

MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2024

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[Meeting Video](#)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at the University of Hawai'i (UH) at Mānoa, Bachman Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room 106A/B, 2444 Dole Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96822.

Quorum (11): Chair Gabriel Lee; Vice-Chairs Laurie Tochiki and Laurel Loo; Regents Neil Abercrombie, Lauren Akitake, Joshua Faumuina, William Haning, Wayne Higaki, Michael Miyahira, Diane Paloma, and Ernest Wilson.

Others in attendance: President David Lassner; Vice President (VP) for Administration Jan Gouveia; VP for Legal Affairs/UH General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents (Board Secretary) Yvonne Lau; and others as noted.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Chair Lee inquired if there were any corrections to the minutes of the September 5, 2024, special board meeting which had been distributed. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Board Secretary Lau announced the Board Office's receipt of numerous pieces of written testimony regarding the selection of the next President of the University of Hawai'i. She also stated several individuals

Prior to seeking a motion to enter into executive session, Chair Lee stated the appointment of the President of the University of Hawai'i was one of the, if not the most, important responsibilities of the regents as set forth in the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i. He then spoke about the selection process used to this point, which included, among other things, the formation of a 12 member Presidential Search Advisory Group and the offering of multiple opportunities for public interaction and engagement with the finalists via a number of open forums across the State; stressed the openness and transparency of the process, given the public's and State's interest in the next leader of the University of Hawaii; noted several television and newspaper articles during the past week which provided the public with further insight into each of the finalists; touched upon the express provision in Chapter 92-5(a)(2), Hawai'i e 2o i450.1 (ub (e) (S)1.12 (ouc)58 0 Td12