

KIUC BOARD POLICY NO. 32  
**MEMBER PETITIONS**

**PURPOSE OF POLICY:**

To clarify certain requirements and procedures to be used by KIUC members to prepare and submit a member petition pursuant to the Bylaws.

**POLICY CONTENT:**

**I. General**

Section 6 of Article II of the Bylaws allows KIUC members to petition the Board to challenge any action taken by the Board within 20 business days of public posting of the minutes on the KIUC website. This policy sets out the requirements and procedures to be followed to have a successful petition delivered to the Board on a particular challenged action, which requirements and procedures may vary depending upon the number of members supporting a particular challenged action by affixing their signature and identifying information to a petition asking for the vote in the form described in this policy.

The Bylaws define a KIUC member as one whose membership has not been inactivated.

**II. Legal Requirements**

Section 6 of Article II of the Bylaws, which was mandated by HRS § 421C-12 (7), provides that 5% of all members or 250 members, whichever is less, may cause a challenged action to be submitted to the members for approval in a manner determined by the Board; provided, however, that the rights of third parties which have vested between the time such action was approved by the Board and the disapproval by the members shall not be impaired.

**III. Procedure for Policy Implementation**

This policy shall be implemented as follows:

- A. Copies of this policy and the forms necessary to comply with it shall be available for printing on KIUC's website and from the KIUC Member Services Department.
- B. For each petition there shall be a petitioners' committee (the "Petitioners Committee") representing all of the petitioners, which Petitioners Committee shall be composed of three (3) members (the "Committee Members") who shall be members of KIUC and signers of the petition and whose names shall be listed in the petition. The Petitioners Committee shall be responsible for circulation of the petition and for assembling and filing the petition in proper form.

- C. Each signature of members signing the petition must be verified to be the genuine signature of the person it purports to be by the checking of the member's identification or otherwise by the Committee Member or Circulator (as hereinafter defined) circulating the copy of the petition in question.
- D. For a petition to be accepted for certification it shall:
1. Be submitted within twenty (20) business days of the challenged action's posting in the preliminary draft of the Board's minutes posted on the KIUC website disclosing the challenged action.
  2. Have had all pages of the completed petition delivered by the Petitioners Committee to the Board Chair, on copies of the form attached to this policy as Exhibit A (for the first page of the petition) or Exhibit B (continuation pages of the petition) with the information called for on the form substantially completed for each name and signature on the form. In determining such substantiality, the information in at least one of the information categories provided for each name and signature on Exhibits A and B, i.e. the member's service address, telephone number, or account number must match the information for that member contained in KIUC's database.
  3. Be submitted under cover of the Member Petition Transmittal Letter and Declaration in the form attached to this Policy as Exhibit C with all of the spaces properly filled in.
  4. Have as the first three (3) petitioners' names and signatures on the Exhibit A (the first page of the petition) the names and signatures of the initiators and Committee Members as listed on the Member Petition Transmittal Letter and Declaration accompanying the petition.
  5. If more than the three (3) Committee Members are engaged by the Petitioners Committee to obtain member signatures (the "Circulator[s]") on copies of Exhibit B (the continuation pages of the petition), each set of petition pages collected by such Circulator or Circulators shall have attached to such set of petition pages when they are submitted to the Board Chair by the Petitioners Committee a declaration of each Circulator in the form attached to this policy as Exhibit D (the "Declaration") attesting that each Circulator personally circulated the set of petition pages attached to his or her Declaration; that that set of petition pages bears a stated number of signatures; that each signature on such petition pages was affixed in the Circulator's presence; and each signature is the genuine signature of the person it purports to be.

#### **IV. Procedure After Petition Submittal**

Within seven (7) business days after the submittal of a petition, KIUC shall determine the sufficiency of the petition as to form and the number of valid member signatures affixed to the petition, and certify the petition to be either: (1) insufficient so that no further action is required; or (2) sufficient to qualify the petition as a qualified petition, which is defined as a petition that is sufficient as to form and has at least 250 valid member signatures affixed on the date of the petition's submittal to the Board Chair.

- 1) As soon as convenient after KIUC has made its determination as to the category of the petition, it shall certify to the Board Chair, CEO, and the Petitioners Committee the category the petition has received. If the petition is insufficient, KIUC will provide to the Petitioners Committee the following information with regard to the certification:
  - a) The total number of signatures on the petition timely received; and
  - b) The total number of signatures received that were determined insufficient; and
  - c) The specific categories for disqualification of all signatures disqualified; and
  - d) The number of disqualified signatures in each category.

#### **V. Procedure After Certification**

If the petition was deemed insufficient, no further action on KIUC's part is required except the notification of the Petitioners Committee required above.

If the petition was deemed a qualified petition, the Board will proceed as mandated by the Bylaws and submit the challenged action to the members for approval or disapproval in a manner determined by the Board to be appropriate with the participation of the Petitioners Committee as set out in the following paragraph.

The Board (or a committee thereof) shall, within fifteen business days of the certification of the petition as qualified, hold a meeting or meetings with the Petitioners Committee to discuss, as appropriate, (1) the method to be used to submit the challenged action to the members for approval (e.g., by member vote at a member meeting attended by a quorum of KIUC's members or by written ballot sent to all members); (2) the wording of the ballot to be used for the vote on the petition; and (3) the selection of an observer of the count of the ballots received from the members. If any of these three items cannot be agreed upon by the parties at the meeting or meetings, the Board shall make the final decision on that or those items in its sole discretion.

The ballot for the approval of any challenged action shall contain an objective summary of the substance of the challenged action and shall have below such summary designated spaces in which to indicate whether the member approves or disapproves of the challenged action.

Once the wording of the ballot to be used for the vote on the petition has been determined, after consultation with the committee as set out above, the Board shall approve said ballot

wording at a public special meeting of the Board, at which input from the public shall be considered.

Adopted on this 28th day of June, 2022.

Calvin Murashige  
Calvin Murashige (Jun 29, 2022 15:53 HST)  
Calvin Murashige  
Secretary

Revised: 06/28/2022  
Revised: 07/31/2018  
Revised: 10/25/2016  
Revised: 08/26/2014  
Original Adoption: 10/04/2011

**EXHIBIT A (first page only)**  
**KAUA'I ISLAND UTILITY COOPERATIVE ("KIUC")**  
**MEMBER PETITION TO CHALLENGE BOARD ACTION**

**NOTE:** By signing this petition, I, one of the undersigned, certify I am an active member of KIUC or the authorized representative of an active entity member of KIUC; this is the only copy of this petition I have signed or will sign; and the information given as to name, service address, telephone number, and account number will match the information on my active account. I understand \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ are the initiators of this petition and as such consent to these members being designated as the "Committee Members" for this petition pursuant to KIUC Board Policy No. 32 to act for me as a petitioner in the manner they deem appropriate. I also agree and consent to the disclosure of all information concerning me on this petition to the general public, thereby waiving any applicable claim to privacy with regard to that information.

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NAME (Please Print)	SIGNATURE	SERVICE ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER	ACCOUNT NO.
1. (Committee Member #1)				
2. (Committee Member #2)				
3. (Committee Member #3)				
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**EXHIBIT B (continuation page of petition)**  
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EXHIBIT D  
**MEMBER PETITION CIRCULATOR DECLARATION**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_, KIUC Board Chair

From: \_\_\_\_\_ (Committee Member #1)      Email.: \_\_\_\_\_  
         \_\_\_\_\_ (Address)                                      Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
         \_\_\_\_\_  
         \_\_\_\_\_

Re:    KIUC Member Petition Transmittal and Declaration

Dear Board Chair:

Attached hereto pursuant to KIUC Board Policy No. 32 are \_\_\_\_\_ continuation pages of a member petition challenging the KIUC board action indicated thereon.

I, the undersigned, was duly appointed Circulator of this petition under Policy 32 by the Petitioners Committee established for the petition under Policy 32. I declare under penalty of perjury I personally circulated the set of petition pages attached hereto; the set of petition pages attached hereto bear \_\_\_\_\_ signatures; each signature on such petition pages was affixed in my presence; and each signature is the genuine signature of the person it purports to be verified in accordance with Policy 32.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature