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State Capitol Management Committee (SCMC) Meeting  
Tuesday, May 8, 2018

11:00 a.m.

State Capitol Building, Conference Room 224  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**NOTES**

**Members Present**

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chairperson, Senate  
Dean Shimomura, Member, Department of Accounting and General Services  
Carol Taniguchi, Member, Senate  
Rod Tanonaka, Member, House of Representatives

**Other Attendees**

Kat Brady, Community Alliance on Prisons  
Lt. Al Cummings, Department of Public Safety  
Henry Curtis, Life of the Land  
Jessie Faige, Senate  
Park Kaleiwahea, Senate  
Stella Kam, Department of the Attorney General  
Elizabeth Kor, Private citizen  
Emily Sampson, Senate  
Allison Uchima, Senate  
Keanu Young, Legislative Reference Bureau

1. Call to Order: 11:01 a.m.  
There was no quorum; however, the committee members present decided to have an informational meeting with no voting or decisions made.
2. Introductions and Public Comments  
Committee members and guests introduced themselves. A member of the public remarked that the Capitol is the people's building and so people should feel welcome, but having hardly any parking spaces is not public-friendly.
3. Review and Approve Minutes of the April 13, 2018 Meeting  
No quorum – deferred until next meeting.

4. Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Report

a. Reflecting Pond Water Feature

Mr. Shimomura reported that the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) has scheduled a meeting with consultants for this Friday.

b. Other Projects

Mr. Shimomura noted that there was nothing new to discuss.

5. Report on Capitol Security

a. Status of Capillary Readers and Cameras

Lt. Cummings explained that there were certain issues he did not want to discuss in public and asked if the cost of replacing the readers and cameras was the topic of concern. Senator Rhoads agreed that that was part of the larger discussion and mentioned the possibility of going into executive session to discuss the more sensitive matters. Ms. Kam and a member of the public noted that it would not be possible to go into executive session at this time because it had not been on the agenda and would need a vote, and Senator Rhoads deferred this item until the next meeting.

b. Other Discussion - Status and Suggestions

No comments.

6. Emergency Electrical Backup Discussion

Mr. Shimomura explained that generators provide backup power and that the outage that had occurred recently was because one of the breakers had failed (which has since been replaced). He noted the possibility of putting up lights with batteries in them, which would serve as a backup to the backup, and that the estimate to do so was close to \$100,000. Senator Rhoads asked how often DAGS would check on the backup system if battery backups were not going to be pursued. Mr. Shimomura replied that there is no industry standard for what is called "exercising the breakers," which involves flipping them off and back on, cutting power to the building. He noted that because that causes disruption, there is a balance between how frequently the checks are performed and the continuance of building operations. Senator Rhoads asked if these checks are done once a year, and Mr. Shimomura said that DAGS has been trying to do this with all buildings in its care, but that it takes much coordination to accomplish. Mr. Tanonaka remarked that Representative Evans was concerned about the stairwells and asked if they were included in the \$100,000 estimate. Mr. Shimomura answered that the estimate included the stairwells and entire basement. Senator Rhoads asked for confirmation about what caused the previous outage, and Mr. Shimomura explained that a breaker failure was the problem. He emphasized that this does not happen often. Senator Rhoads said that a year between checks sounds like a long time and that DAGS may get a request from the committee to perform the check more frequently.

7. Report on Janitorial Services Request

Senator Rhoads asked if the committee's request for two temporary additional janitorial positions for the 2019 legislative session and each session thereafter had been honored, and

Mr. Shimomura answered that DAGS did not get the positions. Senator Rhoads said that he

would follow up on this, but that it may not be until the next budget comes through.

8. Flag Pole Bases

Senator Rhoads explained that Senator Riviere had suggested for the two flagpoles outside the Capitol to have designs etched onto their bases: a Hawaiian compass on one and the cardinal directions on the other. Handouts were then circulated with examples of the designs.

Senator Rhoads noted that he would wait for Senator Riviere to speak to the committee to promote the concept. A legislative staff member asked about how this would be funded and added that if it were to come out of the arts budget, she would support it. Senator Rhoads said that justification for the cost is part of the discussion. A member of the public conveyed her appreciation for the designs.

9. Miller Street Additional Lane

Senator Rhoads said that Representative Kobayashi had suggested an additional lane at the Miller Street exit to help drivers turning right; currently, it is difficult for drivers to turn right because of the backup of drivers turning left. Senator Rhoads also noted that he had previously requested adding a signal for drivers turning left. He added that this issue might not be in the committee's jurisdiction, so any requests would be made to the City. A member of the public advocated adding a bike lane. Senator Rhoads deferred the item and instructed that it be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

10. Conducting Internal Survey on Capitol Complaints/Suggestions

Senator Rhoads suggested that the committee send out a survey to those who work in the Capitol building for feedback on perceived problems and concerns, and asked if the committee would need to vote to do that. Ms. Kam agreed that there would have to be a vote taken if the survey were coming from the committee but that someone could do that kind of research independently and share the results with the committee. A legislative staff member asked who would be surveyed, and Senator Rhoads replied that he had considered sending the survey to every office to be filled out anonymously. Senator Rhoads added that the survey could be limited to the discussion of services and building conditions rather than personnel matters. Mr. Shimomura proposed that the survey should solicit comments and suggestions rather than complaints. Senator Rhoads directed that this item be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

11. Other Business

Senator Rhoads noted that the mission statement is now up on the committee website, and a legislative staff member explained that, on the DAGS website, there is a page specific to the committee found at <http://ags.hawaii.gov/csd/scmc/>.

Senator Rhoads confirmed that H.C.R. No. 28, Urging the State Capitol Management Committee to Consider Security Improvements for the State Capitol, had been adopted by the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Senator Rhoads referred to the list of priorities of work to be done at the Capitol provided by DAGS at the previous meeting and asked for clarification about the first item, the repair of

metal soffit supports. Mr. Shimomura responded that the supports go around the building exterior. Senator Rhoads noted that there is \$5 million in the budget for repairs to the Capitol and asked if that was meant for this project or something else. Mr. Shimomura explained that he would have to check. Every year, DAGS makes a list of projects, and when the budget comes out, before initiating projects at the top of the list, DAGS verifies that there are no projects that have been given higher priority. He added that the current projects include the work being done on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and the pools. Senator Rhoads mentioned the next item on the list, and Mr. Shimomura confirmed that it involved fixing AC units in the building.

Senator Rhoads asked about a leak from the pool earlier this week, which, a member of the public explained, was located at the chamber level right outside the House chamber, and Mr. Shimomura said he would check on that.

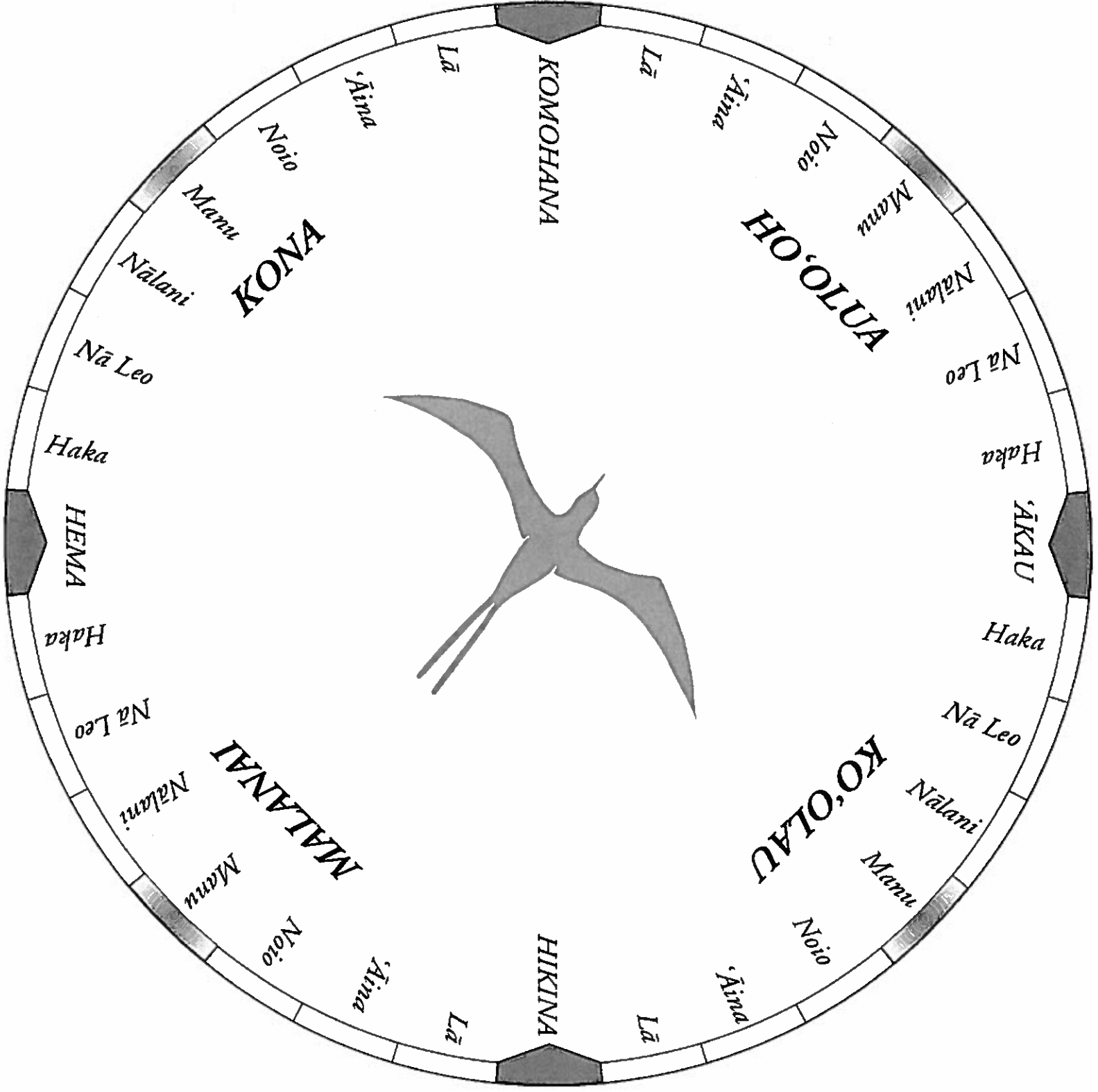
A member of the public asked whether the pools would remain and suggested that kalo could be planted there that could be harvested by charter schools and sold as fundraisers. Senator Rhoads noted that, at the previous meeting, the committee had voted to examine different options: no water, full water, and something in between, perhaps with symbolic water.

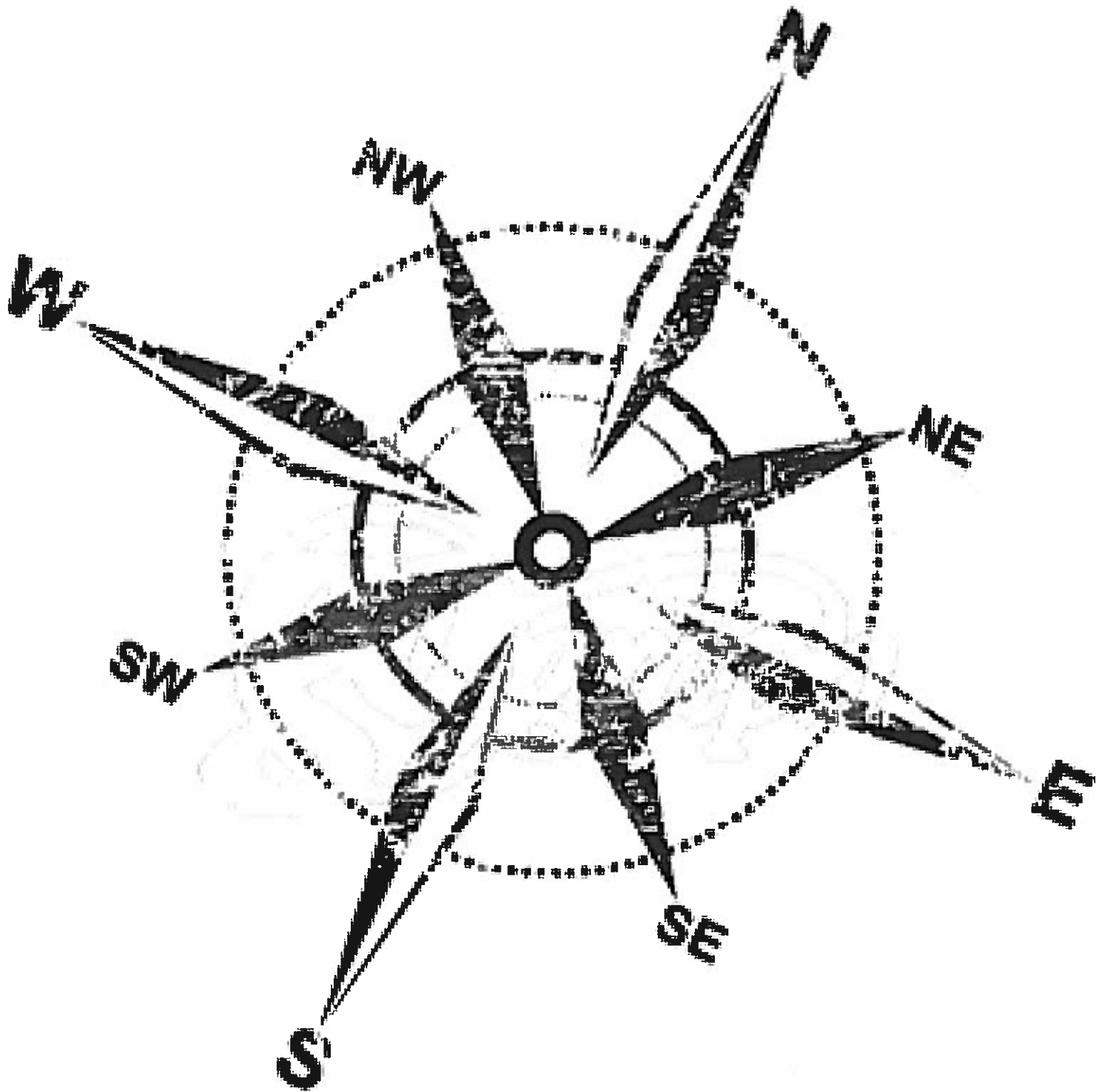
Senator Rhoads conveyed a suggestion from Senator Keith-Agaran that if there is concern about people entering the building, the entry doors from the garage could be kept locked, with employees using capillary readers to enter and visitors directed to the main entrance by the auditorium. Senator Rhoads noted that this would be part of a larger discussion later.

#### 12. Next Meeting Date

Senator Rhoads proposed that the meetings be held every other month, and added that problems may arise if quorum is not consistently achieved. He said the next meeting might take place after July 4, perhaps on a Tuesday. A member of the public suggested, that, to help in achieving quorum, perhaps members could call in to the meetings. Senator Rhoads and a legislative staff member noted that the meetings would then have to be open to testimony and the public would have to be notified in advance. Senator Rhoads asked Ms. Kam if this kind of videoconference or phone call would be legal. Ms. Kam replied that videoconferences would be okay, but that she would have to check on the phone issue, noting that the call would have to take place in a public room and not simply a neighbor-island member's home. Ms. Taniguchi and Ms. Kam explained that a room would have to be reserved and put on the notice, and that if there are technical problems and the signal is cut, quorum would be lost. Senator Rhoads said that his office would figure out the details and contact the committee members.

#### 13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.





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