



MEDIA STATEMENT

NEW BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR FRA

28 April 2023

Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) is pleased to announce its new Board of Directors for a three-year term.

The incoming board of directors are:

1. **Mr Atunaisa Nayago - Chairman**
2. **Mr Lui Naisara**
3. **Mr Bhupendra Solanki**
4. **Mr Alipate Naiorosui**
5. **Mr Niko Buke**

The appointment process was through an extensive exercise and the appointees represent diverse backgrounds, bringing with them a wealth of knowledge, skills, and extensive experience in engineering, law, governance, business, and industry expertise.

The FRA, under the board of directors, is responsible for maintaining, planning, and delivering Fiji's road network of roads, bridges, jetties, streetlights, and traffic signals.

The new board showed their appreciation and thanked the outgoing chairman and board directors profusely for their hard work and contribution over the past years.



Sitting: L-R Mr. Bhupendra Solanki, Mr. Alipate Naiorosui, Mr. Atunaisa Nayago- Chairman, Mr Niko Buke and Mr. Lui Naisara

Standing: FRA Senior Management Team

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BOARD PROFILES

Chairman - Mr Atunaisa Nayago

A civil engineer by profession, Mr. Nayago has 37 years of experience in the field of project management, road engineering planning, design, and construction. Including other civil engineering infrastructure design, construction supervision and contract management.

Mr. Nayago holds a Bachelors Degree in Engineering (Hons) from Nottingham Trent University, UK and Higher National Diploma (HND) in Civil Engineering from Leeds Metropolitan University,

Mr Nayago held various senior technical and engineering positions in the Public Works Department before his appointment as the Director of National Roads. He also worked as a Senior Construction Engineer and Project Manager with MWH Global/Stantec Company.

He is the Managing Director of Civil Works Solutions PTE Limited (CWS) - a local civil engineering consultancy firm established in 2017. Currently working as a Short-Term Consultant with the World Bank Group.

Mr Lui Naisara

Mr Naisara is currently the Director and Principal Consultant of Naisara Investment & Consultancy Enterprise.

He has 30 years of experience in Civil Service and was involved in many stakeholder consultancies in Research and Policy Implementation; Strategic Planning; Financial Management including budget preparation, implementation, and monitoring, Risk Management, Human Resource Management, and Project Management including identification and monitoring.

Mr Naisara is a graduate with a Diploma in Transport Management and Planning from Galilee College, Israel; a Bachelor in Commerce (Major in Management & Public Administration and Economics) and a Postgraduate Diploma graduate in Economics from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji. He also holds a Master's in Transport Management from the University of Sydney, Institute of Transport and Logistics, Sydney in Australia.

He is currently engaged in consultancy work, providing technical advice to the University of New South Wales (UNSW) in the World Bank-funded Pacific Blue Shipping Partnership (PBSP) project and UNSW-funded *interim secretariat services* to the PBSP Co-Chairs for the Governments of Fiji and the Republic of the Marshall Islands including its five other Pacific Island Countries.

Mr Naisara is also one of the pioneering advocates towards the establishment and is currently a member of the Institute of Maritime Officers Guild (Fiji); an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (NZ).

Most recently in 2023, Mr Naisara has been appointed as a Member of the Maritime Appeals Tribunal, the Cakaudrove Provincial Holding Company, and for a 3-year term to the Board of Directors for the FRA and the Land Transport Authority of Fiji.

Mr Bhupendra Solanki

Mr Solanki is a lawyer by profession and was admitted to the Bar in 1999. He initially commenced employment at a private legal practice and in 2000 was appointed as a State Prosecutor with the Director of the Public Prosecutions Office.

In 2005, Mr Solanki joined the Fiji Revenue and Customs Services (FRCS) as a Principal Legal Officer and later completed his Masters of Taxation from the University of Sydney in 2007.

Mr Solanki, in 2008 was appointed to head the Legal Division of FRCS until 2012, when he returned to private practice and is currently operating his own law firm, Solanki Lawyers. Mr. Solanki was previously a council member of the Fiji Law Society and a board member of the SPSE.

Mr Alipate Naiorosui

Mr Naiorosui has more than 25 years of experience in leading and working across the private and public sectors, having worked as the Chief Executive Officer, Housing Authority and Yatu Lau Company Ltd.

He is a Chartered Accountant and has a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting & Economics and a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of the South Pacific.

Mr Naiorosui currently has board membership at the HFC Bank and Lako Yani Management Pte Ltd. He is also the current trustee of the Fiji Rugby Union and is President of the RKS Old Scholars Association.

Mr Niko Buke

Mr Buke has 40 years of experience in mechanical engineering, project, and business management.

He has a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering from Papua New Guinea University of Technology.

He began his career as a technical assistant with the Public Works Department and rose to various senior positions including Divisional Engineer. He has also worked with the Water Authority of Fiji as Project Manager and with other private sector businesses like Total Fiji Limited as Manager Technical Services, and Gold Rock Investment Limited amongst others.

Mr Buke currently applies his extensive experience in business and technical knowledge in these private companies.