



HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Commissioners:
Wesley Fong, Chair
Beverley Tobias · Robert Hong · Cynthia Thielen

Date: January 17, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Zoom Videoconference or Phone:

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Public Meeting Location:

Hawai'i State Ethics Commission Conference Room
1001 Bishop Street
American Savings Bank Tower, Suite 970
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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

I. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the December 20, 2023 Meeting

Attachment 1: Sunshine Law Meeting Minutes of the December 20, 2023 Hawai'i State Ethics Commission Meeting

II. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the December 20, 2023 Executive Session Meeting

The Hawai'i State Ethics Commission may convene an executive session pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes section 92-5(a)(2) to discuss matters relating to the evaluation of an employee, and/or pursuant to 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. Recognition of Vice Chair Harry McCarthy

IV. Election of Officers

Attachment 1: Election of Officers for 2024

V. Directors' Report

1. Education / Training Report

Attachment 1: 2023 Training Schedule

Attachment 2: 2024 Training Schedule

Attachment 3: Online Training Completions by Department and Board

2. Guidance and Assignment Statistics – December 2023

Attachment 4: 2023 Guidance and Assignment Statistics / Website Traffic

3. Miscellaneous Office Projects / Updates

Attachment 5: Q2 Financial Report

- VI. Discussion of Media Reports Concerning Ethics or the Ethics Commission Since the Last Meeting

- VII. Consideration of Draft 2023 Annual Report

Attachment 1: 2023 Hawai'i State Ethics Commission Annual Report

- VIII. 2024 Legislative Matters

Attachment 1: 2024 Legislative Calendar

Attachment 2: HB 725 – Office of the Public Advocate

- IX. Discussion of Ethics Oversight over the Judicial Branch

- X. *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.

- XI. Evaluation of Executive Director Robert Harris

The Hawai'i State Ethics Commission may convene an executive session pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes section 92-5(a)(2) to discuss matters relating to the evaluation of an employee where consideration of matters affecting privacy will be involved, and/or under 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.

XII. 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.

Auxiliary Aid or Accommodation Due to a Disability

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