

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING
MINUTES OF THE HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: October 27, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Held via Zoom video and audio conference

Present: State Ethics Commission Members

Melinda S. Wood, Chair (via video conference)
Wesley F. Fong, Vice Chair (via video conference)
Reynard D. Graulty, Commissioner (via video conference)
Harry J. McCarthy, Commissioner (via video conference)
Beverley Tobias, Commissioner (via video conference)

State Ethics Commission Staff

Daniel M. Gluck, Executive Director (via video conference)
Susan D. Yoza, Associate Director (via video conference)
Patrick Lui, Computer Specialist (via audio conference)

Guests

Sandy Ma, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawai'i (via video conference)
(Another member of the public was present but did not identify themselves)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wood called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. and confirmed that all Commissioners and staff were present.

Agenda Item No. I: Discussion of Matters Relating to the Hire of a New Executive Director and General Counsel, Including Applicants for the Position and Interviews to be Conducted by the Commission.

The Commissioners held a lengthy discussion regarding the list of questions to ask the interviewees and the procedure for asking the questions.

The Commissioners reached consensus that they would follow the prepared list of twenty questions, in order, but that Commissioners could modify the questions and/or add extra questions after the first twenty had been completed.

Sandy Ma from Common Cause asked about the timing and process for the Executive Director hiring, and Executive Director Gluck discussed the upcoming meetings.

Chair Wood then suggested that an executive session would be in order to discuss the review of applicants for the position of Executive Director.

RECESS OF SUNSHINE LAW MEETING AND CONVENING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 9:40 a.m., Commissioner Tobias made and Commissioner Graulty seconded a motion to convene an Executive Session pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes section 92-5(a)(2) to discuss matters relating to the hire, evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of an officer or employee, and 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 (Wood, Fong, Graulty, McCarthy, and Tobias voting).

The Commission excused the members of the public and met in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RETURN TO SUNSHINE LAW MEETING

At approximately 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Tobias made and Commissioner Graulty seconded a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the Sunshine Law meeting. The motion carried unanimously (Wood, Fong, Graulty, McCarthy, and Tobias voting).

The Commission adjourned the Executive Session and returned to the Sunshine Law meeting at approximately 10:30 a.m. There were no members of the public in the Zoom waiting room.

ADJOURNMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW MEETING

At approximately 10:31 a.m., Commissioner Graulty made and Commissioner Tobias seconded a motion to adjourn the Sunshine Law Meeting. The motion carried unanimously (Wood, Fong, Graulty, McCarthy, and Tobias voting).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Minutes approved on November 17, 2021.