NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Date:

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Time:

10:00 a.m.

Place:

Hawaii State Ethics Commission Conference Room

American Savings Bank Tower 1001 Bishop Street, Suite 960

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

<u>AGENDA</u>

CALL TO ORDER

I. Service Recognition: Associate Director Susan Yoza

II. Minutes: Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the September 16, 2015, Meeting

III. Executive Director's Report

- 1. Education/Training Report
- 2. September 2015: Guidance and Assignment Statistics
- 3. Teacher-Chaperone Travel
- 4. Nai Aupuni, Election of Delegates to the Native Hawaiian Constitutional Convention
- 5. Honolulu Ethics Commission Decision Dismissing Charge Against Current and Former City Council Members
- 6. Cool Schools 4 Ewa Program
- 7. Hawaii State Ethics Commission Financial Report for FY 2015-2016 (Quarter Ending September 30, 2015)

IV. 2016 Legislative Proposals

Preliminary discussion of possible policy initiatives and other amendments relating to the State Ethics Code, Hawaii Revised Statutes chapter 84, and/or the State Lobbyists Law, Hawaii Revised Statutes chapter 97, for the 2016 Legislative Session

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V. Stipends Paid to Department of Education Teachers from Non-Department of Education Entities

Consideration of whether stipends paid to teachers from non-Department of Education entities are consistent with the State Ethics Code; consideration of staff recommendation to issue guidance to the Department of Education regarding the application of the State Ethics Code to such stipends.

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission may convene an executive session pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes 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.

VI. Legislators' Annual Allowance

Review of legislators' use of their 2015 annual allowance accounts; Consideration of Commission action with respect to expenditures and disbursements that appear to be contrary to the Guidelines on the Use of Legislators' Annual Allowance.

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VII. "Official Duties" of a Legislator for Purposes of HRS Section 84-13

Consideration of recommendation to request an opinion from the Department of the Attorney General as to what constitutes a legislator's "official duties" for purposes of applying HRS section 84-13.

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VIII. Peer News LLC, dba Civil Beat, vs. State Ethics Commission; Civil No. 14-1-2022-09 RAN

Discussion of status of lawsuit with Commission's deputy attorney general.

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IX. Minutes: Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the September 16, 2015, Executive Session regarding Agenda Item III: Follow-up Discussion Regarding Executive Director's Performance Evaluation and Review of Executive Director's Performance Objectives

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission may convene an executive session pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes section 92-5(a)(2) to consider personnel matters affecting the Executive Director's privacy interest and/or pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes 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.

X. Follow-Up Evaluation of Executive Director's Job Performance

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XI. Adjournment

If you require an accommodation because of a disability, please contact the Hawaii State Ethics Commission by telephone at (808) 587-0460, by facsimile at (808) 587-0470 (fax), or via email at ethics@hawaiiethics.org.