

# Minutes

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REALTORS® Political Action Committee of Hawai‘i  
Hawai‘i Association of REALTORS® (“HAR”)  
HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union Community Room



The REALTORS® Political Action Committee of Hawai‘i (“RPAC”) meeting was held on Friday, June 29, 2018, at the HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union Community Room. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

## CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kevin Miyama, Mary Begier, Stephanie Doughty, Jack Legal, Joe Paikai, Christine O’Brien, Hannah Sirois, Laurie Lawson, Tim Stice, Kelly Shaw, and Kamalani Duerksen. Ex-Officio: Government Affairs Committee Chair Peter Davis. Staff Liaisons: Ken Hiraki and Aron Espinueva. Guests: First Vice President John Harris, Andrew Nguyen, and Jody Libed.

## ATTENDEES

There was a correction to the January 18, 2018, meeting minutes as circulated.

## MINUTES

The RPAC Trustees discussed the congressional candidate interviews and format.

## CONGRESSIONAL INTERVIEWS

The Chair recognized Gregg Pawlik, National Association of REALTORS® (“NAR”) Regional Representative (Region 13) to the RPAC Trustees Federal Disbursement Committee and Chris Gosselin, NAR Senior Political Representative. Mr. Pawlik and Mr. Gosselin provided an overview of the process and shared their insights into best practices for congressional candidate interviews.

The RPAC Trustees held congressional candidate interviews for the following candidates in the Open Seat Congressional District 1 House race:

- Former Congressman Ed Case
- Senator Donna Mercado Kim
- Councilmember Ernie Martin
- Lt. Governor Doug Chin
- Representative Beth Fukumoto

The RPAC Trustees discussed the interviews and candidate questions and answers.

**By direction of the REALTORS® Political Action Committee of Hawai‘i, it recommends that the National Association of REALTORS® to support Ed Case in the amount of \$5,000, or the maximum provided by law, for the open seat Congressional District 1 race for the primary election and up to \$5,000 for the general election contingent upon the candidate winning the primary election.**

**CONGRESSIONAL  
RACES**

The RPAC Trustees discussed special recognition monies for Senator Mazie Hirono and Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard.

**By direction of the REALTORS® Political Action Committee of Hawai‘i, it recommends to the National Association of REALTORS® the amount of \$1,000 or the maximum provided by law in special recognition funds for Senator Hirono’s (HIS2) primary election and up to \$5,000 for the general election contingent upon the candidate winning the primary election.**

**By direction of the REALTORS® Political Action Committee of Hawai‘i, it recommends to the National Association of REALTORS® the amount of \$5,000 or the maximum provided by law in special recognition funds for Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard’s (HI02) primary election and up to \$5,000 for the general election contingent upon the candidate winning the primary election.**

The RPAC Trustees reviewed the RPAC Financial Dashboard and HAR’s progress to reach the Triple Crown award. The Chair recognized everyone’s efforts in helping to promote and fundraise for RPAC. The Hawai‘i Island REALTORS, REALTORS® Association of Maui and West Hawai‘i Association of REALTORS® have already reached its Triple Crown.

**RPAC  
FUNDRAISING**

The Kaua‘i Board of REALTORS® is holding a phone bank on July 24, 2018.

The Honolulu Board of REALTORS was also recognized for its efforts in holding a major investor and RPAC fundraising event.

The RPAC discussed holding a statewide phone bank at the next RPAC meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The RPAC Trustees discussed the state legislative races. The Government Affairs Director provided his recommendations to the RPAC Trustees.

**By direction of the REALTORS® Political Action Committee of Hawai'i, it approves the 2018 RPAC primary election recommendations.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**By direction of the REALTORS® Political Action Committee of Hawai'i, it approves an amendment to the 2018 primary election recommendation by providing funds of \$250 to Senator Kai Kahele's campaign.**

The RPAC Trustees discussed having discretionary funds for candidates or elected officials available to the Government Affairs Director for open seat races.

**By direction of the REALTORS® Political Action Committee of Hawai'i, it approves an additional \$5,500 in RPAC discretionary funds.**

The REALTORS® Association of Maui requested additional funds over and above its current allocation amount of \$22,000. The request was for up to \$4,000 for a speed candidating event and \$4,500 for a mayoral campaign debate.

**By direction of the REALTORS® Political Action Committee of Hawai'i, it approves up to \$4,000 in additional funds for a speed candidating event.**

**By direction of the REALTORS® Political Action Committee of Hawai'i, it approves up to \$4,500 for a mayor campaign debate in addition to the allocation amount.**

The RPAC will need to discuss the RPAC allocation amounts for Local Boards at the next meeting since the plan sets to expire at the end of this year.

The next meeting will be on August 22, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Aron Espinueva  
Staff Liaison