

Minutes

REALTORS® Political Action Committee of Hawai‘i
Hawai‘i Association of REALTORS® (“HAR”)
Zoom



The Hawai‘i REALTORS® Political Action Committee (“RPAC”) meeting was held on Thursday, January 28, 2021, via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tim Stice, Vice Chair Stephanie Doughty, Immediate Past Chair Darryl Macha, Mary Begier, Grace Reinhard, Donna Rice, Marilyn Griffin, Lynette Prendergast, Kelly Shaw, Judith Sykes, Jenny Brady, and Chris Prendergast. Staff Liaisons: Ken Hiraki and Aron Espinueva. Guests: RPAC Major Investor Council Liaison Josh Jerman, Hawai‘i REALTOR® Party Chair C. Kapono Pa, Milo Spindt, Frank Goodale, Michael Trotto, Mike Drutar, Nancy Donahue-Jones, Chatney-Higa French, and Ma‘ila Gantous.

ATTENDEES

There were no corrections to the June 26, 2021, meeting minutes as circulated.

MINUTES

In 2020, the RPAC Trustees recommended a name change, which was to be completed after the general election in November. In order to update our financial and other pertinent records, it is recommended to do so via resolution as an unincorporated entity.

NAME CHANGE RESOLUTION + BY-LAWS

The REALTORS® Political Action Committee of Hawai‘i recommends to the HAR Board of Directors to pass a resolution changing its name to the Hawai‘i REALTORS® Political Action Committee and amending the RPAC By-Laws to reflect the new name change and logo.

RPAC GOALS

REALTOR® Mike Drutar provided a proposal to RPAC regarding the new Code of Ethics Article 10-5 which approves a new standard of practice that “REALTORS® must not use harassing speech, hate speech, epithets, or slurs” against members of those protected classes and whether it should be incorporated into RPAC’s candidate screening process guidelines for those running for office. Discussion was held.

The RPAC Trustees reviewed the Triple Crown goals released by the National Association of REALTORS. The Trustees viewed the February RPAC dashboard on where the State and Local Boards were relative to those goals as of February. The Chair commended the Local Boards for their excellent participation numbers.

The RPAC Trustees provided an update on how they plan to reach their goals, pending COVID-19 guidelines:

- Kaua‘i Board of REALTORS® historically does a phone bank. It is still in the planning phase.
- Honolulu Board of REALTORS® did an e-mail and phone call follow-up campaign to RPAC investors and is working on other ways to promote RPAC.
- REALTORS® Association of Maui noted that it builds RPAC into its strong focus on advocacy through its member events.
- Hawai‘i Island REALTORS® creates a culture of RPAC by making pitches at each of its General Membership Meetings, including PowerPoints. Another example was C. Kaponono Pa noted that even at the HAR installation, he gave a pitch about RPAC. Every opportunity to reach a member at virtual REALTOR® events is an opportunity to promote RPAC.
- West Hawai‘i Association of REALTORS® made calls to its Board of Directors. Several have already given as Major Investors. They have also done various RPAC pitches to companies to great success.

RPAC discussed creating an elevator pitch for Trustees to make the ask.

The next RPAC meeting will be determined via poll for the first week of June.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Aron Espinueva
Staff Liaison

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT