

Merit Appeals Board Hearing Minutes

REGULAR HEARING MINUTES Wednesday, May 7, 2025 REMOTE HEARING VIA ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Sean Sanada called the proceeding to order at 9:00 a.m. with a quorum of three (3) members present.

Board Members Present: Sean Sanada, Chairperson; Valerie Pacheco, Member; and Nora Nomura, Member

Staff: Shannon Lau, Deputy Corporation Counsel; and Jenny-Rose Amita, Secretary

Guest: **Appellant for MAB Case No. 404, 405, 406, and 409**

Amanda Donlin, Supervising Deputy Attorney General for the Department of the Attorney General; James Halvorson, Deputy Attorney General for the Department of the Attorney General; Jonathan K.D. Tungpalan, Deputy Attorney General for the Department of the Attorney General; Barbara Nitta, Human Resources Representative for the Department of the Attorney General and Respondent Witness; Jennifer K. Jones, Human Resources Representative for the Department of the Attorney General and Respondent Witness; Raynell Yee, Respondent Witness; Lynette J. Lau, Respondent Witness; Kalei A. Vierra, Respondent Witness; Roxanne Watanabe, Appellant Witness

I. Dispensing with the required Secretary's Evacuation Instructions due to the remote hearing.

II. **Approval of the March 12, 2025, Minutes**

Member Nora Nomura moved to approve the minutes as written. Member Valerie Pacheco seconded the motion. Chair Sean Sanada is in favor. The minutes are approved and are now part of the record.

III. **Adjudications – Consolidated: Case Nos. 404, 405, 406, and 409**

Hearing called to order 9:07am. No minutes taken.

Recessed at 9:23am; back on the record at 9:27am

Recessed at 10:16am; back on the record at 10:22am

Recessed at 11:31am; back on the record at 11:40am

Recessed at 12:45pm; back on the record at 1:30pm

Recessed at 2:14pm; back on the record at 2:22pm

Recessed at 2:38pm; back on the record at 2:45pm

Hearing adjourned and transitioned into open session at 2:56pm

Back on the record at 3:05pm

Returned to open session at 3:24pm

IV. Other Business

A. Notification of new appeals – No minutes taken

V. 3:26 p.m. Adjournment