# SUNSHINE LAW MEETING



# HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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# NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

<u>Date</u>: August 16, 2018

<u>Time</u>: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Hawaii State Ethics Commission Conference Room

American Savings Bank Tower 1001 Bishop Street, Suite 960 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

### AGENDA

#### CALL TO ORDER

- I. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the July 19, 2018 Meeting
- II. Consideration and Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the July 19, 2018 Meeting (Regarding Discussion of Akana v. Hawaii State Ethics Commission, Civil No. 18-1-1019-06 (JHA))

The 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.

III. Akana v. Hawaii State Ethics Commission, Civil No. 18-1-1019-06 (JHA)

Discussion of case status.

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## IV. <u>Executive Director's Report</u>

- 1. Education / Training Report
- 2. Guidance and Assignment Statistics July 2018

Attachment 2: 2018 Guidance and Assignment Statistics

- 3. 2018 Candidate Financial Disclosure Statements
- 4. Miscellaneous Office Projects / Updates
  - a. Hiring of Investigator

### V. 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 <a href="mailto:ethics@hawaiiethics.org">ethics@hawaiiethics.org</a>.

Any interested person may submit data, views, or arguments in writing to the Commission on any agenda item. An individual or representative wishing to testify may notify any staff member of the Commission prior to the meeting or, during the meeting itself, may inform a Commissioner or Commission staff of a desire to testify. Testimony must be related to an item that is on the agenda, and the testifier shall identify the agenda item to be addressed by the testimony.

## SUNSHINE LAW MEETING AGENDA ITEM I

MINUTES: CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 19, 2018 MEETING

Attachment 1: Sunshine Law Meeting Minutes of the July 19, 2018 Hawaii State

**Ethics Commission Meeting** 

1 2		SUNSHINE LAW MEETING MINUTES OF THE HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
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4 5		STATE OF HAWAII
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7 8	Date:	Thursday, July 19, 2018
9	Time:	10:00 a.m.
10	Place:	Hayyaii Stata Ethica Commission Conference Boom
11 12	Place.	Hawaii State Ethics Commission Conference Room American Savings Bank Tower
13		1001 Bishop Street, Suite 960
14		Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
15 16	Present:	State Ethics Commission Members
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18		Reynard D. Graulty, Chair
19		Ruth D. Tschumy, Vice Chair
20		Susan N. DeGuzman, Commissioner
21 22		Wesley F. Fong, Commissioner
23		State Ethics Commission Staff
24		Curan D. Warra Associate Director
25 26		Susan D. Yoza, Associate Director Nancy C. Neuffer, Staff Attorney
20 27		Virginia M. Chock, Staff Attorney
28		Bonita Y.M. Chang, Staff Attorney
29		Kee M. Campbell, Staff Attorney
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31	Excused:	Melinda S. Wood, Commissioner
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34	CALL TO O	RDER
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36	The m	neeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
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39	Agenda Iten	m No. I: Appointment of Wesley F. Fong and re-appointment of
40		od to the Hawaii State Ethics Commission
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42		Graulty congratulated Commissioner Fong on his appointment to the
43	Commission	and also announced that Commissioner Wood has been reappointed.
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# Agenda Item No. II: Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the June 21, 2018 Meeting

Vice Chair Tschumy made and Commissioner DeGuzman seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2018 meeting. The motion carried. (Graulty, Tschumy, DeGuzman voting; Fong abstaining).

# Agenda Item No. III: Akana v. Hawaii State Ethics Commission, Civil No. 18-1-1019-06 (JHA)

# RECESS OF SUNSHINE LAW MEETING AND CONVENING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:03 a.m., Vice Chair Tschumy made and Commissioner Fong seconded a motion to 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. The motion carried unanimously (Graulty, Tschumy, DeGuzman, and Fong voting).

The Commission met in Executive Session with Deputy Attorney General Robyn Chun to discuss the status of the Akana case.

# ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RETURN TO SUNSHINE LAW MEETING

 At 10:25 a.m., Commissioner DeGuzman made and Vice Chair Tschumy seconded a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the Sunshine Law meeting. The motion carried unanimously (Graulty, Tschumy, DeGuzman, and Fong voting).

# Agenda Item No. IV: Executive Director's Report

# 1. Education / Training Report

 Associate Director Yoza reported that several training sessions were scheduled in the coming months, and that the Commission had received additional requests for training sessions.

2. Guidance and Assignment Statistics – June 2018

Attachment 2: 2018 Guidance and Assignment Statistics

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Associate Director Yoza noted that the staff has been busy with numerous investigations. Chair Graulty asked about the decrease in Attorney of the Day calls, and Associate Director Yoza said this may be due to the normal ebb and flow of those inquiries.

### 3. 2018 Financial and Gifts Disclosure Statements

Associate Director Yoza reported that approximately 1,800 financial disclosure statements were filed by the May 31, 2018, deadline. Approximately 195 state officials have not yet filed their financial disclosure statements, and staff is following up with those officials.

Associate Director Yoza reported that the deadline for candidates for state office to file their financial disclosure statements is July 23, 2018, and only 55 of the 200 candidates have filed their disclosure statements to date. Staff sent courtesy reminders to candidates who have not yet filed.

The Gifts Disclosure Deadline was June 30, 2018, and approximately 220 gift disclosure statements have been filed. Staff will review those statements to determine whether further action is warranted.

## 4. Financial Report for FY 2017-2018

## Attachment 3: Fourth Quarter and Year-End Report for FY 2017-2018

Associate Director Yoza reported that \$13,600 (approximately 1%) of the Ethics Commission's budget for FY 2017-2018 lapsed back to the State. In the fourth quarter, the Commission paid for travel and registration fees for the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws conference and for the Commission's computer specialist to attend a training class in Arizona; office rent; and a consulting contract for the Commission's e-filing project.

### 5. Miscellaneous Office Projects / Updates

### a. Hiring of Investigator

Associate Director Yoza informed the Commission that its investigator plans to leave his employment in August 2018. Staff is currently looking for a new investigator and is advertising the position.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW MEETING

At 10:39 a.m., Commissioner DeGuzman made and Commissioner Fong seconded a motion to adjourn the Sunshine Law meeting. The motion carried unanimously (Graulty, Tschumy, DeGuzman, and Fong voting).

The	meeting	was	adjourned	d at	10:39	a.m

Minutes approved on:



# SUNSHINE LAW MEETING AGENDA ITEM IV

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Attachment 1: Executive Director's Report

Attachment 2: 2018 Guidance and Assignments Statistics

# SUNSHINE MEETING AGENDA ITEM IV EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT August 16, 2018

### 1. Education / Training Report

a. Upcoming trainings/presentations:

Lobbyists Law Training – Weinberg Fellows Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel Thursday, August 23, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Ethics Training – University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Tuesday, August 28, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Kuykendall Auditorium 1733 University Avenue Honolulu, Hawai'i

General Ethics Training – Kona Friday, September 7, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i Authority (NELHA) Hale lako Training Classroom, Room #119 74-4460 Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway, #101 Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i

General Ethics Training – Kapolei Thursday, September 27, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. University of Hawaii at West Oʻahu 91-1001 Farrington Highway Kapolei, Hawaiʻi

General Ethics Training – Hawai'i Tourism Authority Thursday, September 27, 2018 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Hawai'i Convention Center 1801 Kalākaua Avenue Honolulu, Hawai'i General Ethics Training – Oʻahu Tuesday, October 23, 2018 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Mission Memorial Auditorium 550 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaiʻi

General Ethics Training
Department of Health, Sanitation Branch
Wednesday, October 24, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

General Ethics Training – Maui Friday, October 26, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. University of Hawai'i Maui College 310 W. Ka'ahumanu Avenue Kahului, Hawai'i

DOE Introduction and Training - Maui Friday, October 26, 2018 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Pu'unēnē School – Library Pu'unēnē, Hawai'i

Ethics Training for State Government Attorneys Monday, December 3, 2018 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. State Capitol Auditorium 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawai'i

Ethics Refresher Course Wednesday, December 5, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. State Capitol, Room 423 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawai'i

General Ethics Training – Hilo Monday, December 17, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. University of Hawai'i – Hilo Campus UCB 100 200 W. Kāwili Street Hilo, Hawai'i

# 2. Guidance and Assignment Statistics – July 2018

Attachment 2: 2018 guidance and assignment statistics

- 3. 2018 Candidate Financial Disclosure Statements
- 4. Miscellaneous Office Projects / Updates
  - a. Hiring of Investigator

2018	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	to date
Training statistics														
# of Trainings	3	3	4	. 1	3	3	0							15
# of People Trained	75	5 6	5 197	100	267	126	0							771
Attorney of the Day	128	3 6´	74	91	119	90	89							652
New assignments														0
Advisory Opinion	1	(	) (	0	) 1	2	2 0							4
Complaint	5	5 10	) 8	3 4	. 6	8	3							44
Gifts/Invitations/Travel	13	3 13	3 9	21	17	17	20							110
Guidance	11	7	7 2	2 3	4	4	- 6							37
Judicial Selection Comm'n	3	3 5	5 3	3 1	1	0	3							16
Training Request	C	) 4	1 1	2	. 1	0	0							8
Record Request	1	2	2 (	) 3	0	0	2							8
Project/Other	4	1 2	2 1	2	2	1	5							17
Total	38	3 43	3 24	36	32	32	39	(	0	0	0	0	0	244
Closed Assignments														0
Advisory Opinion	C	) 1		) 1	0	0	0							2
Complaint	4	. 2	2 9	) 3	24	2	2 5							49
Gifts/Invitations/Travel	16	5 7	7 3	3 10	26	2	36							100
Guidance	5	5 5	5 3	3 1	8	1	3							26
Judicial Selection Comm'n	C	) (	) (	0	7	0	1							8
Training Request	C	) (	) 1	1	1	1	0							4
Record Request	C	) 2	2 1	1	1	1	1							7
Project/Other	6	5 2	2 2	2 1	4	4	0							19
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