

Connections Public Charter School

Governing Board Minutes

Special Meeting

February 1, 2022

Kress Building 3:00 pm

Call to Order: Mr. Salmoiraghi called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm.

Members Present: Shinji Salmoiraghi, Romeo Garcia, Pam Thatcher, Anna Madrid, Christina Wilbourn, Ron Kim (Heather McDaniel, Recorder)

Members Absent: Kirk Bailey, Libby Oshiyama, Elsie Hayashi

Guests: none

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Mr. Garcia to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbourn and was approved with consensus.

Public Input: none

Kaumana Property Report:

Mr. Garcia reported on the outcome of the State Land Use Commission hearing regarding the Special Use Permit for the Kaumana property, co-leased by CBESS and Connections. The permit was denied, and the request sent back to the Windward Planning Commission. Two reasons were stated: inadequate input from the Native Hawaiian community regarding impact on cultural practices, and “stale” (outdated) traffic and water studies. The Board will consider moving forward with two paths: an appeal of the LUC’s decision to Circuit court, and simultaneously re-submitting a modified Special Use Permit request to the Windward Planning commission .

The CBESS Board met yesterday and approved both approaches.

Members discussed both approaches.

A motion was made by Ms Wilbourn to approve an appeal of the LUC’s decision to Circuit Court. The motion was seconded by Ms. Madrid. Discussion: Mr. Kim asked for clarification regarding the grounds for the appeal, Mrs. Thatcher expressed concern regarding any further delays. The motion was tabled pending additional information, to be brought to the next meeting on February 14, by the following vote: Ms. Madrid, table; Mr. Salmoiraghi, table; Mr. Kim, table; Mrs. Thatcher, yes; Mr. Garcia, table; Ms. Wilbourn, table.

A motion was made by Mr. Kim to approve proceeding with the application to the Windward Planning Commission for a modified Special Use Permit. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thatcher. Discussion: Mr. Salmoiraghi asked for clarification regarding costs. Mr. Kim reported that there is some risk of the modified request being denied. Mrs. Thatcher questioned whether the modification for developing 15 acres for a campus seemed small. Ms. Wilbourn asked for clarification regarding how the use of the remaining part of the property could be used. Mr. Kim explained that the modified WPC permit request would allow for new information to be introduced, and if approved, would eliminate the need for going through the LUC, so that the project could proceed sooner. The motion was approved with consensus.

Next Meeting: February 14, 2022 at 3:15 pm.

Adjournment: 4:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Shinji Salmoiraghi

Connections Governing Board Chair