

Merit Appeals Board Hearing Minutes

REGULAR HEARING MINUTES Wednesday, August 13, 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. 434 and Appellant's HGEA Representative Kainua Hopkins**

Amanda Donlin, Supervising Deputy Attorney General for the Department of the Attorney General; Diana Sumarna, Deputy Attorney General for the Department of the Attorney General; Tammy Lee, Representative for the Department of Transportation and Respondent Witness; S. George Abcede, Respondent Witness

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

II. **Approval of the May 7, 2025, Minutes**

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

III. **Adjudications**

Hearing called to order 9:09am. No minutes taken.

Recessed at 10:46am; back on the record at 10:57am

Recessed at 12:27pm; back on the record at 12:39pm

Hearing adjourned and transitioned into open session at 12:56pm

Back on the record at 12:57pm

Returned to open session at 1:17pm

IV. **Other Business**

A. Notification of new appeals – No minutes taken

V. **1:17 p.m. Adjournment**