



HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

State of Hawai'i · Bishop Square, 1001 Bishop Street, ASB Tower 970 · Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Date: July 15, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Via Videoconference or Phone:

Videoconference: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Phone: +1 (346) 248-7799 or +1 (408) 638-0968

Meeting ID: 919 9637 9171

Passcode: 315848

Due to COVID-19, this meeting will be held via videoconference and phone conference. All members of the public are invited to join this meeting using the above information; anyone wishing to testify may do so during the meeting or may submit written testimony in advance of the meeting via e-mail, fax, or mail. To avoid excessive noise/feedback, please mute your phone/device except to testify.

In person:

Hawai'i State Ethics Commission Conference Room
American Savings Bank Tower
1001 Bishop Street, Suite 960
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

***Note: Commissioners and staff will appear remotely, via videoconference, and members of the public are encouraged to attend via videoconference or telephone. Staff will make every effort to accommodate members of the public who wish to testify in person at the Commission's Conference Room, but staff will limit the number of people allowed in the Conference Room at any given time. If you wish to attend in person, you must wear a mask and must remain more than six feet away from every other person in attendance.*

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the June 17, 2021 Meeting

- II. Election of Officers
Attachment 1: Chair and Vice Chair 2021

- III. Executive Director's Report
 1. Update regarding appointment of new Commissioner
 2. Staffing update
 3. Education / Training Report
Attachment 1: 2021 Training Attendance / Schedule
Attachment 2: Online Training Completions by Department
 4. Guidance and Assignment Statistics – June 2021
Attachment 3: 2021 Guidance and Assignment Statistics / Website Traffic
 5. Financial Report for FY 2020-2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)
Attachment 4: Q4 Financial Report FY 2020-2021
 6. Update regarding 2021 Financial Disclosure filings
 7. Miscellaneous Office Projects / Updates

IV. 2021 Legislative Session

1. Post-employment

- i. [H.B. 671](#) Prohibits certain state officials and employees from representing certain interests before the State for twelve months after termination from their respective positions. Specifies that the prohibition against disclosing certain information applies to those who were employed by the State for less than one hundred eighty-one days. Effective 1/1/2022. (SD2). *Will become law.*

2. Lobbyists Law

- i. [H.B. 741](#) Requires certain Hawaii state ethics commission records to be retained for a period of six years from the date of filing. (SD1). *Will become law.*

3. Other

- i. [H.B. 670](#) Authorizes a court to order the forfeiture of one-half of the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) benefits of an ERS member, former member, or retirant upon conviction of the individual for a felony related to the State or county employment of the individual. Authorizes designated beneficiaries to receive the ERS benefits to which the member, former member or retirant would be entitled under this section upon the death of the member, former member, or retirant. Prohibits designated beneficiaries convicted of a felony under the same set of circumstances as the member, former member, or retirant who was subject to forfeiture of ERS benefits from receiving benefits. *Will become law.*
- ii. [S.B. 589](#) Extends the sunset provision in Act 38, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017 (technology transfer). *Vetoed 7/6/2021 (Gov Msg No. 1297); amended 7/8/2021 (S.B.589 S.D.2 H.D.2 C.D.1 A.D.1).*
- iii. [S.B. 873](#) Authorizes contested case hearings to use interactive conference technology. *Will become law.*
- iv. [S.B. 1034](#) Authorizes boards to use interactive conference technology to remotely conduct meetings under the State's open meetings law. Amends the requirements for public notices of board meetings and for in-person board meetings held by interactive conference technology. Requires the Office of Information Practices to assess the implementation of meetings held using interactive conference technology and submit a report of its findings to the Legislature. *Will become law.*

- V. *Akana v. Hawaii State Ethics Commission and Daniel Gluck, Civil No. 18-1-1019-06 (JHA); Akana v. Hawaii State Ethics Commission, Civil No. 19-1-0379-03 (JHA); State of Hawaii, Ethics Commission v. Rowena Akana, Civil No. 20-1-0453 (BIA)*

Discussion of case status.

The Hawai'i State Ethics Commission may convene an executive session pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes section 92-5(a)(4) to consult with the Commission's attorneys and/or the Department of the Attorney General on questions and issues pertaining to the Commission's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

- VI. Approval of Position Description for Executive Director

Attachment 1: Position Description for Executive Director

- VII. Adjournment

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, please contact the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission by telephone at (808) 587-0460, by facsimile at (808) 587-0470 (fax), or via email at ethics@hawaiiethics.org. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request.

Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats such as large print, Braille, or electronic copy.

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.