreciated the great communication they had.

On behalf of the Commission, Commissioner Hanzawa thanked outgoing Chair Lundberg for serving as Chair of the Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. PC 14-04 Honolulu Police Commission Minutes dated January 8, 2014
- b. PC 14-05 Honolulu Police Commission Minutes dated January 22, 2014

A motion to file the Correspondence was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Hanzawa. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion of Police Commission Investigator

The Chair will meet with Corporation Counsel to discuss utilizing resources that currently exist within the Corporation Counsel Department.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Citizen's Survey

The Commission reviewed the results of the Maui Police Department Citizen Survey and there was no discussion.

(The Maui Police Department Citizen Survey is conducted every two years in accordance with Department General Order 302.1, Community Relations Section, and the standards set by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. The survey is conducted to assess the effectiveness of Department employees and programs, to understand community perceptions, and to identify community concerns)

- b. National Associations for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement

The NACOLE Conference will be held on September 14-18, 2014 at the Marriott Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri.

- c. Discussion of the April 16, 2014 Police Commission Meeting

The April 16, 2014 Police Commission Meeting will be rescheduled to April 9, 2014 or April 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., since there is a scheduling conflict with some of the Commissioners.

- d. Email Received from the Mayor's Office regarding the Maui Weekly Article

Chair Lundberg stated he received an email from Rod Antone (Mayor's Office) requesting an explanation as to how the Police Commission functions and their oversight of the Police Department. Chair Lundberg clarified the role and responsibilities of the Maui Police Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Tanaka and seconded by Commissioner Hanzawa. The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS: 9:50 A.M.
RECONVENE: 10:03 A.M.

- a. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of February 19, 2014

A motion was made by Commissioner Tanaka to approve the Executive Session Minutes of February 19, 2014. Commissioner Hanzawa seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

- b. MPC 14-01

A motion was made by Commissioner Ing to support denial of the investigation by the Police Commission based on Police Commission Rule 13-101-23(a). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tanaka and carried unanimously.

- c. Evaluation of the Chief of Police

Chair Lundberg informed the Commission that Chief Yabuta was presented with his self-evaluation and given two weeks to complete the forms.

REGULAR SESSION A motion to return to Regular Session was made by Commissioner Tanaka and seconded by Commissioner Ing. The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS: 11:15 A.M.

Akaku: Set-up equipment

RECONVENE: 11:18 A.M.

RATIFY A motion was made by Commissioner Dixon to ratify the actions taken in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alcon and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY

Cynthia Sasada, Police Commission Secretary

APPROVED

Gregg Lundberg, Chair