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Hawai'i Tourism Authority Welcomes Sherry Menor-McNamara and Kelly Sanders to Serve on its Board of Directors

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) is pleased to welcome Sherry Menor-McNamara, president and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i, and Kelly Sanders, area managing director of Marriott Hotels and Resorts Waikiki, to its board of directors.

Governor David Ige recently nominated the two business leaders to serve on HTA's board and their appointment was confirmed by the Hawai'i State Legislature. Their terms run through June 2020.

Rick Fried, HTA board chair, said, "We are thrilled to have Sherry Menor-McNamara and Kelly Sanders join our board. Their knowledge and perspective will be vital as the board looks to the future and helps guide HTA in charting a path to support the State's tourism industry, and all the families and businesses that stand to benefit from its success."

George D. Szigeti, HTA president and CEO, commented, "Sherry and Kelly have extensive insight about business, travel and hospitality in the Hawaiian Islands that will be of tremendous help in our fulfillment of HTA's mission to continually strengthen tourism for the State of Hawai'i."

Sherry Menor-McNamara has led the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i since 2013 and been a strong advocate for Hawai'i's business community since joining the organization in 2006. She previously held senior-level positions directing the Chamber's government relations, membership, events and marketing departments.

A graduate of the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law, Menor-McNamara has built a diverse professional background in sports, entertainment, business, law and government affairs in Hawai'i and on the U.S. mainland.

Kelly Sanders, a hotel industry veteran for three decades, has held senior leadership positions for the Starwood and Marriott brands in Hawai'i since 2006. Popular and respected within Hawai'i's tourism industry, Sanders is recognized for his expertise at strategic planning, organizational development, team building and associate relations.

He donates his time to support several local community organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, Diamond Head Theater, American Heart Association and Filipino Community Center.

About the Hawai'i Tourism Authority

The [Hawai'i Tourism Authority](http://hawaiiitourismauthority.org) is responsible for strategically managing the State of Hawai'i's marketing initiatives to support tourism. HTA's goal is to optimize tourism's benefits for Hawai'i, while being attentive to the interests of travelers, the community and visitor industry. Established in 1998 to support Hawai'i's leading industry and largest employer, HTA continually strives to help ensure the sustainability of tourism's success.

For more information about HTA, please visit www.hawaiiitourismauthority.org. Follow updates about HTA on Facebook, Twitter (@HawaiiHTA) and its YouTube Channel.

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