



# HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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## NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2014  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Place: Hawaii State Ethics Commission Conference Room  
American Savings Bank Tower  
1001 Bishop Street, Suite 960  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

LEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S  
OFFICE  
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STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
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## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

- I. Minutes: Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the November 19, 2014, Meeting
- II. Executive Session Minutes: Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the November 19, 2014, Executive Session

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission may convene an executive session pursuant to Haw. Rev. Stat. section 92-5(a)(4) to consult with the Commission's attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the Commission's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

- III. Executive Director's Report
  1. Education Schedule (Transition Planning: Mandatory, New Legislative Staff, New Administration Staff)
  2. Report Regarding Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL) Conference
  3. Lobbyists Workshop: January 14, 2015
- IV. 2015 Commission Meeting Schedule

The Commission meetings, generally, have been on the third Wednesday of each month, starting at 10:00 a.m. The Commission expects to set its meeting schedule for 2015.

V. State Ethics Commission Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16

Consideration of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-16.

VI. Fundraising for Private Non-Profit Organizations Using State Resources

Consideration of staff recommendation that the Commission issue ethics guidance to the State administration regarding the use of state resources to fundraise for private charities in state offices. The staff recommendation may be viewed at [http://ethics.hawaii.gov/main/char\\_guide/](http://ethics.hawaii.gov/main/char_guide/).

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VII. Public School Student Fundraising Activities for Private Non-Profit Organizations

Consideration of whether the State Ethics Code's fair treatment law prohibits the Department of Education's use of state resources for student fundraising activities to support private non-profit organizations.

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VIII. Registration and Reporting Requirements for Lobbyists and Organizations that Engage in Lobbying Activities

Consideration of staff recommendation that the Commission review its current interpretation and application of certain provisions of the State Lobbyists Law, Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 97. The staff recommendation may be viewed at [http://ethics.hawaii.gov/main/rel\\_reg\\_lob/](http://ethics.hawaii.gov/main/rel_reg_lob/).

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IX. Reconsideration of Current Interpretation of Hawaii Revised Statutes Sections 84-14(d), 84-18(b), and 84-18(c)

Consideration of staff recommendation that the Commission revise its current interpretation of the phrase "any person or business" in Hawaii Revised Statutes sections 84-14(d), 84-18(b), and 84-18(c) to also include a legislator or an employee (Hawaii Revised Statutes section 84-14(d)), a former legislator (Hawaii Revised Statutes section 84-18(b)), and a former employee (Hawaii Revised Statutes section 84-18(c)). The staff recommendation may be viewed at [http://ethics.hawaii.gov/main/rec\\_curr\\_inter/](http://ethics.hawaii.gov/main/rec_curr_inter/).

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X. Act 224, 2014 Session Laws of Hawaii: Enforcement of Lobbyist Reporting Requirement 30 Days After 2014 Special Session of the State Senate

Consideration of staff recommendation that the Commission take no administrative action against lobbyists and organizations for failure to file expenditure reports within 30 days of 2014 Special Session convened by the State Senate to consider and consent to the appointment of judicial nominees.

XI. Complaint By Tom and Christine Russi Regarding Executive Director

Consideration of complaint regarding Executive Director's direction to Tom and Christine Russi that all communication with the Hawaii State Ethics Commission be directed to him.

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XII. Adjournment

The Commission may place a time limit of five minutes on oral testimony.