

# Merit Appeals Board Hearing Minutes

## October 31, 2019

### REGULAR HEARING MINUTES Thursday, October 31, 2019 MERIT APPEALS CONFERENCE ROOM

**CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Chairperson Valerie Pacheco, called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM with a quorum of two (2) members present. Note – This three-member Board requires two (2) members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Valerie Pacheco, Acting Chair; Laurie Santiago, Member; Sean Sanada, Member

Staff – Sarah Casken, Legal Counsel; Ronnette Correa, Secretary; and Terri Asato, Secretary (Observing)

Guests – **Appellant MAB Case No. 394;** Elizabeth Contrades, Associate General Counsel for Respondent the University of Hawaii; and Respondent Representative Sarah Hirakami, Director of Collective Bargaining and Labor Relations.

**Appellant MAB Case No. 381;** Lori Ikenaga, Respondent Representative; and Nenita Moralis, Respondent Representative; Kim Nguyen, Respondent's Witness

- I. **Executive Session – Election of the new MAB Chairperson**  
Member Laurie Santiago moved to nominate Sean Sanada, seconded by Acting Chair Valerie Pacheco. Motion was noted by Acting Chair and confirmed Sean Sanada as MAB Chairperson. (Mr. Sanada's term will expire June 30, 2022.)
- II. **At 9:04 AM Chair Sanada called the hearing to order**
  - a. The Emergency Procedures were reviewed by Secretary Ronnette Correa.
- III. **Approval of the September 13, 2019 Minutes**  
Member Laurie Santiago moved to approve the Minutes as written, Member Valerie Pacheco seconded the motion, and Chair Sean Sanada third the motion to unanimously approve the Minutes as written.
- IV. **Hearing for MAB Case No. 394**  
No minutes taken – Start of hearing 9:04 AM.

Executive session commenced 9:51 AM; hearing reconvened at 10:09 AM

Executive session commenced 10:12 AM, hearing reconvened at 10:20 AM

Executive session commenced 10:37 AM; hearing reconvened at 10:43 AM

Executive session commenced 10:48 AM; hearing reconvened at 10:55 AM

Hearing adjourned 11:02 AM

**V. Hearing for MAB Case No. 381**

No minutes taken – Start of hearing 11:10 AM

- a. The Emergency Procedures were reviewed by Secretary Ronnette Correa

Executive session commenced 12:10 PM; hearing reconvened at 12:20 PM

Due to the length of the hearing, the Chairperson granted a continuance to November 21, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

Hearing adjourned 1:10 PM

**VI. Other Business (Executive Session)**

- a. **Notification of new appeals** – No minutes taken

**VII. Adjournment**