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LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL
COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING

Held remotely via BlueJeans interactive conference technology and in person at the Department of Liquor Control Conference Room, 110 Alaihi Street, Suite 212A, Kahului, Hawaii 96732, commencing at 9:14 a.m., on June 8, 2022.

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APPEARANCES

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRPERSON: BRUCE U'U
VICE CHAIR: STANLEY RUIDAS
COMMISSIONERS: JAMIE BECRAFT
AARON BOSWELL
SYLVIA HO
SNEHAL PATEL
WILLIAM RICHARDS
PATRICE MATSUMOTO (joined
at approximately 10:45 a.m.)

STAFF PRESENT:

DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL: CHRISTIE TRENHOLME
DIRECTOR: LAYNE N. SILVA
DEPUTY DIRECTOR: JARRETT KAHOOHANOHANO
LIQUOR CONTROL OFFICER: MARC WEISENFELD
LIQUOR CONTROL OFFICER: KARILEE YOSHIZAWA
COMMISSION SECRETARY: MARIA KHANGSENGSING
PRIVATE SECRETARY: LIANNE SUZUKI

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(June 8, 2022, at 9:14 a.m.)

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CHAIR U'U: Aloha and good morning, everyone. Thank you for joining us today. (Inaudible) time for the technical difficulties. This is the regular meeting of the Liquor Control Commission of June 8th, and the time is 9:14. Thank you to the parties. Call this meeting to order. (Gavel.) I'm going to do roll call. Commissioners, please also indicate who, if anyone, is present with you at your location.

Vice Chair Ruidas.

VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Home and alone.

CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft.

COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Home and alone.

CHAIR U'U: Commissioner De Mello is excused.
Commissioner Boswell.

COMMISSIONER BOSWELL: Home and alone.

CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Ho.

COMMISSIONER HO: Home and alone.

CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Patel.

COMMISSIONER PATEL: Home and alone.

CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Richardson.

COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON: In my office alone.

CHAIR U'U: And Commissioner Matsumoto is excused.
The chair is present as well (inaudible).

And we will continue the roll call. Our corp

1 counsel today is Christie Trenholme.

2 Are you there, Christie?

3 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: Hello, Chair. Good
4 morning. I'm here in my office, and I'm alone.

5 CHAIR U'U: Nice meeting you, Christie.

6 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: Nice meeting you.

7 CHAIR U'U: You want to say some words about
8 yourself?

9 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: Oh, sure. Hi, I'm deputy
10 corporation counsel Christie Trenholme. I am from Maui and
11 recently moved back last year; and I'm happy to be back at the
12 county and look forward to working with you all.

13 CHAIR U'U: Thank you.

14 Also with us is Director Silva, Deputy Director
15 Kahooohanohano, secretary to the director Lianne Suzuki
16 (inaudible). Good morning, everyone.

17 Did I miss anyone staff-wise?

18 (Inaudible.)

19 CHAIR U'U: Kari Yoshizawa and Marc Weisenfeld.

20 MR. WEISENFELD: Here.

21 CHAIR U'U: Thank you, guys. Thank you, everyone.

22 Moving on with the first item of the agenda, the
23 chair will entertain a motion for approval of today's agenda.
24 May I have a motion?

25 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Chair, Patel here. Make a

1 motion to approve the agenda.

2 CHAIR U'U: Motion made by Commissioner Patel. Is
3 there a second?

4 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Second.

5 CHAIR U'U: Second made by Vice Chair Ruidas. There
6 is a motion and a second. Any discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none, call for the vote.
9 Commissioner Ruidas.

10 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Aye.

11 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft.

12 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Aye.

13 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Boswell.

14 COMMISSIONER BOSWELL: Aye.

15 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Ho.

16 COMMISSIONER HO: Aye.

17 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Patel.

18 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Aye.

19 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Richardson.

20 COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON: Aye.

21 CHAIR U'U: And the chair votes aye.

22 The vote is unanimous, and motion passes.

23 Moving on to public testimony. In regard to written
24 testimony, the commissioners should have received any written
25 testimony thus far. For oral testimony, each testifier will

1 be limited to two minutes on each agenda item with one minute
2 to conclude. Testifiers via video may sign up to testify by
3 sending a direct message in the chat function to the
4 commission staff signifying their intention to testify and
5 noting the agenda item number. Testimony shall not be
6 submitted within the chat function, and the chat function may
7 not be used to contact commissioners, other meeting
8 participants, or commenting on agenda items or other matters.
9 Individuals may be disconnected from the meeting for breaking
10 decorum. Testifiers are asked to mute their audio and video
11 when they aren't testifying. Video testifiers will be called
12 first, followed by phone testifiers, and then in-person
13 testifiers.

14 Maria, first testifier, please?

15 MS. KHANGSENGSING: No one signed up.

16 CHAIR U'U: At this time, no one signed up. Anybody
17 want to testify, please do it now.

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none, public testimony is now
20 closed.

21 Moving on to minutes, moving on to the approval of
22 the minutes, the chair will entertain a motion to approve the
23 minutes from the April 26, 2020, annual workshop and the May
24 11th regular meeting. Do I have a motion?

25 COMMISSIONER PATEL: I make it, Chair, to approve

1 the minutes.

2 CHAIR U'U: I have a motion made by Commissioner
3 Patel. Do we have a second?

4 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: I'll second, Chair. Vice Chair
5 Ruidas.

6 CHAIR U'U: Second by Vice Chair Ruidas. Any
7 discussion on the agendas?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none, I'll call for the vote, and
10 I'm also gonna do a roll call vote.

11 Vice Chair Ruidas.

12 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Aye.

13 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft.

14 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: I'm gonna abstain. I wasn't
15 present for that meeting.

16 CHAIR U'U: Okay, he's gonna abstain.

17 Commissioner Boswell.

18 COMMISSIONER BOSWELL: Aye.

19 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Ho.

20 COMMISSIONER HO: Aye.

21 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Patel.

22 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Aye.

23 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Richardson.

24 COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON: Aye.

25 CHAIR U'U: And the chair votes aye.

1 Motion passes.

2 Under General Licensing Matters -- the next item of
3 the agenda is General Licensing Matters. May I have a motion
4 for confirmation for General Licensing Matters from Items A to
5 T?

6 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Mr. Chair.

7 CHAIR U'U: Any motion or discussion? Go ahead.

8 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Are we looking at General
9 Licensing Matters Items A through T as in tango?

10 CHAIR U'U: Yes. Yes, Commissioner Becraft.

11 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Yeah. I make a motion to
12 approve General Licensing Matters A through T as in tango.

13 CHAIR U'U: Thank you. We have a motion. Do I have
14 a second?

15 COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON: Commissioner Richardson.
16 I'll second.

17 CHAIR U'U: Seconded by Commissioner Richardson.
18 Any discussion on general licensing matters?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none, I'm gonna call for the
21 vote. Again, we'll be doing a roll call vote.

22 Commissioner Ruidas.

23 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Aye.

24 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft.

25 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Aye.

1 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Boswell.

2 COMMISSIONER BOSWELL: Aye.

3 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Ho.

4 COMMISSIONER HO: Aye.

5 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Patel.

6 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Aye.

7 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Richardson.

8 COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON: Aye.

9 CHAIR U'U: And the chair votes aye.

10 The vote is unanimous, and the motion passes.

11 Moving on to Preliminary Hearings, the next item on
12 the agenda is Preliminary Hearings with Application No.
13 TA-03, Honu Oceanside LLC doing business as Honu Oceanside,
14 located at 1295 Front Street, Lahaina, Maui.

15 Thank you for stepping forward. Could you guys
16 please introduce yourselves,

17 MR. UEOKA: Good morning, Chair and Members of the
18 Commission. Robert Ueoka on behalf of Honu Oceanside. Also,
19 present just to my immediate right is Justin Newman and to my
20 far right is Kyle Turner, and also in the gallery is Joshua
21 Phillips. They are all members of Honu.

22 CHAIR U'U: Thank you. You may have a seat.

23 (Inaudible.)

24 Marc, at this time, we'll turn it over to Marc.

25 MR. WEISENFELD: Application No. TA-03, the

1 applicant is Honu Oceanside LLC doing business as Honu
2 Oceanside, applying for a transfer of Restaurant General
3 License, Category B(ii) from MarkJudy LLC doing business as
4 Honu Seafood & Pizza.

5 Members of the member-managed limited liability
6 company and their past history are listed in the
7 investigator's report.

8 Applicant submitted an assignment of and second
9 amended lease dated August 25th, 2021, by and between MarkJudy
10 LLC, assigner, Honu Oceanside LLC, assignee, Cannery
11 Commercial LLC, lessor.

12 Applicant has submitted a copy of transferrer's
13 endorsement of transfer signed by Mark Craig Ellman, member,
14 MarkJudy, LLC dated July 8th, 2021.

15 The proposed premises is a single-story building
16 situated on the shoreline, comprised of 2,613 square feet, 352
17 square feet of which is outdoor space, located at 1295 Front
18 Street, Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii 96761.

19 There are no schools or churches located within a
20 radius of 500 feet.

21 Frida's Beach House, Star Noodle, and Tavern at Mala
22 are licensees of the same class and kind located within a
23 radius of 500 feet.

24 There are two retail general licensees and one
25 dispenser general licensee located within a radius of 500

1 feet.

2 There are 91 licensees of this class and kind
3 currently issued in Maui County.

4 Applicant plans to be open seven days a week from
5 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

6 A site inspection was conducted on April 11th, 2022.

7 The applicant appears to meet the statutory
8 requirements to hold a license.

9 All documents necessary for the issuance of the
10 liquor license have not been submitted. Those items are
11 listed in the investigator's report.

12 CHAIR U'U: Thank you, Marc.

13 Do the applicants have anything else to add?

14 MR. UEOKA: We are in receipt of the investigator's
15 report. We have no objections to his report. If it's okay
16 with the chair, I could describe the business a little bit.

17 CHAIR U'U: Go ahead.

18 MR. UEOKA: Okay. Honu Oceanside specializes in
19 fine seafood cuisine, fresh fish and other types of seafood,
20 and steaks. We're located on the shoreline on Front Street
21 across Lahaina Cannery Mall. We have been operating on a
22 temporary license since May 6th, (inaudible), with no issues,
23 and we are looking forward to (inaudible).

24 CHAIR U'U: Thank you.

25 Any question by the commissioners? Any question

1 from the commissioners?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none, no discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIR U'U: Is there anyone who wants to give a
6 public testimony?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none, public testimony is now
9 closed.

10 At this time, I'll entertain a motion to approve or
11 disapprove the application.

12 COMMISSIONER PATEL: I make a motion, Chair, to
13 approve the Application TA-03.

14 CHAIR U'U: We have a motion made by Commissioner
15 Patel. Do we have a second?

16 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Vice Chair Ruidas. I second.

17 CHAIR U'U: Second by Vice Chair Ruidas. A motion
18 was made and seconded. Is there any discussion among
19 commissioners? Any discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none, I'll do a roll call vote.
22 Commissioner Ruidas.

23 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Aye.

24 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft.

25 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Aye.

1 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Boswell.

2 COMMISSIONER BOSWELL: Aye.

3 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Ho.

4 COMMISSIONER HO: Aye.

5 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Patel.

6 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Aye.

7 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Richardson.

8 COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON: Aye.

9 CHAIR U'U: And the chair votes aye.

10 The vote is unanimous; the motion passes.

11 Thank you, guys. Sorry for the delay.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Thank you. Thank you so
13 much. Thank you.

14 CHAIR U'U: (Inaudible.)

15 The next item on the agenda is Public Hearings with
16 Application No. 14, Maalaea GSC LLC doing business as Maalaea
17 General Store and Cafe, located at 132 Maalaea Road.

18 Will the applicant please step forward and state
19 your name?

20 MR. EWALT: Aloha, Commissioners. My name is Doug
21 Ewalt. I'm trying to click the video button here. Sorry.

22 CHAIR U'U: Take your time, Doug.

23 MR. EWALT: Sorry, Commissioners. I'm having a hard
24 time getting on the video for some reason.

25 CHAIR U'U: Join the club.

1 MR. EWALT: Oh, there we go. Aloha, Commissioners.

2 CHAIR U'U: Aloha, Doug. Thank you for introducing
3 yourself.

4 At this time, we will turn 'em over to staff to read
5 us the report. Take it away, Marc.

6 MR. WEISENFELD: Okay. Application No. 14,
7 applicant is Maalaea GSC LLC doing business as Maalaea General
8 Store and Cafe. The proposed premises is located at 132
9 Maalaea Road, Unit A, Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii. This is a public
10 hearing for a new general license.

11 A notice of public hearing was published in the Maui
12 News on April 20th and 27th of 2022.

13 There are a total of 198 owners/lessees situated
14 within 500 feet of the proposed premises.

15 Documents necessary for completing the remaining
16 application requirements for the liquor license are listed in
17 the summary report.

18 The department has not received any protests.

19 CHAIR U'U: Thank you.

20 Mr. Ewalt -- is that it, Ewalt? Do you have any
21 additional comments? Now would be the time.

22 MR. EWALT: No, nothing further to add.

23 CHAIR U'U: Okay, thank you.

24 Anybody else want to give public testimony? Do we
25 have anyone?

1 MS. KHANGSENGSING: No, I have no one signed up.

2 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none, public testimony is now
3 closed.

4 Questions by commissioners? Any questions by
5 commissioners?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none, at this time, I'll
8 entertain a motion to approve or disapprove the application.
9 Is there a motion on the floor?

10 COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON: Commissioner Richardson.
11 I make a motion for No. 14 application to approve.

12 CHAIR U'U: The motion is made by Commissioner
13 Richardson. Do we have a second?

14 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Commissioner Becraft. I
15 second.

16 CHAIR U'U: A motion and a second. Any discussion
17 by the commissioners?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none, I'll call for the vote.
20 Again, I'm gonna do a roll call. All those in favor of the
21 motion say aye, opposed say nay.

22 Commissioner Ruidas. Vice Chair Ruidas.

23 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Aye.

24 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft.

25 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Aye.

1 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Boswell.

2 COMMISSIONER BOSWELL: Aye.

3 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Ho.

4 COMMISSIONER HO: Aye.

5 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Patel.

6 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Aye.

7 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Richardson.

8 COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON: Aye.

9 CHAIR U'U: And the chair votes aye.

10 It passes unanimously. Congratulations.

11 MR. EWALT: Thank you so much. Aloha.

12 CHAIR U'U: Aloha.

13 Moving on to Unfinished Business: Public Hearing
14 For the Adoption of the Special Rules 2022. At this time, I'm
15 gonna open up for public testimony for this issue, for this
16 matter. Anyone want to give public testimony, please do so
17 now.

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none, public testimony is now
20 closed.

21 I guess in addition -- Corp Counsel, is it true
22 we're gonna -- do we need a vote for this?

23 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: Yes, a vote on whether the
24 commission would like to adopt the rules or not.

25 CHAIR U'U: Okay. Director, you want to elaborate a

1 little on this?

2 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Absolutely. This is --
3 we're going back to the adoption of the Special Rules for Year
4 2022. This is the one regarding the extension of the deadline
5 to submit liquor license renewal applications from June 15th
6 to June 30th to allow that additional time for licensees to
7 submit the renewal application, as well as extending the
8 expiration of certification cards that may have expired during
9 COVID to June 30th as well. That's what's before you today
10 for your consideration.

11 CHAIR U'U: Any questions or discussions by the
12 commissioners?

13 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: (Gesturing.)

14 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft.

15 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Yes, thank you.

16 Director, so the extension to June 30th, is that
17 what we had -- the last meeting I attended, we had a
18 discussion about that, that that's what we had -- we had
19 stated to the stakeholders initially that that was gonna be
20 the extension that we were gonna give once the COVID rules,
21 you know, expired or went away. Is this -- is this conducive
22 to that?

23 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Yes. Actually, the way
24 the original emergency rules were stated that the extension
25 was to go 90 days beyond the expiration of the Public Health

1 Emergency Rules, and by adopting these special rules, it
2 actually extends it beyond the 90 days through the end of June
3 as an allowance for anyone that needed to obtain a
4 certification card that may have expired during COVID at any
5 time after March 2020. This was to allow for those people to
6 have that additional time to be able to update cards or renew
7 their cards.

8 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Okay.

9 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: That is correct; this is
10 what was discussed.

11 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: And is that also with -- in
12 regard to the open-air drinking and stuff that was -- we had
13 talked about?

14 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: The extensions -- the
15 temporary extensions of premises, if that's what you're
16 referring to, that were allowed specific to COVID was not part
17 of the Department of Liquor Control, the Liquor Commission's
18 Emergency Rules. That was something that was granted through
19 the mayor's office, a memo through the mayor's office, and
20 it's my understanding right now that that extension has been
21 allowed to go through September 30th, I believe. But that
22 does not have anything to do with the discussion today.

23 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: That's correct. I'm sorry.
24 I apologize. I actually knew that once you explained it. I
25 thank you for the explanation. That's all the questions I

1 have. Thank you.

2 CHAIR U'U: Any other commissioner with questions
3 about the adoption of the Special Rules Year 2022?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none, I'm closing discussion.
6 We'll open it up to a motion. Anybody want to give a motion,
7 make a motion?

8 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Make a motion, Chair, to adopt
9 those special rules.

10 CHAIR U'U: Motion made by Commissioner Patel. Do
11 we have a second?

12 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Vice Chair Ruidas. Second.

13 CHAIR U'U: Second by Vice Chair Ruidas.

14 CHAIR U'U: Any discussion among the commissioners?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none, I'll call for the vote.
17 Again, we're gonna do a roll call vote. Aye is yes, and nay
18 is no.

19 Vice Chair Ruidas.

20 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Aye.

21 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft.

22 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Aye.

23 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Boswell.

24 COMMISSIONER BOSWELL: Aye.

25 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Ho.

1 COMMISSIONER HO: Aye.

2 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Patel.

3 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Aye.

4 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Richardson.

5 COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON: Aye.

6 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner -- thank you.

7 And the chair votes aye.

8 Motion passes unanimously.

9 Next on Unfinished Business is B, Accept the

10 Director's Written Report of His 2022 Short-and Long-Term

11 Goals and Objectives For the Department.

12 At this time, I will ask again the corp counsel if

13 this is something that we vote on?

14 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: The director -- is that B,

15 the director's written report?

16 CHAIR U'U: Yes.

17 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: Sure. I mean, that's --

18 has everybody had a chance to review the document?

19 CHAIR U'U: It's been issued out to the

20 commissioners, yes.

21 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: Okay, great. And I guess

22 if -- you can make a motion to accept the report.

23 CHAIR U'U: Any discussion here? Have you guys had

24 a chance -- any discussion among the commissioners about the

25 long-and short-term goals and objectives for the department?

1 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Yes, Mr. Chair.

2 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft.

3 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Yes, I have a question.

4 CHAIR U'U: Go ahead.

5 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: With the goals and
6 objectives, Mr. Director, that we have been submitted, what is
7 the -- how will we know if this is being obtained or kept up?
8 Like, you know, the first thing that's being talked about
9 is -- one of the first things is having things computerized
10 and whatnot. We've been talking about this for a long time,
11 and at one point, I was led to believe that we were all the
12 way up to being everything on -- you know, being updated and
13 being put online, and then in our meeting with the
14 stakeholders, it was presented to us that that was not the
15 case. So how is it -- you know, it's one thing to have this,
16 these -- these goals and short- and long-term goals, but how
17 is it that we and the stakeholders and the public are gonna
18 know whether or not there's actual movement towards this?

19 CHAIR U'U: I'll refer that to Director Silva.

20 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Yes, absolutely. If you
21 look at the document that was submitted, I tried to put a
22 brief explanation in there. The additional short-term goals
23 that were added you'll find on page 1. Those are things that,
24 you know, through the course of this past year that we've
25 noticed, and we're trying to implement at this time, but

1 there's also a listing of the goals that I had provided
2 previously as far as short-term goals and long-term goals.
3 And I included a brief description basically, and, you know,
4 it's just generalized as far as what the department has been
5 doing to attain those goals and some of the successes that we
6 have had over time.

7 It is my understanding that our forms are all
8 available online. However, that -- we're not stopping there.
9 We're actually meeting with electronic data programs and
10 companies that offer that to attempt to try to actually create
11 a digital presence online where license applications may be
12 able to be submitted and accepted via online. And we just had
13 a meeting last week with key -- it was NIC Hawaii, which is
14 the hawaii.gov, to be able to allow us to accept payments
15 online via digital format and credit card and things like that
16 that we -- was never a capability before.

17 So I'm not really sure if -- you know, and I didn't
18 really fully understand what you were really asking for by
19 asking for these goals. I was under the impression it was
20 something that could be looked at at the end of the year when
21 the evaluation was actually gonna take place as far as -- and
22 I would expect to submit a progress report at that time to
23 show you exactly what the department has been able to
24 accomplish throughout the course of (inaudible).

25 CHAIR U'U: And just for clarification, this was

1 asked by me for the director so we can get a jump start on the
2 evaluation at the end (inaudible) we can hold him more
3 accountable for what he says. And then at that time when we
4 do the grading or evaluation portion by the commission, this
5 kind of can coincide with what -- the grade we're giving him,
6 how he followed up on this part of his goal-setting. Again,
7 this is just goal setting from him which we can add or suggest
8 these, but this is kind of a baseline.

9 And some of the questions that were put on there
10 were kind of derived from the audit of -- and I forgot the
11 year of the audit, but it kind of coincides with the audit
12 that I read prior to getting on the commission. But, again,
13 I'll defer to commissioners (inaudible) something that's
14 missing or any suggestions that you guys can have. It's open
15 for everybody. It's open to the floor. That was the basis,
16 again, of this.

17 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: And if I can add one other
18 thing, you know, after going back and reviewing these goals
19 that were set, it kind of dawned on me that even the items
20 that were listed as short-term goals, you know, I'm
21 recognizing the fact that all of these goals are gonna be
22 continuous and ongoing. So our attempts are to get to the
23 point where we want to be, but we've still got a long way to
24 go. But we are making strides and steps to achieve these
25 goals. That's all I have.

1 CHAIR U'U: Okay. Thank you.

2 Any discussion?

3 COMMISSIONER HO: (Gesturing.)

4 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Ho.

5 COMMISSIONER HO: Yes. Actually, I remember we did
6 a formal -- his evaluate, the director's evaluation end of
7 last year, yeah, we set up some kind of guidelines and stuff
8 and also the form to evaluate the director's performance. So
9 it seems like to me, because I was not at the last meeting, so
10 it seems he is giving a progress report, so what he is doing
11 and what he wants to do. So seems like they're to tell us --
12 I mean, we did see that his initiative to let us know what he
13 is going to do, what he would like to accomplish, so that when
14 we are going to do a formal evaluation at the end of the year,
15 we have something to -- to account -- to, what do you call, to
16 evaluate, right? It seems like to me that is -- that is
17 this -- this report is. Am I correct?

18 CHAIR U'U: That was the intent, Commissioner,
19 absolutely. And, again, to -- to not nip it at the end, but
20 nip it at the front, so to speak. That was the goal moving
21 forward. I mean, anyway --

22 COMMISSIONER HO: That's good. I mean, we
23 appreciate the director's -- if he's taking the initiative to
24 actually tell us what he is doing, what he wants to accomplish
25 so at the end of the year when we do the formal performance

1 review, we have something to okay, to find out whether he has
2 accomplished all those goals or he has difficulties to
3 obtain -- to achieve those goals. I think -- I honestly
4 appreciate his initiative. Thank you.

5 CHAIR U'U: Did you have something, Commissioner
6 Becraft?

7 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Yes. I wanted to add to --
8 so what my point was -- and as -- and I appreciate what
9 Commissioner Ho is saying is -- you know, but one of the
10 things that she's saying and the thing that's bothering me is
11 like -- and she's saying that this -- we're identifying it and
12 then we're adding in and what he's doing. What I'm
13 specifically asking is, is how are we gonna know that these
14 things are being done throughout the year? Because from how
15 I'm hearing it, we're going be told at the end of the year,
16 and then we're gonna measure it then.

17 Because, you know, one of the things I noticed --
18 and I could be very wrong, I stand to be corrected, it's
19 fine -- is, you know, I'm looking through the agenda today,
20 and we're not addressing, you know, all the things that were
21 brought up by our stakeholders, the attorneys and stuff that
22 submitted that. I don't know how we're -- you know, we're not
23 continuing to address those. I don't know that those issues
24 are being addressed or what steps are being made.

25 So I appreciate that there's an outline saying,

1 again, that we're gonna be making everything online and things
2 like that, I'll just use that, or transparency of the
3 department, you know, for me, I was just wondering if -- you
4 know, what -- if the plan is that we're gonna be told at the
5 end of the year, I -- to me, that wouldn't be sufficient. I
6 would like to have a monthly updating of what's going on. And
7 if we've done something to make things more transparent last
8 month, I'd like to know about it during this meeting. And if
9 we're not doing anything with transparency and we have things
10 that have been brought to our attention, then I'd like to --
11 I'd just like to know about things as we're going instead of
12 at the end of the year and then being told the reasons and
13 then we don't -- won't have any ability to see what steps are
14 actually being taken throughout the year. That's my concern.

15 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Yes, absolutely. And as
16 far as it goes with the updating of the forms, what you will
17 see is when those forms are updated, they're gonna be
18 presented to you for approval. All of our forms require
19 commission approval in order for you guys to (inaudible) the
20 application process. So, you know, as it comes as far as a
21 monthly update on where it's at, because it is a process, I
22 wasn't aware of -- that that was something that you guys
23 needed or required. But what you will see, I guess, as
24 evidence of what the department is doing is when those forms
25 are brought before you for approval. And that's kind of the

1 checks and balances; that's where the process takes place.
2 It's all gonna come through you, and you guys are gonna
3 actually decide on it. So, I mean, if what you want is a
4 monthly progress report or update, I was not (inaudible).

5 CHAIR U'U: Question. When -- is there a tentative
6 date on the application form?

7 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Well, hopefully, we're
8 going at either next month or the following, 'cause, see,
9 right now, because we're in the middle of renewals, almost all
10 of our focus is based on that. We're trying to get as many
11 renewed before June 30th as (inaudible). However, we are
12 looking at either July or August to be able to present
13 something to the commission.

14 CHAIR U'U: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Chair.

16 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Patel.

17 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Yeah. First of all, I'd like
18 to thank Layne for putting this together. It's probably, at
19 least to my knowledge -- I'm not -- some of you have served
20 longer. It's probably the first time that someone has
21 presented -- and I think Layne's done this twice now, so, you
22 know, in the history of the department, progress is being
23 made, I believe. And from what I hear from either
24 stakeholders, I think they're finding the process is easier,
25 especially with the testing and some of the modernization

1 that's been happening. So, you know, I'd like to thank Layne
2 and his staff. You know, things are moving forward, and just
3 the fact that we did finally have an evaluation last year of a
4 director in a long time. And then taking the steps to start
5 putting together some short-term and long-term goals, this is
6 all positive in my eyes.

7 And I definitely understand with accountability,
8 Jamie, you know, things you bring up there, how -- how are
9 things being done, but, once again, the day-to-day running of
10 that department is not our job as directors, right? We have
11 to support Layne, and he's gotta prioritize. Our main mission
12 is making sure that those applications are being reviewed and
13 processed. And like Layne is saying also, their big goal
14 right now is to make sure that the renewals are gonna take
15 place.

16 One thing I'd like to point out is, Layne, you had
17 put in here that -- you know, to centralize the department's
18 records and file keeping as kind of like a main goal. Do you
19 consider that a high priority right now, and why? Because I
20 want to know the history of perhaps why that's, you know, at
21 the forefront.

22 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Yes, absolutely, I do
23 consider that a high priority because there's availability.
24 We've been in contact with companies, one of which collected
25 data, they provide a service where they compile and secure

1 files and records for, you know, agencies like the Federal
2 Reserve, TSA, Department of Defense, and we're in talks with
3 them right now to try to obtain their services. To be
4 perfectly honest with you, almost everything we have here is
5 either on paper or on programs that are so old that you can't
6 even buy parts.

7 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Wow.

8 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: They're obsolete. So
9 right now, we're hoping to get into business with these guys
10 that will help us to centralize all of our record-keeping as
11 far as giving us a more modernized way to access those records
12 and as well as obtain those stats. See, right now, that is
13 one of the big pushes that we're trying to get into. That
14 would be a big step towards modernizing the department.

15 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Okay. No, that's awesome
16 because it looks like, you know, those other goals that come
17 behind it, like creating a streamlined process and updating
18 things on the application, a lot of things that could probably
19 go smoother once, you know, you've put the foundation right.
20 And so, you know, that's exactly how I would do it, and I
21 appreciate you taking that approach because, as you said, if
22 we're gonna implement new technology, but then the foundation
23 or the structural things that we have in place aren't gonna
24 align with that, we're not gonna be able to move forward,
25 right? And so -- and also if it saves you guys time and that

1 gives you guys more time to focus on some other, you know,
2 higher-level things that we talked about as well. So, okay,
3 appreciate that.

4 CHAIR U'U: Any more questions from the
5 commissioners?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none --

8 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Mr. Chair.

9 CHAIR U'U: Go ahead, Commissioner Becraft.

10 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Yes, Mr. Chair, there's a
11 question for you. I don't know that my question has actually
12 been answered. I'm not sure where we stand. Are we gonna be
13 getting updates throughout the year? I don't believe that
14 that's -- all due respect, I don't believe that's running
15 their department, it's wanting the information. If I'm gonna
16 be evaluating him at the end of the year, I want the
17 information as it goes.

18 And the other thing, you know, I want to know if
19 we're -- if that's the situation because everything has to be
20 agendized, you know. I guess I'm asking for an agenda item to
21 always be on there where an update of what's happening, you
22 know (inaudible). I see this agenda doesn't have that at all.
23 And regarding -- and there -- my big basis for it is I think
24 all of us, including you, Mr. Chair, were kind of surprised at
25 what came out from the stakeholders when they presented their

1 positions on what may have been -- you know, what's -- in
2 their eyes, what's actually occurring in comparison to what I
3 feel we've been led to believe. So I want to know, are we
4 accepting this form and accepting that we're gonna be given an
5 update at the end of the year, or are we gonna be given
6 updates in regard to progress throughout the year? I'm asking
7 that it just be on the agenda for every month so that we can
8 openly discuss what's going on instead of waiting for the end
9 of the year.

10 CHAIR U'U: And I -- thank you, Commissioner
11 Becraft. And I think that's the intent -- well, not the
12 intent, that's something the commission would have to decide.
13 And I get what Commissioner -- I get what you're saying, I get
14 what Commissioner Patel is saying, and I heard from talks that
15 some of the stakeholders might be -- some were happy and some
16 were not, but I do believe we're moving in the right
17 direction. I think for my part, the intent of what was asked
18 by the short-and long-term goals was being proactive and not
19 reactive. (Inaudible) act on -- acted on it late, and we had
20 no traction but just to kind of go over what he said prior.

21 But I think today was a perfect example of doing an
22 update, even though it's not agendized, about when we put in
23 the application process and what he's doing. So, you know, I
24 don't know if we should continue to do that or -- again, this
25 discussion among the commissioners, I would not want to push

1 anything that's not comfortable or uncomfortable with the
2 commission. Again, that's why we're having these discussions.

3 So maybe we can keep having the discussion if need
4 be, Commissioner Becraft.

5 Any discussion from anyone else within the
6 commission?

7 COMMISSIONER PATEL: (Gesturing.)

8 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft.

9 COMMISSIONER PATEL: I don't -- I don't need a
10 month -- I mean, I have a director's monthly report in front
11 of me. These are long- and short-term goals that we're, yeah,
12 gonna evaluate at the end of the year; that's how I assumed
13 it. I've gotta trust Layne to do his job and run the
14 department day to day. I mean, I'm not one to micromanage on
15 that level. I don't need a monthly report. Things are, in my
16 eyes, moving forward, and I would evaluate the results as I,
17 you know, expected to do at the end of the year.

18 CHAIR U'U: Thank you, Commissioner Patel.

19 Any other discussion?

20 And I would agree, I would agree with Commissioner
21 Patel. That's my mindset too on it, help guide and -- you
22 know, guide him that way.

23 Commissioner Becraft.

24 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Mr. Chair, you know, I've had
25 personal discussions with you, and I've had -- also, I've been

1 on the commission a little bit longer than some others.
2 The -- when I got on this commission, it was because there
3 were numerous issues, including the Rosenberg -- or I forget
4 what the exact name was. The audit that was done, that audit
5 pretty much pointed out some really big issues. And when we
6 got on it, it wasn't to -- I'm -- it wasn't to just sit here
7 and do praise. Again, on this commission to try and make sure
8 the vote is going in the right direction. I'm not saying that
9 it is not. I'm saying that the old system of sitting around
10 letting the directors and the liquor running themselves how
11 they want didn't work and that to sit here at this point and
12 not be given updates -- it's great to say transparency, I've
13 been hearing this word since I got in on this commission, it's
14 great to hear a lot of other things. And this is prior to our
15 present director, I'll speak mostly of that. We were told a
16 lot of different things that were not occurring. And I
17 believe the director and I have had discussion about that
18 also. He, too, has acknowledged that the prior
19 administration, when we were told things, was not necessarily
20 truthful or wholly -- you know, maybe partially truthful, and
21 it withheld information to us.

22 And I believe it would be naive at this position and
23 point to turn the reins over and sit here and say everything
24 is running correctly and the proof for that is we have been
25 told -- I've been told -- I'll give one example. I was told

1 straight up that everything was online, different things
2 were -- emails were running, everything was up and
3 functioning, and then, lo and behold, one of the attorneys
4 comes in and says that that wasn't true. And that was with
5 this present administration. And my thing is, is not telling
6 him how to run it, not telling him what car to buy, but I
7 believe it would be extremely naive at this point for us not
8 to have updates and to just hear words such as we're doing
9 transparency, we're doing this, and support him.

10 For me, I am supportive. I have had numerous
11 meetings with the director, I'll give all my best ideas and
12 whatnot, but I do not believe at this point that it would be
13 wise to -- for us to sit back and let this ship run itself
14 without us at least seeing it. And I don't believe the public
15 wants us to do that. I don't believe that the attorneys that
16 have finally stepped forward after all this time and for -- in
17 their words, putting their own neck out on the line -- and for
18 us to step back and say it's okay, we're not gonna -- we're
19 not gonna have monthly updates, we're not gonna be able to ask
20 questions --

21 I'm asking that this be agendized. It doesn't have
22 to take all that long. Like I said, I noticed this agenda
23 doesn't have anything in regards to the concerns that were
24 expressed earlier where we are exactly with that, and to me,
25 that's just a way of covering things up, and we're just doing

1 a lot of talking and not doing any action.

2 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft, I kindly disagree.
3 I think that -- again, I don't think nobody asked for this
4 prior. I think this is the first -- again, I could be wrong.
5 I think we are moving in the direction. But I respect your
6 perspective, but I'll disagree. And I would agree with
7 Commissioner Patel that we shouldn't be involved in the
8 day-to-day. And this is almost like you're asking for is what
9 I see, Commissioner Becraft, getting involved in the
10 day-to-day.

11 I'm okay with the (inaudible); that's the intent of
12 what I read within the audit that we get when we (inaudible)
13 at the end of the year; that's what I saw. And I also read
14 that we're not to be allowed to be in the day-in, day --
15 day-out operations of the department. So I would disagree
16 with what he's saying. We're just not being naive and sitting
17 back. I strongly disagree, brother, Commissioner Becraft.

18 But at this time, I will turn 'em over to Director
19 Silva.

20 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Thank you. And I do have
21 one -- I guess a comment. You guys have access to everything
22 that the public has access to, as well as the attorneys and
23 the key stakeholders. All of our documents are available on
24 the county website. If you have a question as far as if
25 someone comes up and tells you something is not functional or

1 something is not available, everyone in Maui or I guess in the
2 whole entire world that has access to the internet can verify
3 that.

4 I don't know, again, you know -- yeah, transparency
5 is a word that gets tossed around. I'd like to think that,
6 you know, in the way we operate here, I have an open-door
7 policy, I accept phone calls. I get calls all the time from
8 the key stakeholders, from attorneys, from the public, from
9 licensees. I never shy away from a phone call, and I never
10 shy away from answering a question.

11 And, again -- and I welcome if anybody does go onto
12 our website and finds something not functional, finds
13 something not there, please let me know. Please inform me
14 because it's my understanding that it's all there and
15 functioning. So it's available to you, so everyone has the
16 same --

17 When it comes to emails, you know, we made attempts.
18 We made attempts. We made attempts with the county IT system.
19 It's -- it's not operational, it's not functioning. So what
20 we've done in place is we've actually created a notification
21 process. It's the same system that is used whenever there's a
22 road closure or some kind of weather event that's coming up.
23 It was just recently put on the website where people can sign
24 up on it, anyone from licensees to stakeholders to general
25 public. It's in its testing phase. It's my understanding

1 that it was probably placed on there yesterday or the day
2 before, so it's in its testing phase. We're trying to make
3 sure that it is functional before we do send out notices,
4 which we are gonna do via memo to at least all the licensees.
5 We're gonna put out a press release once we're confident that
6 it is completely functional, and that in itself will take the
7 place of the email process. It relieves us from having to
8 dedicate someone to updating our email network constantly to
9 make sure that there's no duplicates or there's no people
10 changing their email. It's something that you're gonna be
11 able to sign up for and receive a notification via email or
12 even text to your phone. It's a system that is already
13 functional in the county, so there's no cost, and we're just
14 gonna piggyback on what they have already going, and
15 hopefully, that will replace the necessity for the email
16 thing. Immediately get information out in real-time. But
17 I -- just as a comment.

18 CHAIR U'U: I just wanted to add that I think it's a
19 continual work (inaudible) commission along with the
20 department. It's a continuum. And we're not gonna agree on
21 everything, and that's why -- that's why the grading system
22 involved. But it's gonna be a continuous work of progress
23 (inaudible), you know, for -- long after we -- and, again, I
24 just hope we put in -- I put in to be a part of pointing in
25 the right direction.

1 And, Jamie, I respect everything you say, and I
2 think that we need you for that; that's how I visualize that,
3 but I'm gonna disagree with you on some of the stuff as your
4 perspective. But I like it, that's for sure.

5 Any other questions by commissioners? Or concerns,
6 suggestions?

7 COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON: (Gesturing.)

8 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Richardson.

9 COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON: Good morning. You know,
10 I'm new on the board, but obviously, I was appointed for a
11 reason, to support Layne and his staff. It's difficult, I
12 know, with short-term goals; they usually last 12 -- 12 months
13 and less; that's what short-term goals are set. I set that
14 here at the resorts. And the long-term goals could go three
15 to five years. So, you know, I know that there's a lot of
16 work. I wasn't around as long as Commissioner Becraft has
17 been, experienced last administration, but as long as I'm
18 here, I feel that my job as a commissioner is to support the
19 director and his staff on things that may have been lacking in
20 the past. And I think improvement is always a good thing to
21 see. Communication, obviously, is key. I think we have these
22 meetings every month for that purpose.

23 And I agree with you, Layne, that we all have that
24 opportunity to go and do our own research, which I've done so
25 I can kind of bring myself up to -- to par with this

1 commission. That's why I'm sitting on it. But, you know,
2 like I said, improvement, it doesn't come overnight, and
3 that's why we set these short-term goals and long-term goals
4 to improve.

5 So I believe we're here also to help when needed,
6 and it goes both ways on communication. I work with a seven-
7 member board every day with things that I do here, so I
8 understand that we also all have a reputation to make sure
9 that we all come out positive at the end for the stakeholders
10 and for the community of Maui. So I'm happy that I -- that I
11 see these goals that are written down on this agenda. I think
12 that we should continue to pursue on getting things that you
13 need to make your department a lot better than what it needs
14 to be. So I appreciate you even putting out this report for
15 us to see what -- what your goals are and what the department
16 is trying to do to improve it. Thank you.

17 CHAIR U'U: Thank you, Commissioner Richardson.

18 Any other discussion? Any other commissioners, any
19 questions, concerns?

20 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: (Gesturing.)

21 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Ruidas. Vice Chair Ruidas.

22 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: I guess I'm the only one that
23 didn't say, but I just want to say, you know, I think the
24 department is doing well. And I just got one word to say, is
25 imua, and that's it. Thank you.

1 CHAIR U'U: Anybody else? Questions, concerns,
2 Commissioners?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none, we'll open it up for a
5 vote. I'll do -- open it up for a motion. Anybody want to
6 make a motion to accept or not accept?

7 COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON: Commissioner Richardson.
8 I make a motion to accept.

9 CHAIR U'U: I have a motion made by Commissioner
10 Richardson. Do we have a second?

11 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Vice Chair Ruidas. I make the
12 second.

13 CHAIR U'U: We have a second by Vice Chair Ruidas.
14 Any discussion? On the vote, I'll call a roll call vote.

15 Commissioner -- Vice Chair Ruidas.

16 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Aye.

17 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft.

18 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Aye.

19 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Boswell.

20 COMMISSIONER BOSWELL: Aye.

21 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Ho.

22 COMMISSIONER HO: Aye.

23 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Patel.

24 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Aye.

25 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Richardson.

1 COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON: Aye.

2 CHAIR U'U: And the chair votes aye as well.

3 The motion passes unanimously.

4 We'll be under Communications. A, the Discussion of
5 the State of Hawaii HB No. 137, HD1, SD2, CD1 Bill. Program
6 Budget Analyst Kyle Maki from the Department of Budget and
7 Finance would like the following information.

8 I'm gonna ask corp counsel again if this is
9 something we just discuss or something we vote on? And I'm
10 gonna ask clarity again by the department as we move forward.
11 Corp Counsel.

12 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: Yes, this is an item the
13 commission should discuss, and if you would like to transmit
14 any comments, then you could go ahead and do a motion on that.
15 If you have no position, then you could do a motion on that as
16 well. So I do think we need to have a decision-making on
17 this, but the form that will be in is, I think, gonna be
18 fleshed out in discussion.

19 CHAIR U'U: Okay. I'll turn it over to the
20 department, maybe if you can (inaudible).

21 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Okay, yeah. I actually
22 received this kind of late in the game. However, I am
23 familiar with House Bill 137, which we (inaudible). We've
24 been keeping our eye on it. It was actually introduced last
25 year. The bill didn't make it through. There was some

1 revision stuff to it where it actually did get through this
2 year. The department does not oppose the passing of this
3 bill. It really has to do a lot with investigations into
4 taxation and something that is outside of our realm anyway. I
5 think some of the ways that the department will be affected by
6 the passing of this bill is that it will affect some of our
7 forms as it requires all applications to be notarized at this
8 point, which will affect our renewal application. But other
9 than that, the department does not oppose Bill 137.

10 CHAIR U'U: Okay. Any discussion from the
11 commission?

12 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Yes.

13 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Patel.

14 COMMISSIONER PATEL: So, just so I'm clear, I mean,
15 it boils down to if someone hasn't paid certain taxes, that
16 the license can be revoked until that penalty has been paid,
17 or liability. I mean, I don't know how many licensees this
18 would affect or, you know, what the current standing is. I
19 don't have any issue with it outside of the fact that, like
20 you said, it's gonna require some updating. So is this
21 something that's going to pass relatively soon to where it
22 would start affecting the renewal process coming up in July?

23 CHAIR U'U: Director Silva.

24 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: No. This bill would
25 actually take effect on January 1st --

1 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Okay.

2 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: -- 2023. And we are
3 ready. You know, part of our renewal process is -- one of the
4 requirements is that they submit a tax clearance anyway, so
5 we've already been doing that. And that is something that we
6 would -- you cannot renew your license unless you're current
7 with the state as far as your taxes are concerned.

8 One of the -- and also there's another thing that
9 was addressed by this bill that we've already started using in
10 our process is where in the past in the investigator's report,
11 it used to refer to, "in the opinion of the investigator,"
12 that used to be language, "fit and proper." We no longer use
13 that language in our reports. We refer to it as meeting the
14 statutory requirements at this point. That's also another
15 thing that is affected by this, but the effect on the
16 department is minimal.

17 CHAIR U'U: Question. Will the department support
18 or oppose it?

19 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: I think we'll say we would
20 not oppose.

21 CHAIR U'U: I have some questions for the
22 commission. I will be asking for a sense of the (inaudible).
23 Any more discussion of the commissioners?

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIR U'U: And I would agree kind of throwing the

1 loop on this one too, so --

2 Is there -- I'm going to throw it out. Is there a
3 motion? Does anybody want to make a motion to accept -- or
4 support a position on the bill? Oppose, support, or no
5 position on the bill, how about that? Anybody want to make
6 a -- make a motion to that, to that effect?

7 COMMISSIONER PATEL: I make a motion, Chair, to, I
8 guess, support Layne's position or the director -- the
9 department's position of support for this bill.

10 CHAIR U'U: For support. Do -- we have a motion
11 that is to support this bill. Do we have a second?

12 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: (Gesturing.)

13 CHAIR U'U: We have a second by Vice Chair Ruidas.

14 COMMISSIONER HO: Chair, I second.

15 CHAIR U'U: Okay. I'm sorry, but Vice Chair Ruidas
16 seconded prior. Sorry about that, Commissioner Ho.

17 So we have a motion and a second. Any discussion by
18 the commissioners before I call for a vote?

19 COMMISSIONER PATEL: So, just to be clear, it was to
20 support, do not oppose the bill, correct?

21 CHAIR U'U: To support and not oppose the position.

22 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Okay.

23 CHAIR U'U: Is that the motion from -- correct?

24 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Yes.

25 CHAIR U'U: That's what I read it too.

1 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: Okay. So this would be,
2 just to clarify, the commission will be sending --
3 transmitting comments to the budget program analyst that the
4 department does not oppose?

5 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Correct.

6 CHAIR U'U: Correct.

7 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: Okay.

8 CHAIR U'U: So we've got a motion and a second.
9 Call for the vote. Again, the motion is to not oppose it,
10 correct, Commissioner Patel?

11 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Correct. Thank you.

12 CHAIR U'U: Okay. Calling for the motion. I'll do
13 a roll call vote once again.

14 Vice Chair Ruidas.

15 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Aye.

16 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft.

17 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Aye.

18 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Boswell.

19 COMMISSIONER BOSWELL: Aye.

20 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Ho.

21 COMMISSIONER HO: Aye.

22 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Patel.

23 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Aye.

24 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Richardson.

25 COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON: Aye.

1 CHAIR U'U: The chair votes aye as well.
2 The motion passes unanimously.
3 Moving on to last but not least -- is that right?
4 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: I think so.
5 CHAIR U'U: Second to the last but not least, that's
6 Administrative Affairs. I'll turn it over to Layne.
7 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Okay. Thank you very
8 much, Chair.
9 Director's Monthly Report, just basically letting
10 you guys know that the 2022 Annual Conference of the State
11 Liquor Administrators will be held at the Courtyard King
12 Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel in Kailua-Kona. That's -- now
13 that COVID is passing, that's one of the things that happens
14 annually for the state liquor administrators.
15 Item No. 2 is the 2022 State Liquor Investigator's
16 Workshop is tentatively scheduled for November 16 through 18.
17 So the administrator's conference ends, the investigator's
18 workshop begins that same day. That one is designed more
19 specifically for training and for the investigators from each
20 county to get together. They go through a training course as
21 well as have an opportunity to network and meet and discuss
22 different methods and procedures that happen on the different
23 (inaudible). As I'm sure you're well aware that the counties
24 are very widely varying in the way that the rules are received
25 and enforced, so that's a very good opportunity for them.

1 Item No. 3 is an update. Liquor Administrators/
2 Directors Quarterly Meeting on May 13th, 2022. On May 13th I
3 went to Oahu, I met with the directors from the other
4 counties. We had -- there were -- a lot of the topics of
5 discussion had to do with how the separate counties are
6 dealing with coming back from COVID, how everyone's dealing
7 with the repealing and the revising of their own (inaudible)
8 put in place for the separate counties. It gave me a good
9 opportunity to meet some of these people in person for the
10 first time in this capacity, as well as the director for
11 Kauai, who was just hired not too long after I was, Leo
12 Sandoval. But it was very informative; we were able to work
13 out a lot of things as far as trying to -- while keeping the
14 integrity of each county's separate rules, but also trying to
15 find some middle ground to create a little bit of consistency
16 throughout the state as well. So it's just a report on that.

17 Unless you guys have any questions, that's all I had
18 for my director's monthly report.

19 CHAIR U'U: Any questions by commissioners? Seeing
20 none --

21 COMMISSIONER PATEL: So what --

22 CHAIR U'U: Go ahead. I'm sorry.

23 COMMISSIONER PATEL: The November 13 to 16 meeting,
24 is this -- is this just the administrative staff for the
25 department, or is this the directors are also included?

1 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Yeah, this one is, I
2 guess, here for -- you know, to be perfectly honest with you,
3 because it's been -- we've been in COVID all this time, this
4 is something that is brand new. My understanding is that it's
5 the department administrators (inaudible), and I believe the
6 commission would also be -- attend as guests.

7 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Okay.

8 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: But I'll have further
9 updates for you guys on that as I find out. This part of the
10 job is a learning process for me.

11 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Thank you.

12 CHAIR U'U: Any more discussions by commissioners
13 before we move on?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIR U'U: Moving on to letter B, Receive
16 presentations of possible funding from the department's Liquor
17 Education Fund: 1) Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui, 2) Maui
18 Economic Opportunity.

19 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Okay. We have with us
20 today, I believe --

21 CHAIR U'U: Can we -- can we take a five-minute
22 recess and come right back? Okay. Motion to take a
23 five-minute recess?

24 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Make a motion, Chair, to take a
25 five-minute recess, please.

1 CHAIR U'U: We have a -- is there a second?

2 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Second.

3 CHAIR U'U: Take a recess for five minutes. Thank
4 you. (Gavel.)

5 (Pause in proceedings: 10:23 a.m.-10:29 a.m.)

6 CHAIR U'U: This is the regular meeting of June 8,
7 and it's now out of recess. This meeting is to start out of
8 recess. (Gavel.) I'm gonna have to go back and do roll call
9 again. Again, please state who's with you at this time.

10 Vice Chair Ruidas.

11 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Home and alone.

12 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft.

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIR U'U: We'll wait, we'll wait for him.

15 Commissioner Boswell.

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Ho.

18 COMMISSIONER HO: Home alone.

19 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Patel.

20 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Home and alone.

21 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Richardson.

22 COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON: My office and alone.

23 CHAIR U'U: Back to Commissioner Becraft.

24 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Home and alone.

25 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Boswell.

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIR U'U: Maybe we might have come back a little
3 bit early. Maybe I'm early. But we've got quorum, so at this
4 time, I'm gonna turn it over to Director Silva.

5 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Okay. Just for a real
6 brief intro into Item B, that's the receive presentations on
7 possible funding from the department's Liquor Education Fund.
8 These are the grants that we were doing in the past. We have
9 today representation from the Boys & Girls Club of Maui as
10 well as Maui Economic Opportunity. Also here with us today
11 is -- we have representation from the Department of Housing
12 and Human Concerns which will be assisting us with the
13 operation and the running of these grants.

14 They're gonna do a short presentation each for you
15 guys, and then it's for you guys to review it and decide on
16 whether you would like to fund their programs. Also, as of
17 right now, we have available -- it's, I believe, \$22,000
18 available to provide for these (inaudible).

19 With that being said, I'll turn it over to -- I
20 believe Boys & Girls Club are with us today online.

21 MS. PEARSON: Aloha. Can everybody hear me?

22 CHAIR U'U: Yes, loud and clear.

23 MS. PEARSON: Thank you. I'm hoping we can share
24 our screen. So like the director said, we have a really short
25 presentation. Just a couple of slides, so don't get nervous,

1 don't get scared. Just a few slides, I promise.

2 CHAIR U'U: Can you please state your name for the
3 record?

4 MS. PEARSON: Oh, sorry. Kelly Malo Pearson, CEO,
5 Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui.

6 CHAIR U'U: Thank you.

7 MS. PEARSON: Okay. So aloha, Chair, Commissioners,
8 Directors, Staff, and Community Partners. Thank you for this
9 opportunity to speak with you today to discuss how we can
10 collaborate to continue to positively impact the lives of
11 Maui's young people. My name is Kelly Malo Pearson, and I'm
12 the CEO for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui.

13 With me today, I have our Director of Operations
14 T.J. Daya, and our Director of Resource Development, Makenna
15 Anderson.

16 For the past 22 years, we have carried out our
17 mission of inspiring all young people to become productive,
18 responsible, and caring citizens. Much of our success is due
19 to the collaborations we have with our county and our state
20 and community partners. In the next few minutes, we will give
21 you a brief overview of our organization, talk about where --
22 what we're currently doing, and propose some new ideas. And
23 if there's time, I've got a quick video.

24 So pre-pandemic, we served over 7,000 Maui County
25 youth annually, sometimes even up to 9,000. Of course, this

1 was pre-pandemic. We currently operate clubhouse sites, six
2 of them: In Central Maui at the Central Clubhouse on Kanaloa
3 Avenue; our Paukukalo Clubhouse, which is currently operating
4 out of Central, but its original site is in the Paukukalo
5 Homestead Community, and our third site in Central is Kahekili
6 Terrace. Our other clubs are in Haiku, Makawao, and Lahaina.

7 Before the pandemic, our membership fee was \$5 per
8 year, but when things changed in 2020, we decided to waive the
9 fee. We serve youth ages six through 17, 18 if they are still
10 in school. Clubs are staffed by youth development
11 professionals who help exemplify our values of fun, ohana,
12 respect, character, excellence, and safety.

13 So a little bit of background on Teen Expo. So
14 Keiki Fest for the young -- we had Keiki Fest for the younger
15 children, we had kupuna events for our elders, and other
16 exposes like wedding contractors, culinary, just to name a
17 few. And these were all happening annually in our community,
18 but there was no event that recognized and honored our teens,
19 so many people who would not have had a vision of a teen
20 expose realized that there was a need to have such an event.
21 People understood that this was a population that was always
22 forgotten, but it was such a significant time in a person's
23 life. So through the vision of the Boys & Girls Clubs of
24 Maui, the County of Maui, and the State of Hawaii State
25 Incentive Grant funding, Teen Expo 2011 became a reality.

1 Through many supporters, volunteers, and Boys & Girls Clubs of
2 Maui staff, the Teen Expo was held on September 1, 2011, and
3 it -- through the partnerships that we had in the community,
4 it was a success. We partnered with several organizations,
5 and one of the key players in our first Teen Expo was -- were
6 the Kiwanis. At that event, there were an estimated 2500
7 people in attendance on that Saturday at the Maui Tropical
8 Plantation. It was estimated that 80 percent of the 2500 were
9 youth, but a large majority of the youth being teenagers, so
10 mission accomplished. It was great to see families there.
11 Among the successes of that event was the presence of
12 teenagers from all of Maui's schools, including Lahaina and
13 Molokai.

14 So that was back in 2011, you know, and at that
15 event we had -- I think the unions were a huge part of that
16 event. They had -- we had a career and education portion
17 where teens had the opportunity to see what types of careers
18 they wanted -- they want to get involved or, you know, do in
19 their future. And one of the popular activities was a
20 simulation activity which allowed the teens to see how it
21 feels to operate large machinery, and that was a huge mahalo
22 to Operating Engineers.

23 So, again, I talk about this because I'm gonna turn
24 it over to T.J. to tell you about what we're currently doing
25 and then what we're hoping to do if we're selected to be a

1 recipient of the funding.

2 T.J.

3 MR. DAYA: Thank you, Kelly.

4 Aloha, everyone. My name's T.J. Daya, and I am
5 director of operations for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui. As
6 Kelly said, thank you all for your time today and the
7 opportunity to grow and support our teens and having a safe,
8 fun, and positive environment with alcohol, tobacco, and
9 drug-safe alternatives.

10 Our team does an incredible job at connecting and
11 supporting our members through five program areas that I'll
12 share with you briefly. The first area, we have character and
13 leadership. In this area, we have programs like Leaders in
14 Training and our Youth of the Year program that recognizes our
15 incredible teens bringing hope, awareness, and opportunities
16 to them. Then we have our Keystone program, which I love to
17 talk about. It's a premiere Boys & Girls Clubs of America
18 teen leadership program that uplifts the unique passions and
19 needs of teens. Keystone is a youth-led service -- is a
20 youth-led service learning social action, social -- social
21 justice program that amplifies youth voices and shows that
22 they can really make a difference. They've completed projects
23 like anti-bullying, climate change, and emotional well-being.
24 Our Keystone clubs continue to have We Own Friday Nights;
25 these are teen nights that happen in our clubs. And over the

1 past year, our Lahaina club has one a month, and our Central
2 club has been having them monthly since the new year.

3 Over the past four years, the Lahaina club has
4 achieved the Gold Charter and participated in the last two
5 virtual National Keystone Conferences. In 2022, this summer,
6 actually, we have our eyes on achieving the Legacy Charter as
7 we're currently in the Gold Charting standards. This year
8 we'll be sending nine teens, nine deserving teens, to the
9 National Keystone Conference in Anaheim, California, where
10 they'll get to attend breakout sessions, network with teens,
11 and (inaudible) career fairs.

12 Then we have healthy lifestyles with programs like
13 Smart Moves, Passport to Manhood, Tobacco/Vaping Prevention.
14 These programs address at-risk behaviors and build resiliency
15 in our members. We also have the arts with music, visual,
16 performing, and photography arts. Then we have programs in
17 sports, fitness, recreation, and education that occur on a
18 daily basis.

19 And then, too, our educational programs, and there's
20 no one that makes education fun like Boys & Girls Clubs does.
21 We have Power Our Own project, Learn to Support Academic
22 Success, and then we have Workforce Readiness programs that
23 will have some resume building, and we've had internships in
24 the past. And I've actually seen many of the -- many teens
25 get their first jobs through Boys & Girls Clubs, which is

1 pretty cool, and they still have those jobs today.

2 Another major successful program for our teens is
3 the UPS Road Code, and I'd love to share just a quick
4 highlight. This year, our 2020 and 2022 Boys & Girls Clubs of
5 Maui Youth of Year Kamali was selected to be the National UPS
6 Road Code Ambassador of the West, serving as an advocate who
7 provides peer-to-peer guidance in supporting safe driving in
8 teens. This individual also received a \$5,000 scholarship for
9 their great future. And as I stated, that our Youth of the
10 Year, she was ranked first in her class with a 4.1 GPA, was a
11 valedictorian of her graduating class, was in marching band,
12 concert, and has a lot of accolades like National Honor
13 Society, being a member of HOSA, and placed first place in the
14 Hawaii State HOSA Competition. This individual, she thanks
15 the Boys & Girls Clubs for her great success, and she'll be
16 attending the University of Norte Dame. It's stories like
17 that that really inspire us.

18 So now up to this year, Teen Expo. So just recently
19 on May 27th we had our in-person Teen Expo event, and it was a
20 great success. The last two years, we were virtual because of
21 the pandemic, and we made a difficult decision but thought it
22 was important to move forward with having it in person this
23 year, and we did whatever it takes, as we always do for our
24 members. The teens were very vocal and shared that they
25 wanted it in person, and we listened. We had 25 teens work on

1 a youth council to plan this year's event. It was truly made
2 by teens for teens, and they absolutely loved it. We had up
3 to 75 or more highly engaged teens that participated in each
4 of the booths and received prizes and incentives along the
5 way. We even had our UPS Road Code there. There was the
6 UHMC, Department of Health, Maui Coalition for Drug-Free
7 Youth, Fire Department, and a few other partners. It was
8 really nice to see the teens have dialogues with the Maui
9 Police Department as well and learn about careers and just
10 their experiences.

11 During this event, we had a talent component where
12 youth had the ability to perform on stage, so talk about
13 starting great futures. We're giving them a place where they
14 can be themselves, express themselves, but also be in front of
15 their peers and perform live. We also had a live
16 performance -- other live performances. The opening band, two
17 of the youth -- two of the people in the band were current
18 members, and the DJ was a former member as well. And then we
19 had a local artist perform, Jordan T. And there was tons of
20 activities and games going on throughout the event.

21 At the end of the event, it was really cool, a lot
22 of teens were coming up to staff, thanking them because this
23 was open to all teens, not just club members, and they said
24 they wanted to join the club; they're gonna tell their
25 friends, they wanted to see this happen more often, and this

1 gave us a lot of inspiration. And that's gonna lead us to
2 where we are now. With so many great things happening, you
3 may wonder what's next and how your support can make an even
4 greater difference for Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui and the
5 youth we serve. Well, it's our vision that not only do we
6 have club teen committees, as we do, but an org-wide steering
7 committee for our teens. That way, we can hear their needs,
8 grow our current teen nights to include monthly org-wide teen
9 nights across the islands in our clubhouses, and potentially
10 expanding. It's our vision that by having these mini alcohol,
11 tobacco, and drug-free events in addition to our one big Teen
12 Expo, we keep our youth out of trouble but also provide them
13 incredible opportunities to grow.

14 With these funds, in addition to other sources, we
15 can provide ultimate experiences and opportunities for our
16 teens. Mainly teen events will incorporate our programming
17 addressing at-risk behaviors like alcohol and substance abuse
18 as well as inspire youth to find lifelong hobbies, healthy
19 relationships, and connect with career and education
20 opportunities. And the biggest bonus that the teens always
21 talk about is the supportive relationships they have with the
22 staff that helped them guide them along their lives. It's
23 those connections that really make the biggest impact.

24 We want to continue to provide not only a safe place
25 to keep kids out of trouble but have those supportive

1 relationships and opportunities for them to grow and thrive.
2 Our teens need the most now, and I'd love to see us doing more
3 and more to provide them these experiences and opportunities.

4 With that, if time permits, we'd love to share a
5 quick -- I think it's like a four-minute video of our 2021
6 Youth of the Year that will give you some insight to the great
7 impact that our organization has on the youth we serve and how
8 we can move forward in really helping the kids with your
9 support.

10 Does that work if we show the video?

11 CHAIR U'U: Sure. Is that okay with the
12 commissioners?

13 (Response.)

14 CHAIR U'U: Seeing no objections, go ahead, buddy.

15 MR. DAYA: Thank you. I appreciate it.

16 (Playing video.)

17 MS. PEARSON: Can you guys hear?

18 CHAIR U'U: No. There's no volume on this side.

19 MS. PEARSON: Sorry.

20 Makenna, can you rewind? And I'm not sure what --
21 how to -- I'm so not a techie person.

22 Give us one more chance, and then if we cannot, we
23 won't. We'll send it to you.

24 But, Makenna, can you rewind it and then -- I see
25 you playing with the settings.

1 MS. ANDERSON: I can try it this way now.

2 (Playing video.)

3 MS. PEARSON: Sorry, you guys. Chair, is it -- is
4 the sound breaking up a lot?

5 CHAIR U'U: Yeah, it is.

6 MS. PEARSON: Okay. You know what, we're gonna -- I
7 know you've got a long -- you've got other things on your
8 agenda. I appreciate you guys tolerating our video. It
9 really is a good video.

10 Thanks, Makenna.

11 But in short, that kind of concludes our
12 presentation. Again, on behalf of Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui,
13 thank you for your time. If you -- the reason why we made
14 this presentation the way we did is because while we know your
15 funding wants to go -- you want to target prevention of
16 underage drinking, at Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui, we look at
17 teens as a whole, and we know that all of these at-risk
18 behaviors are all related to each other. So it's really hard
19 to target specific prevention under -- of underage drinking,
20 but what we -- what we do at our clubs is we try to get the
21 kids as busy as possible, try to give them things to do, try
22 to provide programming because nowadays teenagers get bored
23 really quickly, so the idea is to keep them busy.

24 So, again, thank you for your time. Thank you for
25 allowing us to tell you about what we do at Boys & Girls Club.

1 CHAIR U'U: If you'll hang on for a minute, any
2 questions from the commissioners, by the commissioners?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIR U'U: Layne, you got something, Director?

5 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: I do. I have a -- I guess
6 it's kind of a comment and a question and just for information
7 for the commissioners as well is that the purpose of the grant
8 is to educate underage -- specifically towards underage
9 drinking, and I guess one question I would have for you guys
10 at the Boys & Girls Club is how -- and I do -- you know, I
11 appreciate what you guys do and everything, and I understand
12 that sometimes it is the occupying of time that can go a long
13 way towards, you know, redirecting those bad habits if any
14 form, but how do you guys or how does your program, I guess in
15 a way, specifically apply towards that educating against
16 underage drinking?

17 MS. PEARSON: That's a good question. I'll answer
18 real quick, and then if T.J. has input, but I think like we --
19 like we educate with every, every topic, every item. You
20 heard T.J. mention that we have a tobacco and vaping
21 prevention program, and that's some funding from Maui
22 Community Foundation. So it's funny how everything we do at
23 Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui is educating; we just do it in an
24 informal guidance way. So as we're -- as we're -- as they're
25 having fun, as they're participating in different activities,

1 the messages that we're trying to pass on to them, whether
2 it's related to alcohol, whether it's related to drugs, you
3 know, prevention of teen pregnancy -- let's face it. For the
4 last two decades with the organization, all of these different
5 at-risk behaviors, that's where funding goes, but we do it in
6 an informal guidance way where we have sit-down conversations,
7 the staff will sit with staff and other teens and actually
8 talk about -- give them facts about the negative effects of
9 behaving in these different ways and -- but what they do is
10 teens will not listen if they're not comfortable and if
11 they're not safe and they don't -- if they don't trust the
12 staff. And I think that's the biggest part that we have is
13 the trust of the kids in our staff that they can have these
14 conversations.

15 And so, how do we educate? Pretty much give --
16 passing on those messages, the consequences of engaging in
17 at-risk behaviors. But you've gotta add the fun part too
18 because if you only do the lecture, they're not gonna listen.
19 And if you only do the lecture, then they're just -- and, you
20 know, then the other way we do it is we have teen leaders.
21 Teen leadership is huge because teens will listen more to
22 their peers than they will to adults, so for us, that's
23 another way.

24 T.J., am I missing anything?

25 MR. DAYA: Yeah, and I just -- just to add to that,

1 it fits directly into our Healthy Lifestyles program, and what
2 we foresee is having, you know, regular org-wide events like
3 mini Teen Expo's, almost, each month around the islands --
4 around the island that our teens will kind of talk about how
5 we can incorporate and provide educational awareness. And at
6 each of these teen nights, that would be the theme, is
7 alcohol, you know, awareness and education and information and
8 ways -- you know, ways to say no and healthy alternatives.
9 But really kind of plugging them into it and bringing them a
10 part of their own learning and the learning of their peers
11 because they know themselves best, they know why they're
12 making these decisions and going towards alcohol at young
13 ages. But like Kelly said, we've gotta make it fun. We've
14 gotta make it a place that they want to be, but having that as
15 a theme alongside these nights and events will reach out to
16 more youth and really provide big impacts.

17 CHAIR U'U: Thank you.

18 Commissioner Becraft.

19 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Thank you, Chair.

20 And this is directed at Kelly. And for full
21 disclosure, I know Kelly very well. I'm also very -- I have a
22 lot of knowledge of the Boys & Girls Club. I had the pleasure
23 of serving on their board for a while. So I just wanted to
24 point out some more things and make sure -- I haven't been
25 there probably in a little while, over a year, but -- probably

1 a couple years, but the -- back in the time when we were doing
2 it, do you guys still have the separate area for the teens?

3 MS. PEARSON: Yes. Again, that's probably you,
4 T.J., but we have spaces for the teens, teen rooms in
5 different clubs. Where the clubs that do not have that extra
6 space, that's why they're having teen nights now because the
7 way you would have that space is the younger kids have gotta
8 go home and then -- so now it's only teens hanging out. You
9 know, space is hard when you get a lot of kids in your club,
10 but it's very obvious that teens do not want to hang around
11 with six, seven, eight, nine, ten, so we have certain clubs
12 that do have spaces, and with the others, we have hours, teen
13 hours.

14 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Thank you. The reason I
15 was -- oh, I'm so sorry. Go ahead, T.J.

16 MR. DAYA: In those teen spaces, we have separate
17 teen programming, and in the clubs that don't have those
18 separate teen spaces, we offer teen programs. And we do that
19 so we can have conversations that are, you know, a little bit
20 different for a 13- to 18-year-old than they would be for a
21 nine- to 12-year-old. So that's really where we have those
22 kind of deeper conversations and address the situations that
23 they're going through and seeing in their lives like alcohol,
24 drugs, and tobacco.

25 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Again, the reason I bring it

1 up is just to try to share with the board to give them a --
2 everybody a better picture of what's going on in there and
3 that, you know, there are age groups and they -- you guys are
4 separating them, trying to address them separately. This
5 isn't a -- I don't know how -- what word to use. We're not
6 just -- you guys are not just housing kids, you know. You are
7 addressing them, and you're doing the best -- and I know from
8 personal experience that you guys do spend your time talking
9 about alcohol.

10 For the board's information, when I was on their
11 board -- and they solicited me, I'm assuming particularly
12 because of my job and, you know, they would work in things
13 like even the MPD to come in and not -- and like they said,
14 you can't force-feed kids, but they do a really good job of
15 bringing people in and talking about alcohol. I know I did a
16 presentation on alcohol. And I appreciate your explanation.
17 It can come -- it can kind of come across that it's not --
18 might not fit with us because we are alcohol, but because of
19 my personal experience, I can testify that it does address
20 alcohol; you just are trying to communicate that that's not
21 the only thing you're teaching. You're teaching life lessons,
22 homework, I mean, all of it. They do it all, you know. I
23 even got to brush up on my algebra while I was there.

24 So thank you, Kelly and T.J. and Makenna, for all of
25 the work you guys do. I appreciate Boys & Girls Club.

1 CHAIR U'U: Just for the record, Commissioner
2 Matsumoto just joined us just for the record.

3 Commissioner Ho.

4 COMMISSIONER HO: Hi. I just want to acknowledge
5 the -- the Boys & Girls Club Maui for Kelly and her team.
6 Thank you so much for providing all of those valuable and
7 resourceful activities for the teens on Maui. I really
8 appreciate your work, and I love the Teen Expo, and then I'm
9 so happy this year was in person. And I would like to thank
10 the whole team and want the program that you provide for the
11 teens. And like Commissioner Becraft mentioned, you met --
12 you have, actually, a wide range of topics and programs and
13 activities for the teens, so that is something that we all
14 appreciate with all your work and as a team -- the team as a
15 whole that, you know, for all of those valuable lessons for
16 the teens and make it fun and in person. And thank you for
17 all the good work that you folks do. Thank you.

18 CHAIR U'U: Thank you. Any more questions by the
19 commissioners?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIR U'U: Thank you. Thanks again. Thank you
22 guys for doing the presentation. Can you guys stay on
23 until --

24 (Response.)

25 CHAIR U'U: Okay. So what we're gonna do at this

1 time, we're gonna -- if you guys could stay on the calls,
2 we're gonna take up MEO at this time from their (inaudible).
3 Any questions or concerns moving forward?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none, at this time, I would like
6 to bring up (inaudible) the Maui Economic Opportunity to do a
7 presentation. And please state your name for the record.

8 MR. KAAE: Yeah. My name is Dane Kaae. I'm with
9 Maui Economic Opportunity, MEO (inaudible).

10 CHAIR U'U: Okay.

11 MR. KAAE: So thank you, guys, thank you for letting
12 me put on this -- come in and speak. I chose to be live
13 because (inaudible) office. So, you know, I see you guys, you
14 know, still doing work, but I just want to give you a brief
15 history and a brief kind of what we do in MEO.

16 MEO first started in -- was established in 1965.
17 You know, the popular departments -- there's a lot of
18 different departments, in fact. Everybody knows us as
19 (inaudible) and always see the bus driver. That's fine, you
20 know, they offer -- those other departments are Head Start
21 Community Service, Business Development, and then I'm the
22 Department of Youth Services.

23 So Youth Services is kind of -- it got started from
24 Gladys Baisa when she was CEO (inaudible). I kind of started
25 with a bare core, that was the federal program, volunteerism,

1 and then an after-school program and during the breaks. And
2 they primarily focus on experiential, hands-on. I don't know
3 about you guys, but I like to learn hands-on, you know,
4 that -- not too keen about books, book teaching. But, yeah,
5 just going out there in the community and doing activities,
6 service, you know, they will focus on life skills and, you
7 know, career.

8 So I guess in 2006 the state -- there was a
9 statewide initiative (inaudible) teaching prevention framework
10 and state initiative of street team, you know, got chosen to
11 do underage drinking preventions that those couple -- the
12 whole statewide was choosing different curriculums and
13 (inaudible) curriculums and why (inaudible) doing it and then
14 they take (inaudible) do a study.

15 So I came on in 2010. I got hired as a specialist
16 for the new street team, and right off the bat, Maui Center
17 schools (inaudible) mostly controlling Upcountry areas, middle
18 and high school, and at that time, we wanted to really
19 (inaudible) the whole program. So we, like, built it from the
20 bottom up into a prevention program, you know, and the
21 different, you know, collaborations with University of Hawaii
22 and the state that was first underage drinking, and then we
23 added on a youth and suicide prevention; then bullying,
24 cyberbullying prevention. And we always (inaudible) to the
25 community, but right now, we do those in-school evidence-based

1 programs for these main topics, and then we also provide after
2 school and out of school. So we just call it OST, Out of
3 School Time, you know, after and during the breaks, yeah, so
4 we could provide those for underage drinking.

5 I guess taking a break on all the program
6 descriptions, so we do (inaudible). Maui Waena, Maui -- Maui
7 Waena and (inaudible) and then also go to -- but (inaudible)
8 Baldwin and Iao, Lokelani Intermediate, Kalama Intermediate we
9 have done this year, and King Kekaulike and also Kamehameha
10 Schools. We also (inaudible) because they have keiki that
11 come to us, we can make time and go through the various
12 teaching.

13 The focus is just on underage drinking; that's the
14 only curriculum. It's age-appropriate, and it's huge. It
15 comes from a federal, you know, tested, proven curriculum
16 called Project North Wind. They're age-appropriate, peer ran,
17 and we do it in the sixth grade because that's the -- usually,
18 the time when they initially start drinking alcohol, and then
19 we do one in high school. The sixth grade is called
20 (inaudible) through a series of comic books, you know, maybe
21 Planet (inaudible) and, you know, doing like myths and facts,
22 advertising, talking about, you know, looking at the different
23 kind of advertising that alcohol companies use to target youth
24 and then peer pressure. And then the high school, we do one
25 that's called Class Action. I really like this one 'cause

1 they talk about different cases that actually happened with
2 youth, youth and drink driving, alcoholic driving, alcohol and
3 violence, you know, where you go to parties, and a fight
4 breaks out because you've been drinking alcohol. So instead
5 of telling them don't or do not do that, we know that doesn't
6 work, we just give them the option and information.

7 This could -- if this happens and you crash your car
8 and drank and crashed your car and hurt somebody, you know,
9 your parents might be liable. They could be -- you know, talk
10 about, you know, the law and civil trials, and they could end
11 up losing their home, and you could do all of this just
12 because of the decision that you drank. So they put on them
13 that they make choices, hopefully, healthy choices. I'll
14 invite you in, guys, if you guys want to see us in the
15 classroom, and you guys can come and check it out.

16 And then Out of School Time, we -- we're not as --
17 you know, like Boys & Girls Club, we -- after school, we
18 probably meet twice a week, but during the breaks, which
19 happens right now. About 30 kids like in Lahaina right now.
20 I'm supposed to be there, you know, (inaudible) a full day.
21 So that one, we incorporated the past, so experiential
22 activities, cultural connectivity, and connected --
23 competency, environmental strategies, and civil engagement.
24 Definitely, I always will push volunteerism and being in
25 service. And then prevention awareness, initiatives and

1 campaigns that our youth come up right there, you know, over
2 the years. And I'll give you some examples. And just basic
3 leadership and life skills.

4 So in including them, we have our own kind of
5 prevention task force made up of all our youth; it's called
6 MAUI Connection. MAUI stands for Making an Unforgettable
7 Impact, and Connection is just -- is just connecting youth
8 with other youth, but also it's in the case of suicide, you
9 know, resources (inaudible). And they meet once a month.
10 They have a whole body, a board, a president, vice president,
11 you know, treasurer. We usually hold that in August if you
12 guys want (inaudible). You know, we try to make it as
13 professional as we can, but they -- they also sit -- you know,
14 we provide them a work-hardening program called (inaudible)
15 Coalitions, Tobacco-Free Hawaii, Drug-Free Hawaii, Prevent
16 Suicide Task Force, Children Shift Center, MADD, mothers
17 against drunk driving. Of course, the Maui Police Department
18 and the Hawaii partnership for -- to prevent underage
19 drinking.

20 So just a couple initiatives and campaigns that
21 we've done over the years. Be a Jerk, you guys remember that
22 one where they're asking adults if you give them a tap on the
23 shoulder, oh, could you buy me a beer, and hopefully, Be a
24 Jerk is (inaudible) out of there, you know. And it was really
25 popular because we did it for a few years and people still

1 remember it. And that was -- that was a statewide initiative.

2 Project (inaudible) while the kids are waiting to
3 get on the bus, I've done like -- put on these vision goggles
4 and run an obstacle course by making, you know -- they're all
5 falling down, and they can't walk and maybe we should
6 (inaudible). You start your vision of blood alcohol content.
7 So the real strong ones is like blurry and (inaudible). Tag
8 me, and they jump on the bus. That's just some -- just
9 something we do that's small like with Baldwin and Maui High.

10 We have done a mural that kids painted it. So we
11 didn't hire an artist; they actually -- the mural is in Paia,
12 it's still there by that -- the (inaudible) Sugar Mill right
13 on the side. Yeah, for that one, it's -- it says better --
14 "We have better things to do than drugs and alcohol." That
15 mural will -- I want to get back out there to kind of touch up
16 parts of it.

17 Yeah, (inaudible) a lot of them I've collected over
18 the years, and I'll keep tobacco-related products. I have so
19 much cigarette butts, I mean, it's like tens of thousands, and
20 bottle caps. (Inaudible) but bottle caps, I have them in
21 containers to show anybody (inaudible). But stuff that could
22 be the parts (inaudible), you know, the litter besides the
23 regular trash.

24 But like I -- my youth has also testified in the
25 2015, you know, associate of aquatic parks organizations, so

1 there was a big fat push in that one. They've done -- with
2 the liquor commission, I don't think they're with the 24 sales
3 repeal, we had a person come up and testify, PACs, community
4 town hall meetings. I like to do family strengthening
5 (inaudible) communication (inaudible) increase, and protective
6 factors.

7 Our posters fair is part of our curriculum where
8 they can see them, the kids and the families (inaudible) and,
9 you know, all of these different posters on issues of how
10 alcohol can affect your body, alcohol can affect your mind.
11 And, you know, the big one I like is I know a lot of drinking
12 happens in Super Bowl, so this is like we started with
13 (inaudible) 2016 sign-waving, so we (inaudible) we had the
14 (inaudible) kids dress up in their (inaudible), you know,
15 athletic gear and sign (inaudible). During that Super Bowl,
16 that weekend before Super Bowl, just remind (inaudible) clean
17 and sober, trying to remain clean and sober, so that's an
18 ongoing thing.

19 So I'd like to just, yeah, talk about the future and
20 the whole timing of the (inaudible). So, you know, each
21 curriculum has a pre and post (inaudible) and we (inaudible)
22 we look at it amongst staff just to see what -- where does the
23 (inaudible). When I asked the leadership, let's just speak to
24 initiatives or campaigns for 2022. 2022 (inaudible) that's a
25 great activity because the (inaudible) shows access is still

1 an issue. They're still getting it from family members, you
2 know, still the tapping on the shoulder, if not, you know, not
3 so much stealing it from the store, you know, that's a --
4 they're still getting it from home access. And the other one
5 is they move from beer kind of type of drinking, you know, the
6 green bottles, to Heimlich. So one of our kids came and
7 had -- sorry, you guys are not gonna get some, but you guys
8 hashtag pass, hard pass. So if -- if anybody taps you on the
9 shoulder, the -- you know, it's kind of two-fold, you know,
10 you tell them, Oh, hard pass, I don't go buy alcohol. And
11 then (inaudible) say like hard remedies, the hard sodas, hard,
12 you know, ice teas, hard liquor, and then at the bottom would
13 be the hard pass. So it's something that we already kind of
14 put on the brain, but this next year's hashtag hard pass.

15 And the other one is we do do store assessments. We
16 team up with a drug-free coalition, and they go into stores
17 and just see, you know, how they can improve how they sell
18 alcohol. Is it in an area where it's visible, staff can see?
19 Are the advertisements at kid-level height or adult-level
20 height? How much advertisements is there? Price, you know,
21 is it locked up, you know, those kind of things. And we
22 wanted to -- we reward the -- the vendors that do, you know,
23 be safe, you know, and, you know, it's almost like a -- like
24 how they do on the food, you know, if you pass a goal, we
25 wanted to give them like a gold (inaudible) to show like they

1 (inaudible) or assessments. The kids like to call it
2 makeover, let's do store makeovers.

3 So that's our two really hard pushing (inaudible)
4 for this next year coming up. And that's really the short
5 (inaudible). I'm not giving you the statistics; you can take
6 it from the Hawaii Youth Behavior Survey. The last one was
7 2019 they did it.

8 COVID, we never stopped providing services. We did
9 it online. We did our presentations online. We got to reach
10 out to Hana and Molokai, you know, so we've done one. And
11 just -- I just want to end off with, you know, cost-effective,
12 you know, you guys look at it, for every dollar spent in
13 prevention, (inaudible) save an estimated \$18 in prevention.
14 So every dollar spent. So, you know, that's including, like,
15 emergency, you know, going to the emergency room, you know,
16 car crashes, all that stuff. If we put the prevention in now,
17 (inaudible) might not see it over a few years, but it's worth
18 it, it's totally worth it to put in now to see (inaudible),
19 you know, the loss, potential loss of life (inaudible).

20 So what we're asking is, I hope, hopefully, I'm
21 hoping to expand my capacity to Lahaina area and have a staff
22 go out there and do, you know, events too. I will use this
23 funding. And, you know, Lahaina is part of the community
24 complex. Now we're doing Central and Upcountry. (Inaudible)
25 Heights is primarily like the native golf course, Native

1 Hawaiian families, which, of course, need the leadership. You
2 know, they're very high in alcohol (inaudible) rates and
3 tobacco. So I really -- I am starting a program on Molokai,
4 I'm glad about that, but I really wish we could reach out
5 there to the schools out there at underage drinking
6 prevention.

7 And that's it. I mean, thank you guys for your
8 time. I don't have no video, but we do (inaudible) Instagram,
9 and hopefully, we'll be adding to our YouTube videos in the
10 future. We're pretty small. Thank you.

11 CHAIR U'U: Thank you.

12 Questions?

13 MR. KAAE: Any more questions?

14 CHAIR U'U: Questions from the commissioners?

15 COMMISSIONER PATEL: (Gesturing.)

16 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Patel.

17 COMMISSIONER PATEL: (Inaudible).

18 CHAIR U'U: You're on mute, Commissioner Patel.

19 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Sorry. Thank you.

20 You had mentioned expanding the program into
21 Lahaina, and would that be within the schools, or are there
22 organizations that you're targeting or trying to assist with
23 over there?

24 MR. KAAE: I would definitely want to get, you know,
25 a staff to go into the schools and to the (inaudible).

1 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Okay.

2 MR. KAAE: And middle and high school.

3 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Got it. So there -- do you
4 ever partner with -- I know the Boys & Girls Clubs spoke
5 earlier. Do you partner with the Boys & Girls Club ever,
6 or -- I know they have a location over there as well.

7 MR. KAAE: Yeah, they -- we have partnered, we have
8 done Teen Expo. We have, you know, been a partner, and we had
9 our own -- you know, different agencies had their own booths
10 (inaudible) trying to like up the ante and focus on, you know,
11 underage drinking (inaudible) the monies were intended for.
12 And, yeah, (inaudible) a response, and I just love
13 participating in (inaudible). Unfortunately, we couldn't do
14 it this year. We had our summer kick-off orientation that
15 same day, but, you know, we always will be a part of that
16 (inaudible) effort Kelly and her fantastic team over the --
17 you know, for a long time.

18 COMMISSIONER PATEL: And how much money are you
19 looking for in terms of being able to successfully expand
20 into -- like you said, you're specifically trying to earmark
21 this grant to expand into Lahaina or other areas?

22 MR. KAAE: Yeah. I mean, I just had a goal; I
23 didn't have an actual budget. I didn't know that was
24 available (inaudible). Do receive right now currently, you
25 know, funding from the liquor commission, but, you know,

1 managed by the Housing and Human Concerns right now, a grant
2 that was expanding it from originally just Central to
3 Upcountry. And that one's 50,000, which I get to hire one
4 staff. So right now, I have three staff in -- or four
5 including me, but three, but that person does Upcountry. So
6 now we're combining it into one straight grant that just
7 provides Maui Island. I'm working on other ones just for, you
8 know, Molokai and, you know, expanding up to (inaudible).

9 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Thank you.

10 CHAIR U'U: Any more questions from the
11 commissioners?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none, I'm gonna ask the director,
14 what's the normal -- I wanted to know what's the normal if we
15 give out -- and, again, I know we have 22,000. I don't know
16 if we empty that all out or if there's -- what's the normal
17 protocol. Again, it's my first time of dealing with this. So
18 at this time, I'll turn it over to Director Silva.

19 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Okay. Thank you very
20 much, Chair.

21 I guess my first question is: Do we have our
22 representation from Housing and Human Concerns? Khela, are
23 you here?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Khela, are you there?

25 MS. SINGER: Yes, I'm here.

1 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Okay. Hi. I just wanted
2 to clarify, 'cause I know -- I don't think we're involved with
3 a grant right now at this time moment and, you know, I did --
4 and I know may have in the past, but I believe they're coming
5 through you guys, right? And we're gonna be -- if approved,
6 we'll be providing some of the monies that will go towards
7 that grant; we help fund that. Is that correct?

8 MS. SINGER: So we do currently fund their program,
9 they're a great grantee, and then, yes, we would look at
10 adding that expansion piece and amending the current grant
11 that they have if you choose to move forward with them.

12 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Thanks. Okay, yeah. I
13 just wanted to clarify that because that's a pretty big
14 number, and, yeah, we're not going to that number, so I just
15 wanted to make sure we're all on the same page.

16 MS. SINGER: Yes.

17 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: So -- and thank you very
18 much. Thank you for that information.

19 MS. SINGER: Thank you.

20 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: So I guess at this time,
21 Chair and Commission Members, the two presentations have been
22 made. Like I said earlier, I believe there is \$22,000
23 available grant money that can be however you guys see fit
24 distributed, but there -- it being through, you know,
25 (inaudible) or whatever. It's just actually adopting you

1 guys' decision on, you know, on how they're -- they're gonna
2 be issued or, I guess, more so to the dollar value and even
3 whether -- what you guys would like to require -- if you're
4 gonna ask for this report, you know, at the end of the year,
5 if you're gonna ask for what kind of progress was made or what
6 kind of a part -- things that they've set aside in order to
7 show whether there has been success in their program
8 (inaudible) or things along that line. Those are all things
9 for you guys to take into consideration at this point in the
10 issuing of funds.

11 And my understanding is the way it's gonna work is
12 however and whatever it ends up -- you end up deciding, it's
13 we're gonna partner up with the Department of Housing and
14 Human Concerns to provide them the funding that we're able to
15 provide towards the grant that they have with the agencies
16 that we're talking to today to add to what they're already
17 receiving on their end.

18 CHAIR U'U: Yes. I have a quick question. So is
19 this annually, and this is the only time? So far, thus, on
20 the two applicants, this is done annually, so this is -- the
21 deadline is today?

22 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Yes.

23 CHAIR U'U: Okay. So how much -- how much is spent
24 (inaudible) over an annual year into this liquor educational
25 grant?

1 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Well, state law allows for
2 10 percent of the education fund to go towards grants specific
3 to educate underage drinking. This year based on our
4 education fund, the 10 percent available is \$22,000.

5 CHAIR U'U: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: (Gesturing.)

7 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft.

8 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Yeah, I have a couple of
9 questions. One, I am a little confused in regard to that when
10 the -- when Ms. Singer had stated they'll make an adjustment
11 to the budget if we give this grant, does that mean they're
12 gonna lower their amount that they are -- we're already gonna
13 award?

14 MS. SINGER: That's a great question. So we -- with
15 both grantees, we currently support their work. They do a
16 great job, and it's why we recommended them to come in front
17 of you all. And we have different funding that we use to fund
18 their work that could go to meet other needs in the community,
19 and so we thought this would be a great fit for you all and
20 would allow the funding that you have to support the substance
21 abuse prevention work that they're doing, and then that would
22 free up funding that our department has to increase for more
23 services in similar areas that we currently are not able to
24 fund.

25 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Okay. Thank you for that.

1 MS. SINGER: So it would not reduce their amount.
2 And if, you know, potentially if there's additional outcomes
3 that you all decide that they need to do, then we would need
4 to look at those additional costs and adjust accordingly. So
5 it could increase the amount they have currently if it's for
6 new outcomes and new goals. So that's part of why your
7 decisions, you know, will then impact decisions that we make
8 on this end.

9 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: I'm not sure -- I think I'm
10 more confused now. When I first heard your answer -- when you
11 first answered, you said that it would free up funds for you
12 to put elsewhere, which I equated, yes, if we give that money
13 to this last party, then if it frees up money, that means you
14 would lower the amount of money you were gonna give them, and
15 then, in the end, I heard you give them more money if we give
16 them money. So I don't think I got an answer there.

17 MS. SINGER: So we have options, we have both
18 options. So they are currently being funded a set amount to
19 do specific outcomes, and if those outcomes align with what
20 you're looking for, then it would -- we would keep their
21 amount the same, and it would be the money coming from your
22 education fund instead of the current substance abuse
23 prevention targeted funds. If you are going to ask them to do
24 additional outcomes and it's gonna increase their workload and
25 increase costs, then the other option is to increase the

1 amount that they have because they're being asked to do
2 additional work. So it could go either way. I mean, if -- I
3 can certainly share my preference as far as, you know, I think
4 it would be great to align with the work that they're
5 currently doing and not ask them to necessarily increase their
6 work so that we can free up some funds to meet other needs.
7 But I want to make sure that we're not asking them to do more
8 work for, you know, the same amount of money, so we need to be
9 very conscious about that in the decisions that come forward.
10 But it can go either way.

11 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Okay. So if I'm hearing you
12 correctly, if we say stay in alignment with what they're
13 already doing, then that would lower what you guys are gonna
14 give them, and then you would put that money in other places?

15 MS. SINGER: Correct.

16 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Okay. Thank you very much.
17 I appreciate it.

18 MS. SINGER: Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: And then my other question is
20 for the chair, for the director, so the funding is 23,000 this
21 year, 10 percent of our -- I forget if it was budget or what
22 our take was, but it's a statutory number, right? It's a
23 mathematical constant, correct?

24 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: It is actually 22,000, 10
25 percent of the education fund.

1 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Okay. And that's by statute,
2 is that correct?

3 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Okay. So what -- we -- from
5 my recollection, we tried to put this money towards county
6 agencies last year or something, and then we were told that we
7 couldn't do that, is that correct?

8 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: That is correct, yes.

9 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: So what happened -- where --
10 do we have that money now to also use this year?

11 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: No. Annually if it -- if
12 it doesn't get used, it goes back in the pot. It doesn't
13 increase the dollar value of the pot. So basically, we're
14 basing our 10 percent based on the total that is available
15 within the education fund at this time.

16 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Okay. So what happened to
17 last year's --

18 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: (Inaudible) by the council
19 in the budget.

20 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: I'm so sorry. What happened
21 to last year's money?

22 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: This is this year that
23 this amount was approved by council in the budget.

24 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Okay. I guess I'm asking
25 what happened to last year's money, then?

1 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: It's still in there. It's
2 still in -- it was never separated from the total. It never
3 came out of the pot.

4 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Okay.

5 CHAIR U'U: Any more questions?

6 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: I'm sorry.

7 CHAIR U'U: Any questions, any more questions from
8 the commissioners?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIR U'U: Questions, concerns?

11 I wanted to ask Corp Counsel Christie -- oh, Stan.
12 Sorry, Stan. Go ahead, Stan.

13 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: It's more of a comment. You
14 know, I'm familiar with the Boys & Girls Club and MEO, you
15 know, but I'd like to say that, you know, I'd like to see some
16 of that funding filter down to Lanai and Molokai and not just
17 say they are gonna do it. I see the MEO guy shaking his head,
18 but you never mentioned Lanai. But, you know, so many times
19 that we give out money in the county, it doesn't filter to the
20 outer islands, and I just wanted to make that comment. And I
21 support both the agencies fully, and I'm aware of what they
22 do, and I've been to their places, so thank you.

23 CHAIR U'U: Thank you, Stan.

24 Okay. Corp counsel, I wanted to ask Christie, do we
25 vote on this, Christie?

1 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: For the allocation?

2 CHAIR U'U: Yes.

3 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: You know, I think you could
4 today, or you could defer it if you want to, you know, discuss
5 it further. I think -- I don't know what the time -- if
6 there's a deadline here. I'm sorry, I'm just -- as you know,
7 this is my first meeting, so I'm not really up to date yet on
8 the progress of this grant.

9 CHAIR U'U: We'll vote on it. And just for the
10 record, if we do -- if we have a motion -- I support both, so
11 for me, I'd like to split the money up into both, and that
12 would be my recommendation.

13 I'm looking for recommendations or motions. Oh, any
14 more discussion that we need?

15 COMMISSIONER PATEL: (Gesturing.)

16 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Patel.

17 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Yes, I just wanted to kind of
18 point out too that I think at some point council will want to
19 know how the money was spent and what result came of it, and
20 I -- you know, Ms. Singer had brought up that -- I think, you
21 know, Director Silva as well that we want to ask at least, you
22 know, some of those sort of numbers and at the end of the year
23 sort of a recap of how that money was spent and what resulted
24 from it. And I did like the fact that MEO, you know, is
25 looking to expand into Lahaina, Lanai, and Molokai, and this

1 money would allow for that expansion, and so that's already
2 within the scope of work that they're trying to do. I would
3 be open to a split, but I would lean more towards giving more
4 to MEO. They also participate in Teen Expo as well, so in
5 putting the money in MEO also will contribute towards
6 education to the Boys & Girls Club as well through the Teen
7 Expo. So I could see 80 percent going to MEO in my eyes and
8 maybe 20 percent of it going to support Boys & Girls Club
9 initiative for Teen Expo.

10 CHAIR U'U: Any more discussion on the matter?

11 Okay. Any --

12 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: (Gesturing.)

13 COMMISSIONER HO: (Gesturing.)

14 CHAIR U'U: Okay. Commissioner Becraft.

15 COMMISSIONER PATEL: (Gesturing.)

16 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: I want to just point out that
17 to me, mathematically, it makes more sense to give it to the
18 Boys & Girls Club. It doesn't sound like we're gonna be --
19 that MEO is dependent upon this grant. It sounded, from what
20 I heard, they're gonna be funded for what their needs are.
21 Boys & Girls Club is already well established; it's been going
22 around for a long time, it's -- this money would go towards a
23 program that's year-round, constant. I know they deal with
24 our youth all the time, and, you know, my support would
25 clearly be towards them. I think it makes mathematical sense.

1 And unfortunately, I don't have as much knowledge about MEO,
2 so I'm not gonna -- but I do have knowledge of the Boys &
3 Girls Club, and I know they're day in and day out. So I
4 apologize to MEO for my lack of knowledge if you guys are the
5 same. Thank you.

6 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner -- I saw, Commissioner
7 Matsumoto, you had your hand up?

8 COMMISSIONER MATSUMOTO: Yes, I did. Sorry for
9 signing in late. I came in during the presentation for the
10 Boys & Girls Club.

11 CHAIR U'U: Thank you for joining us.

12 COMMISSIONER MATSUMOTO: And also saw -- I saw the
13 presentation for the MEO, but I -- I just wanted to make a
14 comment that from what I was familiar with on these grants
15 that are -- that I've been participating in other
16 organizations; usually they prepare a presentation, there is
17 something in writing, and a scoring -- a scoring sheet that
18 those that will be judging them, like us as a commission,
19 would score them according to certain areas that, you know,
20 areas that we want them to address to make it fair rather than
21 just subjective opinion from each of the commissioners.

22 So I was just wondering, is this something that we
23 do annually and it's just based on their oral presentation and
24 how it feels, or is there not any kind of scoring sheet that
25 each member or commissioner can put down so it would be more

1 of a -- I'd say based on every member's scoring who the funds
2 would go to?

3 CHAIR U'U: I'll turn it over to the department.
4 Director.

5 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Yes, Commissioner
6 Matsumoto, this is an annual thing; however, you know, during
7 COVID, it hasn't happened. I believe the last grant that did
8 actually go through back in 2019. But although we're dealing
9 with grants, and we're using the word grant, the Department of
10 Liquor Control, we -- we don't have the capability to operate
11 a grant, so any monies that we provide is being indexed
12 through the Department of Housing and Human Concerns and
13 they're the department that's actually operating the grant.
14 So what that does is it allows us to provide the funding to
15 them, and then they issue the monies, they have -- the grant
16 is applied through them, it's operating through them, and it's
17 managed through them.

18 What I have witnessed in the past was that the
19 agencies will come in and do a presentation, the commission
20 would then take that into consideration, and in the past,
21 they've asked for we want to -- you know, at the end of the
22 year or at the end of whatever their program is scheduled to
23 end, for them to come back and do another presentation to
24 basically explain what they accomplished or explain how they
25 met their -- their goals that they hoped to achieve, and that

1 they actually came in and told us that they were (inaudible).
2 Those are -- that's how I've seen it in the past. So beyond
3 that -- I don't know if that answers your question, but I
4 don't really know anything about a score sheet or, you know,
5 the prior requirements that you were mentioning. I've never
6 seen that happen in the past through the department, anyway.

7 CHAIR U'U: Thank you.

8 Commissioner Ho.

9 COMMISSIONER MATSUMOTO: Just the reason I asked is
10 because if a question arises, you know, you want it to be fair
11 and not be pointed at that we were showing some kind of
12 favoritism to any one organization. If it's independently
13 scored by each judge, the judging panel, everything is black
14 and white, so there's no question about we were trying to show
15 favoritism to one organization or to another.

16 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: I see. And, yeah, we'd be
17 happy to do so. I'd be happy to meet with you because it
18 sounds like you've -- you do have some knowledge and some
19 experience in this area. And if we can formulate a document
20 that could meet that need, yeah, I think -- because you're
21 absolutely right, we want to make sure everything is above
22 ground, we want to make sure that we're doing everything
23 properly, not to show favoritism, and that everything is
24 official in the way that it's processed, so --

25 CHAIR U'U: So it's not being created (inaudible)?

1 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Correct. I have no such
2 document.

3 CHAIR U'U: Okay.

4 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: I'm not aware.

5 CHAIR U'U: Any more questions? Commissioner
6 Matsumoto, I like it. I like what you're saying.

7 COMMISSIONER MATSUMOTO: No.

8 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Ho.

9 COMMISSIONER HO: Hi. Thank you. Yeah, I just want
10 to note two things. First is this 22,000, does it change
11 every year, number one? Number two, when is the deadline that
12 the money needs to be allocated? Number three is actually
13 both organizations I'm familiar with, and I support both of
14 them, and so I think to have a fair allocation to the two
15 nonprofit organizations would be great, and I support both of
16 them. Those are the three things. The first question is:
17 Does it change every year, the 22,000?

18 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: It -- the amount is based
19 on a percentage of the education fund, which, yes, does
20 fluctuate, so that number available can change from year to
21 year. I know that it is part of the upcoming fiscal budget
22 that takes effect on July 1st. I'm not aware of any deadline
23 to allocate the funding. I'm not sure if -- if housing, if
24 you guys are still there, maybe you can speak to that on if
25 there is a deadline on allocation of that funding.

1 MS. SINGER: There is not a deadline from our
2 standpoint, but I think it would be great to do it soon so
3 that they can do planning and, you know, get their year set
4 up. But there's not a set deadline.

5 CHAIR U'U: Thank you.

6 Any more discussion or motions?

7 COMMISSIONER HO: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER PATEL: (Gesturing.)

9 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Patel. You're on mute, by
10 the way.

11 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Thank you. This is for Layne.
12 I wanted to just ask, what -- does it have to be specific
13 education programs? I know that, you know, MEO kind of
14 outlined specific programs that -- and where they're targeting
15 and kind of what they're doing, and I know with the Boys &
16 Girls Club, it's more general because it isn't -- there isn't
17 structured programs, it's you're giving because they feel like
18 if you -- you know, there's a different approach to both,
19 right? They both can work; it's just different tactics. So I
20 want to know is -- does the money have to be stipulated -- or
21 given and be used in a certain way for certain programs?

22 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: I don't know about the
23 specificity of the program itself, but it is required by law
24 that it is earmarked specifically for educating towards
25 underage drinking; that's what the funding (inaudible).

1 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Okay. Thank you for clarifying
2 that.

3 CHAIR U'U: Yeah, I understand about the fairness
4 part, Commissioner Matsumoto. I sit on the CDBG Grant
5 Committee Review that if you based on (inaudible) that you
6 award money and after we award the grants, we testify at the
7 county council just to make sure that it was kind of on point
8 on how we establish giving out certain monies. But I know
9 it's not done as -- thus far, but I think it would be great in
10 helping us that moving forward if we could create something
11 simple that we could use, that's what I mean, simple. But I
12 understand what you're saying, and I like to be fair for both
13 of them. They're both longstanding, incredible nonprofit
14 organizations that benefit my needs. I was involved in both
15 of them with my kids, so I understand how reputable they are
16 and how I respect and appreciate their effort. Thank you guys
17 for coming.

18 Commissioner Ruidas.

19 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: This is for Layne. Do we have
20 another, I guess, funding for overage drinking?

21 (Laughter.)

22 CHAIR U'U: We need one.

23 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: I think we would have
24 to -- we'd have to draw the line. I'm not sure what
25 overage -- I'm not sure if any of us qualify.

1 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Thank you.

2 CHAIR U'U: Any more questions, concerns, any
3 motions on the floor?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIR U'U: Looking for a motion. We have the
6 monies here.

7 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Mr. Chair, I make a motion --

8 CHAIR U'U: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Mr. Chair, I make a motion
10 that we apply this funding towards the Boys & Girls Club.

11 CHAIR U'U: I have a motion towards the Boys & Girls
12 Club. Is that only to them? If it is --

13 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: I'm sorry, what did you say?

14 CHAIR U'U: Do we have a second to that?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIR U'U: Seeing no second, motion dies.

17 COMMISSIONER PATEL: (Gesturing.)

18 CHAIR U'U: I have a hand raise. Commissioner
19 Patel.

20 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Yes, Chair. I'd like to make a
21 motion to apply 80 percent of the funds to MEO and 20 percent
22 of the funds towards the Boys & Girls Club initiative for
23 Youth Expo to educate perhaps that evening a program for
24 underage drinking.

25 CHAIR U'U: All right. At this time, we have a

1 motion on the floor, 80 percent to MEO, 20 percent to Boys &
2 Girls Clubs. Do we have a second?

3 COMMISSIONER HO: (Gesturing.)

4 CHAIR U'U: Is that a second by Commissioner Ho.

5 COMMISSIONER HO: Hi. I'd like to make a motion 50
6 percent goes to MEO, 50 percent goes to Boys & Girls Club.

7 CHAIR U'U: Sorry about that, Commissioner Ho. For
8 now, we have -- we still have a motion on the floor made by
9 Commissioner Patel, which would be 80 percent to MEO, 20
10 percent to Boys & Girls Club on the floor. If it doesn't have
11 a second, it would die.

12 Do we have a second to Commission Patel's motion
13 made on the floor, 80/20? Any second?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none, motion dies.

16 Now we'll open back up to the floor. Commissioner
17 Ho.

18 COMMISSIONER HO: Yes. I would like to propose
19 50/50, 50 percent goes to MEO, and then the other 50 percent
20 goes to Boys & Girls Club.

21 CHAIR U'U: Currently on the floor, we have a motion
22 to split the money 50/50. Is there a second?

23 (No response.)

24 CHAIR U'U: Is there a second to her motion?

25 (No response.)

1 CHAIR U'U: I'll make a second just for the
2 discussion part. So Commissioner Ho made the motion, seconded
3 by the chair. Any discussion?

4 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: (Gesturing.)

5 COMMISSIONER PATEL: (Gesturing.)

6 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft (inaudible).
7 Commissioner Becraft.

8 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: I just want to point out
9 again, reiterate that from, you know, my -- from what I gather
10 from Ms. Singer, that we're gonna be giving money which is
11 already gonna be funded by the county, so to me, we're just
12 throwing it away, you know. I think it would be more useful
13 to give the money to the Boys & Girls Club that I heard -- if
14 I heard Ms. Singer correctly, that way it wouldn't -- might
15 not be thrown away, and they might give them more if we're
16 going to use this money for an expansion, which I don't
17 believe they really have on the books. I haven't -- they
18 don't have a budget for it, they haven't -- they weren't
19 mapped that out, and that wasn't what Ms. Singer was really
20 looking for. And I think she said that she's the one that
21 encouraged these groups to put in. So I just think
22 mathematically the wisest way to use our money is to put
23 towards the Boys & Girls Club. Thank you.

24 CHAIR U'U: Thank you.

25 Who else had their hand up?

1 COMMISSIONER PATEL: (Gesturing.)

2 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Patel.

3 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Yeah, I -- I'd love to see the
4 money not go to waste. One of my concerns is Layne pointed
5 out it has to be specifically used towards underage drinking
6 educational programs, which I don't see the Boys & Girls Club
7 having a program that specifically tackles underage drinking.
8 So I just don't want to put a bulk of the funds towards -- if
9 it's not going to specifically address underage drinking and
10 then us asking -- being asked by council, okay, this 22,000
11 was spent, how -- what specific programs for underage drinking
12 were supported? I don't know if we'd have an answer to that
13 if that money was spent directly just towards the Boys & Girls
14 Club. I don't know how everyone else feels, but, you know,
15 I'm happy to (inaudible) my position.

16 CHAIR U'U: Thank you for the comment. And I think
17 (inaudible) to Commissioner Matsumoto bringing up some type of
18 point situation. I know what you're saying, all you're
19 saying.

20 Commissioner Ruidas. Vice Chair Ruidas.

21 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Chair, I think we should table
22 this for our next meeting. There's so much that we have
23 unknown right now. Maybe we can ask for more information and
24 have a better discussion at our next meeting.

25 CHAIR U'U: Okay. That's one option for discussion.

1 Commissioner Becraft.

2 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Yeah, I think we have --
3 Kelly's still on the line; she can answer questions. And I
4 respect what Sne is saying. I think when we -- I think if we
5 talk to Kelly again, that what we're gonna find is it's the
6 same type of programs -- I think MEO acknowledged it too, that
7 they collaborate on a lot of these programs, and you just --
8 you can hold an event that's a, you know, gathering event that
9 like -- I can't think of the name. What is it? Project
10 Graduation and that's -- that alone could be your
11 anti-drinking thing, and that's what it is. And Boys & Girls
12 Club does hold these types of events, you know, where they
13 have things for teenagers.

14 What I heard from the Boys & Girls Club was that
15 they don't just do one thing. They're not having a gathering
16 one night, and they're just gonna sit down and only talk about
17 alcohol. That's what they're saying, that I believe when you
18 have a dance or a Project Graduation, they don't only talk
19 about not drinking alcohol. They have fun, and they do
20 different things. So I think if we look at it in that
21 perspective -- and if you want to bring Kelly back on at this
22 point, she can probably clarify Sne's concerns at this point,
23 and then I believe we can move forward and -- and get this
24 taken care of.

25 CHAIR U'U: (Inaudible.)

1 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: I'll leave it up to the chair
2 if he wants to bring back Kelly.

3 CHAIR U'U: We have a motion and a second on the
4 floor. (Inaudible) part of discussion. If it dies, it dies,
5 but at this time, I'm gonna turn it over to Director Silva.

6 Well, we'll vote for the motion first since it's on
7 the -- we'll see what happens with the motion. Again, the
8 motion was made by Commissioner Ho, seconded by myself, and I
9 think it was for 50/50. We're in the discussion part. Is
10 there any more discussion before I call the vote? And again,
11 if it fails, it fails. We can also table it. Just the
12 options that turn out, yeah. But we do have a motion and a
13 second on the floor.

14 Any discussion?

15 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: (Gesturing.)

16 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft.

17 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Yeah, Mr. Chair. In
18 fairness, I believe I'm hearing Sne correctly he doesn't feel
19 comfortable at this point voting for the Boys & Girls Club
20 because he's not sure if it's applicable, so I don't know how
21 we would be able to move forward with this motion if we don't
22 know if one of the parties we're voting for is even
23 applicable.

24 CHAIR U'U: So you would say we should bring up -- I
25 don't think the motion move forward (inaudible), it would die,

1 and we'll do it again. We could bring up whoever else we want
2 to bring up.

3 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: (Gesturing.)

4 CHAIR U'U: Go ahead, Commissioner Becraft.

5 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: My concern is for your
6 motion. I'm not -- I'm not saying I'm supporting it on the
7 50/50, but if it dies, I don't believe we can bring it back up
8 again. So if you don't bring this information in now, then I
9 think Sne's in a position where he's not gonna be able to
10 vote. You know what I'm saying?

11 CHAIR U'U: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: And then your motion may be
13 acceptable to the rest of the panel. So I believe that we
14 really do need the answer to this question now before we vote
15 on this issue.

16 CHAIR U'U: I'm gonna defer back to corp counsel.
17 Corp Counsel, if the motion on the floor fails or passes,
18 what's the options we have? We won't be able to bring it
19 back? And if that's the case, I'll gladly withdraw my second.

20 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: Okay. Well, I don't --
21 yeah, I don't think we can bring it back in this meeting
22 today.

23 CHAIR U'U: Okay, okay. So you know what I'm gonna
24 do? I'll withdraw my second. Is that legal?

25 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: Yes, you can do that.

1 CHAIR U'U: Okay. I'll -- I'm going to -- I guess,
2 retract my second.

3 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: (Gesturing.)

4 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft.

5 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: I'm afraid that we're doing
6 the same thing. So then if Commissioner -- Commissioner Ho's
7 motion doesn't get a second, then it's gonna have to die, and
8 then again, we're in the same position that we can't bring it
9 back up. I think the simple solution here is to now just
10 bring Kelly on to answer the question of whether or not they
11 do events where they do alcohol awareness training as well as
12 all their others. It's -- and that would -- I believe that
13 would clarify for Sne and everyone else whether or not they're
14 applicable for this grant.

15 CHAIR U'U: My thought process was potentially
16 defer. It seems like everybody's on a different page, and if
17 we get more information on it, it could make a cleaner vote
18 with a better understanding. 'Cause everybody's all over the
19 place. But, again, if you want to bring up for clarity, we
20 can bring her up if you want, Kelly, if that's the case.

21 Can we do that during discussion, Christie?

22 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: What was the question?

23 CHAIR U'U: If we're in discussion of a motion, can
24 we bring up someone to, I guess, ask a question of a
25 nonprofit, a reference?

1 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: Yes, I think -- it sounds
2 like we need the clarification here if multiple board members
3 are concerned --

4 CHAIR U'U: Okay. Maybe for the clarity, at this
5 time, I'll turn it over --

6 I see Commissioner Matsumoto. Do you want to say
7 something before we turn it over, Commissioner Matsumoto?

8 COMMISSIONER MATSUMOTO: Yes, I did. Yes, I did. I
9 did want to say something. I really think that we should not
10 vote on it today, and we need more -- not only clarification
11 from the organization, but I think within our commission, we
12 need more clarity on how this is gonna be resolved and how
13 we're gonna be allocating the funds. Because we have so many
14 different options and so many different motions, I really
15 think that we need to be more concise about how we're gonna be
16 judging this and giving the funds out.

17 CHAIR U'U: I agree to what you're saying. And we
18 don't have a deadline we need to work with.

19 COMMISSIONER MATSUMOTO: And I'm so sorry, but I
20 cannot stay on the meeting, I'll have to leave, but I'm -- I
21 want to make sure that, you know, we're all in agreement and
22 that we're not -- because I fully support both organizations,
23 but I think the way that we disburse the funds, how we give
24 the money out, it has to be fair and we have to have a system
25 because we're gonna have to answer to the council. The

1 council is gonna ask us what made us give this money to one
2 organization versus the other, and we cannot just say, oh,
3 because -- we need some kind of scoring system.

4 CHAIR U'U: Okay. You know what, I'm gonna -- I'm
5 gonna agree with you. And thank you for showing up to the
6 meeting.

7 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: And --

8 CHAIR U'U: At this time, I did rescind myself.
9 Go ahead, Corp Counsel.

10 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: Okay. To your point, I
11 think we can do a -- it sounds like we want some more time to
12 consider this. We could do a subsidiary motion where we can
13 postpone the motion to the next meeting.

14 CHAIR U'U: So we have to rescind my second?
15 Because we do have a motion on the floor.

16 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: I guess if this is kind of
17 a -- yeah, a -- is there a motion -- I guess someone would
18 move for a subsidiary motion to postpone the discussion of the
19 motion to the next meeting.

20 CHAIR U'U: Does somebody want --

21 COMMISSIONER MATSUMOTO: I move.

22 CHAIR U'U: Okay. Moved by Commissioner Matsumoto.
23 Is there a second?

24 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: I second to defer.

25 CHAIR U'U: We have a second with Commissioner

1 Ruidas. Any discussion?

2 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: (Gesturing.)

3 CHAIR U'U: Discussion, Commissioner Becraft.

4 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Yeah. So if we -- if we
5 postpone this and we all meet a month later, what's gonna be
6 the difference between today, now and then? Because we're
7 still gonna have the same questions. I don't -- I don't
8 understand what we're gaining by doing that.

9 CHAIR U'U: Well, I think -- I'm glad you asked,
10 Commissioner Becraft. I think the month would buy us time,
11 and I was gonna turn it over to the director and staff and see
12 what changes can be made or what differences could be made
13 within the month. And I guess this is part of discussion
14 because we did have a first and a second, so this is the
15 discussion part.

16 I'll turn it over to Director Silva.

17 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Thank you, Chair. Okay.
18 I think one way to move forward is the department can try to
19 obtain more information. With the suggestions that was
20 brought up by Commissioner Matsumoto, I can try to contact and
21 work with housing and see if they have some kind of document
22 that you're talking about of a grading system or maybe what
23 they've already used in the process of their own grant so that
24 we could provide you guys -- to maybe give more information.
25 I don't know if that will be helpful or not to try to, you

1 know, come to some common ground, but whatever -- whatever
2 information you guys are looking for, let me know; that way,
3 at least I'll know what I'm looking for when I try to get that
4 information. But if we do bring this back for you next month,
5 that there should be more information available to you so you
6 can make a better decision. So just shooting from the hip.

7 CHAIR U'U: Okay. Any more discussion within the
8 commission? Commissioner Becraft.

9 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Yeah. So I respect that
10 you've been put on the spot, Director, but I think your last
11 statement was -- was where I'm standing right now, just
12 shooting from the hip. So I still don't know what we're gonna
13 be -- what we have different at the next meeting as we do now.
14 I still believe that unless Sne's gonna tell me he believes
15 that they're applicable, the Boys & Girls Club, I still
16 believe that we have Kelly on the line. I think we should
17 answer that portion of that now. I don't know why we're
18 waiting. But -- and I mean, I don't -- I don't want to do
19 this again next month just to push it another month, you know.

20 CHAIR U'U: I agree. And I agree with you. Thank
21 you.

22 Commissioner Patel.

23 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Yeah. No, I would need
24 clarification because my percentage breakdown was just a
25 calculation on my end of how -- both presentations, what was

1 specifically talked about with regard to underage drinking.
2 You know, MEO talked about, you know, Halt the Hard, talked
3 about specific programs that are targeted towards underage
4 drinking and youths drinking. So my position and percentages
5 was based on there is a touch point within the Boys & Girls
6 Club which perhaps relates to the youth expo where they're
7 providing some, you know, sort of activity to maybe be able to
8 engage and talks about underage drinking, I know that happens
9 all year round, but in terms of specific programs, my
10 allocation was merely based on the fact of how many times I,
11 you know, heard specific programs that were gonna be targeting
12 underage drinking. But, yes, I would need clarification
13 because that is the intent of that money. Let's not forget
14 the original intent of that money.

15 CHAIR U'U: And my vote would be to have some
16 clarity from the nonprofit to be submitted to the department,
17 again, to address some of the concerns we have as
18 commissioners. And again, currently, we have a motion and a
19 second on the floor, which is to defer it to the next meeting.
20 Any more discussion on the topic?

21 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Yes, Mr. Chair. If we're
22 gonna defer, I ask that we at least -- since we're not -- it
23 appears we're not gonna be addressing the agencies that are
24 still online right now. So if we're deferring, I would ask
25 that we invite them back because I don't believe -- you know,

1 we're not asking them any questions, so apparently, we're
2 gonna have to do this again next month.

3 CHAIR U'U: I'm hoping to get something in writing
4 so we can kind of read it prior to coming to the meeting.

5 I welcome to hear from housing if they have any
6 concerns with us tabling this to the next meeting. Again, the
7 motion is still on the floor.

8 MS. SINGER: I couldn't quite hear you, but I
9 think --

10 COMMISSIONER HO: Chair.

11 MS. SINGER: Were you asking if housing had any
12 concerns about waiting a month? Is that what you said?

13 CHAIR U'U: Yes. And maybe we can get some
14 information from you guys on the clarity of the (inaudible).
15 And I know you brought up how you're gonna free up some money
16 potentially, so just some clarity from your part of how -- how
17 decisions will be affecting whether it be these nonprofits or
18 others. Is that possible? Is that a possibility? Or you be
19 on next meeting to clear up some things that's in the air
20 currently.

21 MS. SINGER: Yeah, we could definitely have that
22 discussion, and maybe it sounds put something together in
23 writing that addresses the concerns that have been brought up
24 so that next meeting you have the information that you need.

25 CHAIR U'U: Thank you.

1 Director Silva, comment?

2 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: Yes. So, again, thanks
3 for still being here. Is there any documentation -- 'cause I
4 know that the grants are submitted through you guys. Is there
5 any documentation based on the grants that was submitted to
6 you guys that you could provide the commissioners that may
7 help explain or clarify some of the questions that they've
8 been having in regards to the two agencies?

9 MS. SINGER: Yes. So we'll -- so we were asked to
10 provide current grantees that we work with and fund that do
11 this work that might be a good match, and so we do have --
12 both of them are currently funded to do this work, and we
13 could provide their, you know, grant narrative and their
14 budget so you could see the programs that they run and how
15 that aligns. We do have that information, and I'd be happy to
16 forward that along.

17 CHAIR U'U: Thank you.

18 DIRECTOR LAYNE N. SILVA: That may be helpful.

19 CHAIR U'U: I think that would be helpful. Again,
20 we have a motion on the floor. Any more discussion before we
21 call for the vote?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIR U'U: Seeing none, I'm gonna call for the
24 vote, yea or nay.

25 Vice Chair Ruidas.

1 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Aye.

2 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft.

3 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Nay.

4 CHAIR U'U: Okay. Commissioner Boswell.

5 COMMISSIONER BOSWELL: Aye.

6 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Ho.

7 COMMISSIONER HO: Chair, just to get a
8 clarification, so this is to defer the decision until next
9 meeting, correct?

10 CHAIR U'U: Correct, in hopes to obtain more
11 information to better inform us.

12 COMMISSIONER HO: Okay. Yeah, aye.

13 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Patel.

14 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Aye.

15 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Richardson.

16 COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON: Aye.

17 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Matsumoto.

18 COMMISSIONER MATSUMOTO: Aye.

19 CHAIR U'U: And the chair votes aye.
20 We have one nay and six ayes, motion passes. Thank
21 you.

22 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Mr. Chair.

23 CHAIR U'U: Yes, Commissioner Becraft.

24 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: I noted that we didn't
25 address Kelly as I was asking, but we did address the housing.

1 CHAIR U'U: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Which I find interesting. So
3 I was -- I wanted to know, are we inviting Boys & Girls Club
4 and MEO back to this next meeting so that we can actually talk
5 to them?

6 CHAIR U'U: I think that would be good to -- for the
7 decision, yes. Absolutely, if that's possible, if it's
8 possible, we can (inaudible).

9 MR. KAAE: Yeah, sure. We can answer questions now
10 and then a month later too.

11 CHAIR U'U: Thank you.

12 Is that all, Commissioner Becraft, on that part?

13 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Yes, thank you.

14 CHAIR U'U: Thank you.

15 Thank you guys for your guys' time. I look forward
16 to seeing you guys.

17 Moving on to C, Discussion of Native Hawaiian Law
18 Training Course and decision-makers, including members of
19 boards, commissions, councils, and other bodies on June 22nd
20 and June 29th, 2022. Is this a topic that we just talk, talk
21 about, Corp Counsel?

22 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: Yes.

23 CHAIR U'U: (Inaudible) something on this.

24 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: Yes. So for this training,
25 you know, this is one of those where it's not open to the

1 public, so only less than a quorum of the members can attend.
2 And I spoke with Mimi, and she said that in the past, usually,
3 the newer members who haven't attended the training in the
4 past would attend this training. But it would just need to be
5 less than a quorum, so that's just a note. And then at the --
6 if you attend this training, at the next meeting, you would
7 just need to report your attendance and, you know, if any
8 board business was discussed at the training. I don't think
9 there would be any, but we would -- you know, we could
10 approach that after you attend the training.

11 CHAIR U'U: Thank you. Thank you.

12 Any discussion amongst the commissioners?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIR U'U: Thank you. Seeing none, moving --

15 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: Mr. Chair, I believe the vice
16 chair had a question, and so do I.

17 CHAIR U'U: Oh, Commissioner Ruidas. Sorry about
18 that.

19 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: I'd just like to say, you know,
20 whoever wants to go to this training, I've been to this
21 training before at UH, and it's a real good eye-opener to the
22 history of Native Hawaiian law. You know, I encourage anyone
23 that wants to go and attend this. Thanks.

24 CHAIR U'U: Thank you.

25 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: And I think this year it's

1 all virtual, so a little more convenient than in the past
2 where I think it was on Oahu.

3 CHAIR U'U: Commissioner Becraft, you had something.

4 COMMISSIONER BECRAFT: No, I just wanted -- I wanted
5 to point out that vice chair had a question.

6 CHAIR U'U: (Inaudible) you had your hand raised?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIR U'U: None. Thank you.

9 Thank you, Stan, for that.

10 CORP COUNSEL TRENHOLME: Just if you're gonna
11 attend, please let us know just to make sure that we have less
12 than a quorum, so only four members maximum attending.

13 CHAIR U'U: And they would inform who?

14 MS. KHANGSENGSING: Me.

15 CHAIR U'U: Inform Maria if you guys will take
16 these -- will go online. Thank you.

17 Moving on to D, Written Summary of the Liquor
18 Control Adjudication Board of June 2nd, 2022. (Inaudible)?

19 MS. KHANGSENGSING: I emailed all the commissioners
20 (inaudible).

21 CHAIR U'U: Okay. We have the summary. Anything
22 else?

23 (No response.)

24 CHAIR U'U: Anything else, Commissioners?

25 (No response.)

1 CHAIR U'U: First of all, thank you for this -- your
2 time. The meeting was a little lengthy. And moving to the
3 last part of the agenda, the adjournment, I'll entertain a
4 motion to adjourn this meeting.

5 COMMISSIONER PATEL: Make a motion, Chair, to
6 adjourn the meeting.

7 CHAIR U'U: The motion. Is there a second?

8 VICE CHAIR RUIDAS: Second.

9 CHAIR U'U: And meeting adjourned. (Gavel.)

10 (The proceedings were adjourned at 12:08 p.m.)

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