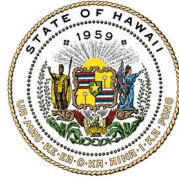


SUNSHINE LAW MEETING



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: September 20, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Zoom Videoconference or Phone:

Videoconference: [Join Zoom Meeting](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87991065007?pwd=UTVrOXpleWdwTnpCUi9tc21rRIJWZz09)
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Phone: +1 (253) 215-8782 or +1 (346) 248-7799

Meeting ID: 879 9106 5007

Passcode: xc51BG

Public Meeting Location:

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

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A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

I. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the August 16, 2023 Meeting

*Attachment 1: Sunshine Law Meeting Minutes of the August 16, 2023
Hawai'i State Ethics Commission Meeting*

II. Directors' Report

1. Education / Training Report

Attachment 1: 2023 Training Schedule

Attachment 2: Online Training Completions by Department

2. Guidance and Assignment Statistics – August 2023

Attachment 3: 2023 Guidance and Assignment Statistics / Website Traffic

3. Miscellaneous Office Projects / Updates

III. Overview of Ethics in Hawai'i Conference (September 1, 2023)

Attachment 1: Ethics in Hawai'i Conference Program

Attachment 2: Evaluation and Post-Conference Direction Survey

Attachment 3: Survey Summary Report

IV. Discussion of Ethics Oversight over the Judicial Branch

- 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. Adjournment

Public Testimony

Anyone wishing to testify may do so during the meeting or may submit written testimony in advance of the meeting by email (info.ethics@hawaii.gov), facsimile (fax) (808-587-0470), or U.S. postal mail (State Ethics Commission, 1001 Bishop Street, American Savngs Bank Tower, Suite 970, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813). Public testimony must be related to an item that is on the agenda and the testifier must identify the agenda item to be addressed by the testimony. Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes section 92-3 and Hawai'i Administrative Rules section 21-1-6(c), oral testimony is limited to three minutes per testifier per agenda item, subject to the reasonable discretion of the Chair.

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If you require an auxiliary aid or accommodation due to a disability, please contact the State Ethics Commission at (808) 587-0460 or email the Commission at info.ethics@hawaii.gov as soon as possible, preferably at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Last minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fill.

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SUNSHINE LAW MEETING
AGENDA ITEM I

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE
AUGUST 16, 2023 MEETING

Attachment 1: Sunshine Law Meeting Minutes of the August 16, 2023
 Hawai'i State Ethics Commission Meeting

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING
MINUTES OF THE HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

STATE OF HAWAII

Date: August 16, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Held via Zoom video and audio conference

Link: Recorded video available at
https://ethics.hawaii.gov/category/commissionmeetings/comm_videos/

Public Meeting Location

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

Present: State Ethics Commission Members

Wesley F. Fong, Chair (present in conference room)
Harry J. McCarthy, Vice Chair (via video conference)
Beverley Tobias, Commissioner (via video conference)
Robert Hong, Commissioner (via video conference)
Cynthia Thielen, Commissioner (present in conference room)

State Ethics Commission Staff

Robert D. Harris, Executive Director (present in conference room)
Nancy C. Neuffer, Staff Attorney (via video conference)
Bonita Y.M. Chang, Compliance Director (via video conference)
Kee M. Campbell, Enforcement Director (via video conference)
Jennifer M. Yamanuha, Staff Attorney (via video conference)
Patrick W.C. Lui, Computer Specialist (via video conference)
Myles A. Yamamoto, Administrative Assistant (present in conference room)

CALL TO ORDER (1:14)

Chair Fong called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Chair Fong, Vice Chair McCarthy, Commissioner Tobias, Commissioner Hong, Commissioner Thielen and Commission staff were present. All Commissioners and staff participating via video or

1 audio conference confirmed no one was in the room with them at their respective
2 remote locations.
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5 **Agenda Item No. I: Welcome to Commissioner Cynthia Thielen (2:49)**
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7 Executive Director Harris introduced Commissioner Cynthia Thielen and noted
8 her extensive legislative experience and how much it could assist the Commission.
9 Director Harris expressed he looked forward to working with her in the future.
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11 Commissioner Thielen expressed her gratitude to the Governor for the
12 nomination.
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15 **Agenda Item No. II: Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the July 19,**
16 **2023 Meeting (4:33)**
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18 Vice Chair McCarthy moved, and Commissioner Tobias seconded a motion to
19 approve the minutes of the July 19, 2023 meeting. The motion carried (Fong, McCarthy,
20 Tobias, Hong, and voting in the affirmative and Thielen excused).
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23 **Agenda Item No. III: Directors' Report (5:44)**
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25 Compliance Director Bonita Chang reported there was a significant increase in
26 the number of individuals completing the self-directed ethics training, largely due to the
27 Department of Education ("DOE") issuing reminders to DOE personnel at the start of the
28 new school year. Director Chang reported that over 18,000 individuals had completed
29 ethics training year to date. This number represents an almost 300% increase over the
30 previous year. She further noted that in one day alone, there were approximately 2,000
31 individuals who took the self-directed training. Several live training sessions with DOE
32 has also been scheduled for August. For the remainder of 2023, staff will continue to
33 work with the various agency and board contacts on outreach and training efforts.
34

35 Director Chang noted that in light of the disaster in Maui, staff is being mindful
36 and sensitive that various agencies and boards may have been impacted by the fires
37 and the recovery process.
38

39 Executive Director Harris emphasized that approximately 54% of state
40 employees have completed a mandatory ethics training. He noted this tremendous
41 accomplishment, while also recognizing many state employees still need to complete
42 the training.
43

44 Chair Fong echoed Executive Director Harris' sentiments. He agreed that it was
45 great that we are getting the word out, but more work needs to be done.
46

1 Enforcement Director Kee Campbell reported that staff closed 85 matters and
2 received 63 new matters. Director Campbell noted that among the new matters were six
3 to seven Applications for Good Cause Exceptions to the Nepotism Law. He noted that
4 the nepotism decisions are posted on the Commission's website.
5

6 Chair Fong acknowledged receiving a number of emails regarding the new
7 Nepotism Law. He noted that there is disappointment that the law only covers the
8 executive branch. Executive Director Harris noted that while the law does not include
9 the legislative or judicial branches, both the House of Representatives and Senate have
10 adopted rules prohibiting nepotism.
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12 Vice Chair McCarthy asked about the nature of the good cause applications.
13 Director Campbell noted some people seek an exemption even though they have
14 already complied with the law. Another frequent situation is where there are a limited
15 number of applicants. He explained that each situation is fact specific and is decided on
16 a case-by-case basis.
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18 Chair Fong asked if the increase in training completions has led to an increase in
19 complaints. Director Campbell replied that while the expectation would be to see an
20 increase, the actual numbers of matters has remained fairly consistent month to month.
21

22 Vice Chair McCarthy asked if an employee could be grandfathered in as a
23 nepotism exception. Director Campbell replied that in instances where a person may be
24 so specialized that they are the only person who can perform their position, that this
25 may meet the good cause standard.
26

27 Executive Director Harris reported that there have been several inquiries related
28 to fundraising in support of Maui relief. He stated that an email alert was issued stating
29 that emergency proclamations allow for the use of state resources to fundraise for Maui
30 relief. Executive Director Harris cited the example of using the State Capitol to drop off
31 donations. Executive Director Harris noted that staff have also received several phone
32 calls about fundraising to support affected state employees. He stated that the advice
33 given is that it may be appropriate for an agency or division to inform existing
34 employees of an opportunity to contribute (similar to passing a hat for a retirement or
35 other celebration), however fundraising publicly and/or coercing employees to give
36 would not be allowed.
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38 Executive Director Harris reported that the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws
39 (COGEL) Conference will take place in Kansas City in early December. Commissioners
40 Hong and Tobias will attend along with Executive Director Harris, Enforcement Director
41 Kee Campbell, and Staff Attorney Jennifer Yamanuha.
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43 Executive Director Harris reported that a new staff attorney has been hired with a
44 start date of October 2.
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1 **Agenda Item No. IV: Status of the Ethics in Hawai'i Conference (September 1, 2023)**
2 **(20:00)**
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4 Chair Fong thanked those who volunteered to assist with transportation of the
5 neighbor island participants.
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7 Executive Director Harris commended the staff for their work in putting together
8 the conference. He reported he hopes to have a final draft of the program out soon. He
9 noted that speakers at the event include the Lieutenant Governor, Honolulu Mayor,
10 Retired Judge Dan Foley, and U.S. Attorney Clare Conners as well as several state
11 agency heads.
12

13 Chair Fong echoed Executive Director Harris's praise of the staff. He noted that
14 last conference was 5 years ago and that this conference is being co-sponsored with
15 the Honolulu Ethics Commission.
16

17 Vice Chair McCarthy asked about the final program. Executive Director Harris
18 replied that the final draft of the program will be sent to the Commissioners. The final
19 version of the program will be printed and distributed on the day of the event.
20

21 Vice Chair McCarthy asked if it would be possible to participate virtually.
22 Executive Director Harris noted that the rooms for the large group meetings have the
23 capability for live streaming so it may possible. He noted that actively participating
24 virtually may not be possible because staff may not be available to moderate online. He
25 also noted that breakout sessions may not be live streamed because the rooms may not
26 be equipped to do so. Chair Fong noted that the rooms are used for Neighborhood
27 Board meetings and that hopefully we will have the same set up which would allow for
28 virtual participation.
29

30 Commissioner Tobias asked what the role of the Commissioners would be.
31 Executive Director Harris replied that Commissioner's role is to actively participate and
32 meet and build relationships with the members of the other boards and commissions.
33 Executive Director Harris noted that there is a scheduled breakout session for board
34 and commission members only. He reminded the Commissioners that they can talk
35 generally about things, but need to avoid discussing specific matters that may come
36 before the board due to Sunshine Law Restrictions.
37

38 Chair Fong noted that conference is more about learning and absorbing from the
39 other boards and commission as opposed to participating. He encouraged
40 Commissioners to meet and have conversations with the neighbor island members.
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43 **Agenda Item No. V. Discussion of Ethics Oversight over the Judicial Branch**
44 **(27:50)**
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46 Executive Director Harris noted that this topic was brought up last meeting, the
47 idea was brought up to begin a conversation with Judiciary regarding ethics. He

1 reported that in light of the Maui Disaster, that there has been no movement in this
2 regard. He was hopeful that a meeting could be set up in the next couple weeks.

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4 Chair Fong asked what kinds of oversight exist in other jurisdictions. Staff
5 Attorney Yamanuha replied other jurisdictions seem to have independent commissions
6 with oversight authority. She was unsure if there was any overlap between those
7 commissions and a statewide entity. She noted that there is no oversight of the U.S.
8 Supreme Court. Staff Attorney Yamanuha reported that the Hawai'i Judicial Code
9 applied to judges and justices. She further noted that there is some question about the
10 independence of the Commission on Judicial Conduct as they are appointed by the
11 Supreme Court and do not seem to have a limit on the number of terms they can serve.
12 Staff Attorney Yamanuha noted that there may be a role for the Commission. She
13 stated that at this point, it would be best to meet with Judiciary and ask questions.
14 Recommendations may come later.

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16 Chair Fong stated that his concern regarding this topic was about who has
17 oversight and that he is looking forward to the staff report on this matter.

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19 Vice Chair McCarthy asked for clarification about who the Judicial Code applies
20 to. Staff Attorney Yamanuha clarified that the Judicial Code applies to judges and
21 justices.

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23 Vice Chair McCarthy asked about the separation of powers between the judicial
24 and the executive branch. He noted that the judiciary may not appreciate oversight by
25 the executive branch. Executive Director Harris replied that the Commission is not a
26 part of executive branch but is an independent entity administratively attached to the
27 Legislature. He noted that the Commission does not have statutory jurisdiction over
28 judges and justices. He noted that employees of the judiciary are considered state
29 employees and are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Vice Chair McCarthy
30 expressed concern that judiciary may not welcome oversight by the Commission.
31 Executive Director Harris agreed and said that it would be more appropriate at this point
32 to provide advice and recommendations after better understanding the current ethics
33 programs in place.

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35 Chair Fong suggested Vice Chair McCarthy be included in the group meeting
36 with Judiciary. He noted Vice Chair McCarthy's experience as a former judge may prove
37 valuable. Executive Director Harris replied that staff will look at ways to facilitate Vice
38 Chair McCarthy's participation.

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40 Commissioner Tobias asked if judiciary employees participate in ethics training
41 sessions provided by the Commission. Staff Attorney Jennifer Yamanuha replied that
42 judiciary employees are subject to the Ethics Code and therefore are required to
43 complete ethics training. She noted that the exception is for judges and justices as they
44 are not subject to the ethics code. Executive Director Harris added that the judiciary is
45 supportive of ethics and our efforts. He noted that this contrasts with the U.S. Supreme
46 Court.

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2 **Agenda Item No. VI: Akana v. Hawaii State Ethics Commission and Daniel Gluck,**
3 **Civil No. 18-1-1019-06 (JHA); Akana v. Hawaii State Ethics Commission, Civil No.**
4 **19-1-0379-03 (JHA); State of Hawaii, Ethics Commission v. Rowena Akana,**
5 **Civil No. 20-1-0453 (BIA) (41:02)**
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7 Executive Director Harris noted that at the last meeting, it was suggested that
8 staff reach out to the court for an update on the status of the case. He reported that
9 there is no update to report. He noted that appeals seem to take about two to three
10 years to reach a decision. He further noted that while this case is not yet an outlier, the
11 case is getting on the older side of the spectrum.
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14 **ADJOURNMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW MEETING (44:05)**
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16 At approximately 9:45 a.m., Vice Chair McCarthy made and Commissioner Hong
17 seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously (Fong,
18 McCarthy, Tobias, Hong, and Thielen voting).
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20 The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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22 Minutes approved on _____.

SUNSHINE MEETING
AGENDA ITEM II

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
September 20, 2023

1. Education / Training Report

Attachment 1: 2023 Training Attendance / Schedule

Attachment 2: Online Training Completions by Department

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HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION 2023 EDUCATION PROGRAM (Ethics Workshops and Presentations)		
DATE	PRESENTATIONS	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
1/4/2023	Lobbyists Law Training, Zoom	50
1/5/2023	General Ethics Training, DOE, Kawananaoka Middle School	66
1/10/2023	Lobbyists Law Training, Zoom	19
1/13/2023	General Ethics Training, Senate, Zoom	80
1/20/2023	General Ethics Training, House, Capitol, Conference Room 325	47
1/24/2023	General Ethics Training, Zoom	227
2/10/2023	General Ethics Training, Zoom	68
2/21/2023	General Ethics Training, GOV, Capitol, 5th Floor	24
2/23/2023	General Ethics Training, Zoom	56
3/10/2023	General Ethics Training, Zoom	20
3/13/2023	General Ethics Training, UH - Hawai'i inuiakea School of Hawaiian Knowledge, Zoom	47
3/22/2023	Ethics for State Board and Commission members, Zoom	4
4/5/2023	General Ethics Training, DOE, PBS Hawaii Studio	29
4/5/2023	General Ethics Training, Zoom	30
4/20/2023	General Ethics Training, Zoom (CANCELLED)	0
4/26/2023	General Ethics Training, SPCSC	23
5/3/2023	General Ethics Training, Zoom	24
5/9/2023	General Ethics Training, DOE, Campbell-Kapolei Complex Area	21
5/18/2023	Ethics for State Board and Commission members, Zoom	8

HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION 2023 EDUCATION PROGRAM (Ethics Workshops and Presentations)		
DATE	PRESENTATIONS	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
6/7/2023	General Ethics Training, Zoom	8
6/22/2023	General Ethics Training, Zoom (CANCELLED)	0
7/6/2023	General Ethics Training, Zoom (CANCELLED)	0
7/20/2023	Ethics for State Board and Commission members, Zoom (CANCELLED)	0
8/2/2023	General Ethics Training, Zoom (CANCELLED)	0
8/11/2023	General Ethics Training, Zoom	15
8/28/2023	General Ethics Training, DOE, Roosevelt High School	195
8/28/2023	General Ethics Training, DOE, Kawananaoka Middle School (CANCELLED)	0
9/7/2023	General Ethics Training, Zoom	3
9/12/2023	General Ethics Training, DOE, Pearl City (CANCELLED)	0
9/21/2023	Ethics for State Board and Commission members, Zoom	
10/13/2023	General Ethics Training, Zoom	
10/25/2023	General Ethics Training, Zoom (CANCELLED)	0
11/16/2023	General Ethics Training, Zoom	
11/29/2023	Ethics for State Board and Commission members, Zoom	
12/7/2023	Ethics for State Government Attorneys, Zoom	
12/8/2023	Ethics for State Government Attorneys, Zoom	
12/21/2023	General Ethics Training, Zoom	
TOTAL	37 Presentations	1064 participants

State Employees

Department/Agency	2020		2021		2022		2023		Total		Total	No. of	%
	Live	Self	Live	Self	Live	Self	Live	Self	Live	Self	Completions	Employees*	Completed
Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS)	4	60	3	4	8	56	2	159	17	279	296	644	46%
Department of Agriculture (DOA)	2	36	14	18	5	178	4	79	25	311	336	299	112%
Department of Budget and Finance (B&F)	26	1	25	1	127	103	10	169	188	274	462	385	120%
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBED)	5	62	70	10	79	50	38	77	192	199	391	305	128%
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA)	346	47	40		73	50	5	393	464	490	954	541	176%
Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR)						85	2	30	2	115	117		
Department of Defense (DOD)	1	82		1	20	44	4	336	25	463	488	497	98%
Department of Education (DOE)	35	167	73	76	25	164	271	13,974	404	14,381	14,785	22,159	67%
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)	1				2	16	3	84	6	100	106	111	95%
Department of Health (DOH)	7	193	3	38	143	314	18	2,083	171	2,628	2,799	2,447	114%
Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD)		4	6		4	7	1	62	11	73	84	65	129%
Department of Human Services (DHS)	35	201	270	6	4	6	5	1,173	314	1,386	1,700	1,686	101%
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)	2	41			137	186	18	276	157	503	660	847	78%
Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)	1	63	29	10	15	59	4	595	49	727	776	792	98%
Department of Law Enforcement (DLE)					1	62	5	32	6	94	100	332	30%
Department of Public Safety (DPS)	3	39	5	5	241	525	18	216	267	785	1,052	3,002	35%
Department of Taxation (TAX)	4	1			33	299	4	178	41	478	519	309	168%
Department of the Attorney General (ATG)	73	97	190	22	297	149	21	449	581	717	1,298	646	201%
Department of Transportation (DOT)	12	209	71	72	112	107	7	245	202	633	835	2,255	37%
Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC)	32	38	9	2	11	8		1,021	52	1,069	1,121	3,071	37%
Hawai'i State Ethics Commission (HSEC)	4		6		12	3	37	5	59	8	67	10	670%
Hawai'i State Public Library System (HSPLS)		1			1	2	1	597	2	600	602	429	140%
House of Representatives (REP)	28		52	1	54	2	55	108	189	111	300	166	181%
Judiciary (JUD)	1	38	7	18	208	85	50	937	266	1,078	1,344	1,727	78%
Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB)			1		1		3	22	5	22	27	44	61%
Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA)	11	5	13	57	37	47	3	9	64	118	182	145	126%
Office of the Auditor (AUD)	11	3	3		15		4	1	33	4	37	23	161%
Office of the Governor (GOV)	2	8		1	6	10	19	33	27	52	79	48	165%
Office of the Lieutenant Governor (LTG)		4			6	1	4		10	5	15	10	150%
Office of the Ombudsman (OMB)		2	2		3	3	1	5	6	10	16	12	133%
Public Charter School (SPCSC)	25	9	80	14	31	32	23	68	159	123	282	20	1410%
Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH)		6		3	35	684	3	406	38	1,099	1,137	2,631	43%
Senate (SEN)	20	3	77	1	132	3	85	8	314	15	329	109	302%
University of Hawai'i-Community Colleges (UOHC)	137		14		206	559	53	281	410	840	1,250	2,568	49%
University of Hawai'i-Hilo (UOHH)		1	1		41	90	9	82	51	173	224	864	26%
University of Hawai'i-Manoa (UOHM)			65		405	1,429	135	671	605	2,100	2,705	8,511	32%
University of Hawai'i-System (UOH)	117	245	43	67	102	296	16	145	278	753	1,031	502	205%
University of Hawai'i-West Oahu (UOHW)	2				45	113	13	84	60	197	257	399	64%
Total Employees Training Completed	947	1,666	1,172	427	2,677	5,827	954	25,093	5,750	33,013	38,763	58,611	66%

*Based on annual financial disclosure updates from departments collected in March/April 2023
As of September 4, 2023

State Boards and Commissions

Board/Commission	2020		2021		2022		2023		Total		Total	No. of	%
	Live	Self	Live	Self	Live	Self	Live	Self	Live	Self	Completions	Members*	Completed
Agribusiness Development Corporation	2				2	3	4		8	3	22	8	275%
Board of Acupuncture	1				1	1			2	1	6	5	120%
Board of Agriculture	1			1	4				5	1	12	10	120%
Board of Barbering and Cosmetology	1	1			1	2			2	3	10	7	143%
Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants					3	2			3	2	10	9	111%
Board of Chiropractic Examiners						1				1	2	5	40%
Board of Dentistry					1	8			1	8	18	12	150%
Board of Education	1	1	1	3	11	1			13	5	36	11	327%
Board of Electricians and Plumbers	3			1	2	2			5	3	16	7	229%
Board of Land and Natural Resources		2		2	1	2			1	6	14	7	200%
Board of Massage Therapy	1				2				3		6	5	120%
Board of Naturopathic Medicine	1								1		2	5	40%
Board of Nursing					4	1	1		5	1	12	9	133%
Board of Pharmacy					1	1		1	1	2	6	7	86%
Board of Physical Therapy						3		3		6	12	7	171%
Board of Private Detectives and Guards					2	1			2	1	6	7	86%
Board of Professional Engineers, etal	1					2			1	2	6	14	43%
Board of Psychology					2				2		4	7	57%
Board of Public Accountancy					4	1		1	4	2	12	9	133%
Board of Registration	1				2	2			3	2	10	12	83%
Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology	2				1	1			3	1	8	7	114%
Board on Geographic Names					6	2			6	2	16	7	229%
Boxing Commission	1			1					1	1	4	5	80%
Campaign Spending Commission						2				2	4	5	80%
Civil Rights Commission					3	1		1	3	2	10	5	200%
Commission on Status of Women											0	5	0%
Commission on Water Resource Management				1		2				3	6	7	86%
Contractors License Board	5				1	3		2	6	5	22	13	169%
Correctional System Oversight Commission					3				3		6	5	120%
Council on Revenues					3			1	3	1	8	7	114%
Crime Victim Compensation Commission							1	1	1	1	4	3	133%
Defender Council					2				2		4	5	80%

State Boards and Commissions

Board/Commission	2020		2021		2022		2023		Total		Total	No. of	%
	Live	Self	Live	Self	Live	Self	Live	Self	Live	Self	Completions	Members*	Completed
Deferred Compensation Plan Board of Trustees	1				6				7		14	7	200%
Disability and Communication Access Board						1	1	5	1	6	14	17	82%
Early Learning Board						1		2		3	6	13	46%
Elections Commission					4	2			4	2	12	9	133%
Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board					3	1			3	1	8	7	114%
Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees											0	8	0%
Enhanced 911 Board	1							1	1	1	4	13	31%
Environmental Advisory Council					8	2			8	2	20	15	133%
Festival of the Pacific Arts & Culture					1	6			1	6	14	9	156%
Hawai'i Board of Optometry					2	3		1	2	4	12	7	171%
Hawai'i Board of Veterinary Medicine					2				2		4	7	57%
Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission					4	1		5	4	6	20	20	100%
Hawai'i Community Development Authority					1				1		2	17	12%
Hawai'i Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund				1	1			5	1	6	14	10	140%
Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority					2				2		4	5	80%
Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation-Corporation				1				2		3	6	18	33%
Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation-East Hawai'i						2		2		4	8	12	67%
Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation-Kauai								4		4	8	10	80%
Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation-Maui											0	4	0%
Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation-Oahu			8			1			8	1	18	8	225%
Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation-West Hawai'i						4				4	8	9	89%
Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board					2				2		4	10	40%
Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation				1	6				6	1	14	9	156%
Hawai'i Hurricane Relief Fund Board	1								1		2	7	29%
Hawai'i Law Enforcement Standards Board	1				2	1		5	3	6	18	14	129%
Hawai'i Medical Board					12	2		3	12	5	34	11	309%
Hawai'i Paroling Authority	1					3		1	1	4	10	5	200%
Hawai'i Public Housing Authority	1				4	6	2		7	6	26	10	260%
Hawai'i Retirement Savings Board								1		1	2	9	22%
Hawai'i State Emergency Response Commission					1	1			1	1	4	9	44%
Hawai'i State Ethics Commission				1			3		3	1	8	5	160%
Hawai'i State Fire Council					2				2		4	4	100%

State Boards and Commissions

Board/Commission	2020		2021		2022		2023		Total		Total	No. of	%
	Live	Self	Live	Self	Live	Self	Live	Self	Live	Self	Completions	Members*	Completed
Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board					3	7			3	7	20	17	118%
Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation						3		1		4	8	9	89%
Hawai'i Tourism Authority						1				1	2	12	17%
Hawaiian Homes Commission					2	2			2	2	8	9	89%
Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board						1				1	2	5	40%
Island Burial Council - Hawai'i					1				1		2	7	29%
Island Burial Council - Kauai/Niihau				3						3	6	6	100%
Island Burial Council - Maui/Lanai							1		1		2	6	33%
Island Burial Council - Molokai						1				1	2	3	67%
Island Burial Council - Oahu				1	3	1			3	2	10	8	125%
Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission											0	7	0%
King Kamehameha Celebration Commission	1				6	3	2	1	9	4	26	15	173%
Land Use Commission	1				6	2		2	7	4	22	9	244%
Legacy Land Conservation Commission				1	2		1		3	1	8	9	89%
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission											0	14	0%
Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority								2		2	4	11	36%
Medical Education Council				1	2	1			2	2	8	13	62%
Merit Appeals Board											0	3	0%
Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board						3		2		5	10	7	143%
Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board						1		1		2	4	7	57%
National and Community Service, Hawai'i Commission for	1				5			1	6	1	14	15	93%
Natural Area Reserves System Commission	1				1				2		4	12	33%
Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i						1	1		1	1	4	10	40%
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization						3		1		4	8	14	57%
Other Board/Commission				3	25	50	2	28	27	81	216		0%
Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems	1							1	1	1	4	9	44%
Pest Control Board					3	3			3	3	12	9	133%
Public Water System Operators, Board of Certification of					2				2		4	5	80%
Radiologic Technology Board	3								3		6	5	120%
RCUH-Board of Directors	1				1	1			2	1	6	8	75%
Real Estate Commission	1				9	3			10	3	26	9	289%
School Facilities Authority Board											0	5	0%

State Boards and Commissions

	2020		2021		2022		2023		Total		Total	No. of	%
Board/Commission	Live	Self	Live	Self	Live	Self	Live	Self	Live	Self	Completions	Members*	Completed
Soil and Water Conservation District Boards				2	34	10	1	1	35	13	96	84	114%
Stadium Authority Commission					4	3			4	3	14	8	175%
State Council on Developmental Disabilities	4				5	2		1	9	3	24	28	86%
State Foundation on Culture and the Arts					7	2	1		8	2	20	7	286%
State Public Charter School Commission					8	3	1	2	9	5	28	9	311%
Statewide Health Coordinating Council	2					2		1	2	3	10	9	111%
Tax Review Commission	2								2		4	7	57%
Transit Oriented Development Infrastructure Improvement District Board											0	5	0%
University of Hawai'i Board of Regents				2	4	4	4		8	6	28	11	255%
Women's Corrections Implementation Commission											0	5	0%
Total Board/Commission Members Training Completed	45	4	9	26	258	194	26	92	338	316	1,308	1,006	130%

*Membership number is based on full membership and may include vacant positions
As of September 4, 2023

2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Training statistics													
# of In-Person Trainings	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	1					8
# of People Trained In Person	113	24	47	59	21	0	0	195					459
# of On-Line Trainings (Self-Directed)	1,051	522	4,042	1,454	1,793	1,438	1,849	13,166					25,315
# of Training Webinars	4	2	2	1	2	1	0	1	1				14
# of Participants in Training Webinars	376	124	24	30	32	8	0	15	3				612
Attorney of the Day													
	125	103	125	97	122	84	103	95					854
New assignments													
Advisory Opinion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Complaint	18	19	24	21	20	20	19	20					161
Gifts/Invitations/Travel	12	25	26	17	18	33	35	30					196
Guidance	4	2	1	0	3	2	2	0					14
Judicial Selection Comm'n	0	4	2	1	5	4	1	1					18
Training Request	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Record Request	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	1					9
Project/Other	6	2	1	4	2	2	4	6					27
Total	41	53	54	43	51	62	63	58	0	0	0	0	425
Closed Assignments													
Advisory Opinion	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0					3
Complaint	8	4	30	46	18	30	36	24					196
Gifts/Invitations/Travel	0	21	34	20	22	33	32	30					192
Guidance	0	0	2	4	1	1	6	0					14
Judicial Selection Comm'n	0	4	2	1	3	5	2	1					18
Training Request	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Record Request	0	1	0	1	1	2	3	0					8
Project/Other	1	7	4	5	3	0	6	7					33
Total	9	37	73	78	49	71	85	62	0	0	0	0	464
Anti-Fraud													
	3	2	2	2	3	1	8	8					29

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING
AGENDA ITEM III

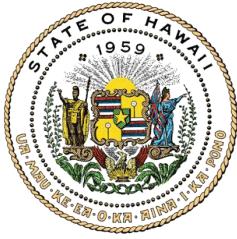
OVERVIEW OF ETHICS IN HAWAI'I CONFERENCE (SEPTEMBER 1, 2023)

- Attachment 1: Ethics in Hawai'i Conference Program
- Attachment 2: Evaluation and Post-Conference Direction Survey
- Attachment 3: Survey Summary Report

2023 ETHICS IN HAWAI‘I CONFERENCE



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HEADLINES*



Special Message from
Governor Josh Green, M.D.

In Recognition of the
2023 Ethics in Hawai'i Conference



Aloha,

It is an honor to welcome you to the 2023 Ethics in Hawai'i Conference. In a time when public integrity stands at the crossroads, this gathering holds immense significance. Corruption's grip on government at all levels underscores the urgency of our mission – to fortify the pillars of ethical governance.

Our State and County ethics boards and commissions bear the significant responsibility of confronting these challenges head-on. As stewards of public trust, their role in upholding transparency, accountability, and fair conduct is paramount. The path to restoring faith in government begins with their unwavering commitment to the highest standards of integrity.

As we deliberate on strategies to address corruption and instill renewed confidence, let us remember that this journey is one of collective effort. Collaboration, rigorous oversight, and robust education are the cornerstones upon which we shall build a more just and ethical future.

Together, let us rise to the occasion, equipped with determination and a shared vision. May this conference serve as a crucible for innovative ideas, fostering a network of leaders dedicated to curbing corruption's reach and ushering in an era of renewed public trust.

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

2023 ETHICS IN HAWAI'I CONFERENCE

KAPĀLAMA HALE,
HONOLULU, HAWAI'I

SEPTEMBER 1, 2023



Location

Kapālama Hale • Conference Room
277 (Second Floor)
925 Dillingham Blvd., Honolulu, HI
96817

Parking

Public parking is located on Alakawa Street, immediately mauka of the Costco gas station and across the street from Costco. Bring your parking ticket and license plate number to Conf. Rm. 277 for validation. Carpooling is highly encouraged as the Kapālama Hale Satellite City Hall/DMV, located on the first floor near the public parking, can be busy.

NOTE: Do not park in the small lot immediately adjacent to the building; that is reserved employee parking only.

Directions

**From downtown Honolulu –
Dillingham Blvd.**
(approximately 10 minutes driving)

From Dillingham Blvd., turn left (makai) on Alakawa Street. Parking entrance will be the 2nd driveway on your right, immediately before the Costco gas station and near a big tree

From West

Head east on Nimitz Highway

Turn left on Alakawa Street

Parking entrance will be on your left, immediately after the Costco gas station, near a big tree

Upon arrival, enter Kapālama Hale on the Dillingham Blvd. (mauka) end of the building. Bring a photo ID to sign in with Security. Conference check-in will be in Conf. Rm 277 on the second floor. Directional signs will be posted.

PROGRAM

Morning and Lunch Program
Conf. Rm. 277 (*all attendees*)

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Meet and Greet

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Welcome and Greeting

Speakers:

David B. Monk, Chair, Honolulu Ethics Commission
Wesley F. Fong, Chair, Hawai'i State Ethics Commission

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Plenary Session, *Ripped from the Headlines, Rebuilding Public Trust.* A discussion of recent events with an eye towards solutions.

Panelists:

The Honorable Clare E. Connors, United States Attorney for the District of Hawai'i

The Honorable Daniel R. Foley (Ret.), Chair, Commission on Improving Standards of Conduct

Robert D. Harris, Executive Director and General Counsel, Hawai'i State Ethics Commission

10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Welcome and Greeting 2.0

Speakers:

The Honorable Rick Blangiardi, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu
David B. Monk, Chair, Honolulu Ethics Commission

10:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Plenary Session, *Strategic Planning – Increasing Capacity to Meet Goals.*

Speaker:

The Honorable Victoria S. Marks (Ret.), Commissioner, Honolulu Ethics Commission

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Plenary Group Discussion, *All Ethics Agencies – Updates, Trends, General Issues, and Solutions.*

- County of Hawai'i Board of Ethics
- Hawai'i State Ethics Commission
- Honolulu Ethics Commission
- County of Kaua'i Board of Ethics
- County of Maui Board of Ethics

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Introduction of State Offices: *Office of Elections; Campaign Spending Commission; Office of Information Practices; Department of the Attorney General*

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. **Lunch – Small Group Discussions**
(facilitators for each table)

Ethics Investigations: Jared Elster, Investigator, Hawai'i State Ethics Commission
Jill A.K. Yamashiro, Investigator, Honolulu Ethics Commission

Sunshine Law: Cheryl Kakazu Park, Director, Office of Information Practices

Criminal Matters and Referrals: David Van Acker, Supervising Deputy Attorney General, Special Investigation and Prosecution Division, Department of the Attorney General (Invited)

Elections: Scott T. Nago, Chief Election Officer, Office of Elections

Electoral Campaigns: Kristin E. Izumi-Nitao, Executive Director, Campaign Spending Commission

Ethics Resources: Laurie A. Wong-Nowinski, Assistant Executive Director and Legal Counsel, Honolulu Ethics Commission
Kee M. Campbell, Enforcement Director, Hawai'i State Ethics Commission

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **Breakout Session I**

Group A: *Commissioners Roundtable*
(Commissioners only) – Conf. Rm. 277
Discussion on general ethics topics

Facilitators: Peter S. Adler, Ph.D., Commissioner, Honolulu Ethics Commission
Beverly Tobias, Commissioner, Hawai'i State Ethics Commission

Group B: *Regulating Gifts* – Conf. Rm. 153
Gift regulations; appearance issues; “this for that” culture; lobbyists gifts; reporting; and enforcement

Presenter/Facilitator: Kee M. Campbell, Enforcement Director, Hawai'i State Ethics Commission

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Breakout Session II**

Group A: *Ethics Outreach and Education* – Conf. Rm. 277
Making ethics training engaging, reaching all levels of staff (online; in person; and new employees), and ethics outreach (newsletters; annual reports; brochures; and social media)

Presenters/Facilitators: Honolulu Ethics Commission Outreach and Education Team

Group B: Lobbying Transparency and Ethics – Conf. Rm. 153
Pursuing compliance; new laws; reporting; and enforcement

Presenters/Facilitators: Bonita Y.M. Chang, Compliance Director, Hawai'i State Ethics Commission
Nancy C. Neuffer, Staff Attorney, Hawai'i State Ethics Commission

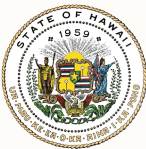
3:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. **Closing Session** – Conf. Rm. 277
Information sharing from small group discussions and breakout sessions, take-aways, questions, wrap-up.

Facilitator: Peter S. Adler, Ph.D., Commissioner, Honolulu Ethics Commission

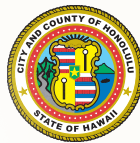
This conference agenda focuses on general ethics jurisprudence and previously-resolved matters. Avoid discussion of specific matters that may come before your board or commission.

NOTES

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ETHICS COMMISSION



2023 Ethics in Hawai'i Conference

Evaluation and Post-Conference Direction Survey

In case we need to follow up, please provide your name, email address, and telephone number.

Name

First Last

Email

Phone Number

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Please rate the sessions. If you did not attend a session (there should be some you missed!), please mark "not applicable."

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Needs Improvement	Not Applicable
Welcome and Greeting (David Monk and Wesley Fong)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Plenary Session, Ripped from the Headlines, Rebuilding Public Trust (Clare Connors, Daniel Foley, and Robert Harris)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Welcome and Greeting 2.0 (Mayor Rick Blangiardi)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Plenary Session, Strategic Planning, Increasing Capacity to Meet Goals (Victoria Marks)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Plenary Session, All Ethics Agencies – Updates, Trends, General Issues, and Solutions	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Introduction of State Offices: Elections; Campaign Spending; OIP; and Dept. of the AG's	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Lunch – How Was the Food?	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
Small Group Discussions (during lunch)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Needs Improvement	Not Applicable
Breakout Session I – Commissioners Roundtable	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3	○ 4	○ 5
Breakout Session I – Regulating Gifts	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3	○ 4	○ 5
Breakout Session II – Ethics Outreach and Education	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3	○ 4	○ 5
Breakout Session II – Lobbying Transparency and Ethics	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3	○ 4	○ 5

Any other feedback on the Conference? Ways it could be improved?

What types of events would you like to see in the future? Check all that apply.

- ☐ None
- ☐ Periodic videoconferences on discrete topics
- ☐ Emails/newsletters
- ☐ Annual, in-person conferences
- ☐ Every "couple of years" in-person conference
- ☐ Other

If you selected "other," please specify!

How can we assist or better collaborate with other ethics agencies? Please be as specific with your answer as possible.

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EVALUATION SUMMARY						Total
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Needs Improvement	Not Applicable	
Welcome and Greeting (David Monk and Wesley Fong)	36	15	-	-	0	3.64
Plenary Session, Ripped from the Headlines, Rebuilding Public Trust (Clare Connors, Daniel Foley, and Robert Harris)	64	-	-	-	-	4.00
Welcome and Greeting 2.0 (Mayor Rick Blangiardi)	28	21	2	1		3.25
Plenary Session, Strategic Planning, Increasing Capacity to Meet Goals (Victoria Marks)	48	9	-	-	-	3.80
Plenary Session, All Ethics Agencies - Updates, Trends, General Issues, and Solutions	44	15	-	-	-	3.69
Introduction of State Offices: Elections, Campaign Spending, OIP, Department of the Attorney General	40	18	-	-	-	3.63
Lunch - How was the food?	24	21	-	3	-	3.00
Small Group Discussions (during lunch)	32	9	2	1	0	3.14
Breakout Session I - Commissioners Roundtable	32	-	2	-	0	3.78
Breakout Session I - Regulating Gifts	28	9	-	-	0	3.70
Breakout Session II - Ethics Outreach and Education	40	3	-	-	0	3.91
Breakout Session II - Lobbying Transparency and Ethics	20	3	-	-	0	3.83
Overall Score [4 = Excellent, 3 = Good, 2 = Fair, 1 = Needs Improvement]						3.61
What types of events would you like to see in the future?						
8 votes for "Annual, in-person conferences"						
7 votes for "Periodic videoconferences on discrete topics"						
6 votes for "Every couple of years in-person conference"						
5 votes for "Emails/newsletters"						
1 vote for "Other: Possible 2x a year so that more can be covered."						
1 vote for "Other: Alternate yeah, hold half day Zoom session."						
Feedback on the Conference? Ways it could be improved?						
Very informative conference. I learned a lot. We are very different compared to the State, I say we are a lot like Maui County. Food was delicious, I have to go there when I visit Oahu.						
I think these conferences needs a minimum of 2 days. We didn't get to finish the regulating gifts breakout session because there was a lot of discussion :) OR have conferences 2x a year so that topics could be spaced out a little more.						
Would like to see one line ethics training programs that other ethics boards can use. I would like to explore ways that ethics boards can proactively discover public corruption such as the permitting department cases in the news. In an Op Ed in July Randy Roth lamented that these cases were detected and prosecuted by federal agencies and not local law enforcement or ethics boards. I don't have an answer as to how, but would like to discuss the issue to see if there are ways for us to discover them. In the future, I'd like to hear from the state AG and special agent in charge of the FBI.						

Feedback on the Conference? Ways it could be improved? (cont'd)

I know food is not session content and you can't please everyone, but lunch issues I heard were:

- 1) gluten free folks had to eat around the bun
- 2) lactose intolerant folks could not eat a burger because they all had cheese
- 3) some folks objected to fried food
- 4) some folks felt the burger was too messy and heavy for conf food
- 5) some folks just don't like burgers

Otherwise, morning coffee and pastries got a thumbs up. And even though there were a lot of comments, I think most folks were okay with the burgers.

The walk to the restroom  even though we got our steps in. Follow up on counties that need resources and perhaps talking points for them.

Needed lunch discussion topic for non-attorney staff.

The facility was ok and could be better served if the room was a little larger with round tables for better face to face communication.

Unfortunately, I had to attend a Mission/Vision breakout for the University Health Partners in the afternoon, so I could not attend the Breakout sessions but it would be nice to have a written summary of the meeting highlights sent to everyone

Overall organization and discussions were great. Cheers to everyone for staying on schedule. My complaint about lunch is just my quirk: there was no burger option without cheese. I realize that buying lunch for that many people means you can't necessarily please everyone, and taking individual orders would add significantly to someone's work load.

It was very rewarding for me to attend this event. Unfortunately, the Big Island only allowed 3 members to attend sighting the sunshine law. Other boards and commissions had more than 3 members there, but during the introduction it was stated that to conform with the sunshine law do not discuss board business. So, it's apparent to me that more members of our board could have attended.

I don't think it was necessary to have the Mayor show up.

This is the second conference I attended. Like the first I came away with information to not only support our Board on Kaua'i but also an better understanding of ethics and how it so important to educate staff to prevent violations of the Code. I hope this can be come an annual event if not a bi-annual would be good too. Mahalo to all the staff and Commissioners of the State Ethics Commission, you were wonderful hosts!

I thought it was very well done! Having facilitators kept us on track and on time. The variety of speakers and length of time given to each, we appropriate and relevant. Thank you very much.

How can we assist or better collaborate with other ethics agencies?

Get updates from each ethic agencies on a regular basis and not just during the conferences.

All ethics boards face the same issues. We need to use your platform to find ways where we can make use of each others' work - forms, training programs, reseach, etc. - available to every other board.

Might be wise to outline a model for ethic commissions that might help Hawai'i, Maui, and Kaua'i push for better funding that separates critical functions with high walls.

Am still learning.

Appreciate both State and City staffs for pulling off this conf. HNL EC may be able to spearhead a county-wide brochure or other publication. We have a "what we do/what we don't do" section in our About the HNL EC brochure. This could be easily tailored for the other counties. Overall, I think there are a lot of things like this that could be achieved with minimal collaboration.

Our Maui Ethics board will be contacting you all for direction in the future.

Starting with a list serve of lobbyists would good. I think that we should have a web portal for all of the Ethics Committees in the state as well as the Elections Commision to announce what they would like to highlight

If you have it, please circulate a list of attendees with their contact information

Consultation services, having videos on different topics available for boards to view.

I think for the moment, we need to focus on ethics. Collaboration would be good in the future.

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING
AGENDA ITEM IV

DISCUSSION OF ETHICS OVERSIGHT OVER THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

No attachments.

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING
AGENDA ITEM 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 on questions and issues pertaining to the Commission's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

No attachments.