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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 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

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S
OFFICE

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Minutes: Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the January 22, 2015, Meeting
- II. Executive Session Minutes: Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the January 22, 2015, Executive Session regarding Agenda Item V: Staff Guidance to State Board Member Regarding Application of Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 84-14(a) (Conflicts of Interests).

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 Session Minutes: Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the January 22, 2015, Executive Session regarding Agenda Item VII: Executive Director's Job Performance.

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

- IV. Election of Officers for calendar year 2015

V. Executive Director's Report

1. Education/Training Report (Mandatory Ethics Training Session 2, Department of Education Employees in Hilo, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Corporate Board of Directors, General Ethics Training for Governor's Staff, Department of Transportation Highways Division Contract Managers)
2. Projects Under Consideration.
 - a. Reconsidering whether "lobbying," as defined in HRS section 97-1(7) includes "goodwill" or relationship-building lobbying;
 - b. Reconsidering whether HRS sections 84-14(a) and/or 84-14(d) does not apply to state employees serving on private organizations' boards in their "state capacities";
 - c. Examining whether state employees may accept discounts and other special deals offered to them because of their status as state employees from private organizations; whether employees may accept discounts and other special deals offered only to employees of a specific state agency from private organizations;
 - d. Examining legislators' use of their 2015 discretionary allowances.
3. Update on Electronic Filing Issues and Proposals to Develop Alternative E-File System
4. League of Women Voters of Hawaii's Lobbyist Information Flyer
5. Recent Media Reports (Resolution of Golf Investigation; Resolution of Investigations of Land Use Research Foundation and David Z. Arakawa)
6. Delinquent Filers: 2014 Disclosure of Financial Interests
7. Delinquent Filers: Lobbyists and Lobbying Organizations
8. Free Trips to Teachers Who Chaperone Student Educational Tours
9. Hawaii State Ethics Commission Financial Report for FY 2014-2015 (Quarter Ending December 31, 2014)

VI. 2015 Legislative Session

Discussion of legislative proposals, including:

1. H.B. No. 1465, Making Appropriations to Provide for the Expenses of the Legislature, the Auditor, the Legislative Reference Bureau, the Ombudsman, and the Ethics Commission.
2. H.B. No. 12, Relating to the Department of Education.
3. H.B. No. 126, Making Appropriations for Public Employment Cost Items
4. H.B. No. 180, Relating to Lobbying Contributions and Expenditure Statements
5. H.B. No. 181, Relating to Lobbying Expenditures
6. H.B. No. 184, Relating to Advisory Opinions by the State Ethics Commission
7. H.B. No. 188, Relating to Conflicts of Interests
8. H.B. No. 813, Relating to the Code of Ethics
9. H.B. No. 826/S.B. No. 996, Relating to Ethics.
10. H.B. No. 1501, Relating to Public Utilities.
11. S.B. No. 290, Relating to Ethics.
12. S.B. No. 1144/H.B. No. 975, Relating to Technology Transfer at the University of Hawaii.

VII. Peer News LLC, dba Civil Beat, vs. State Ethics Commission; Civil No. 14-1-2022-09 RAN; Motion for Preliminary Injunction

Discussion regarding status of lawsuit and procedural options.

Commission staff has requested that the Department of the Attorney General attend the meeting to advise the Commission on the agenda items.

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VIII. Development of Executive Director's Performance Evaluation Criteria

Discussion of the Permitted Interaction Group's recommendation regarding the criteria for the Executive Director's performance evaluation. ***NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON THE RECOMMENDATION UNTIL A SUBSEQUENT MEETING** (Haw. Rev. Stat. section 92-2.5(b)(1)(C))

IX. Adjournment

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