



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, Vice-Chair • Robert Hong • Cynthia Thielen

Date: May 15, 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
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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

I. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the April 17, 2024 Meeting

*Attachment 1: Sunshine Law Meeting Minutes of the April 17, 2024
Hawai'i State Ethics Commission Meeting*

II. Directors' Report

1. Education / Training Report

Attachment 1: 2024 Training Schedule

Attachment 2: Online Training Completions by Department and Board

2. Guidance and Assignment Statistics – April 2024

Attachment 3: 2024 Guidance and Assignment Statistics / Website Traffic

3. Miscellaneous Office Projects / Updates

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

IV. 2024 Legislative Matters

Bills of interest are described briefly below. The blue house or senate bill number is a clickable hyperlink that goes directly to the bill language online. If the hyperlink does not work, bills can be looked up at "capitol.hawaii.gov" and the bill number can be looked up in a box in the upper right-hand corner.

- **New Law:**

- [HB 2520](#) (Commission budget). Act 002 (3/14/2024).
- [HB 1881 HD1 SD1](#) (Increasing the Commission's maximum administrative fine). Act 015 (5/3/2024).

- **Before Governor Josh Green:**
 - [HB 1915 HD1 SD1 CD1](#) (Prohibits, upon written request, making certain information public about certain public servants). Transmitted to Governor 5/2/2024.
 - [HB 2374 HD1 SD2 CD2](#) (Makes emergency appropriations for public employment cost adjustments for, among other entities, the Commission). Transmitted to Governor on 5/3/2024.
 - [SB 2216 SD1 HD1 CD1](#) (Advice & investigation procedures). Enrolled to Governor on 5/2/2024.
 - [SB 2217 HD1 CD1](#) (Fiscal reporting periods). Enrolled to Governor on 5/2/2024.
 - [SB 3191 SD1 HD2 CD1](#) (Eliminates sunset provision of the technology transfer exemption). Enrolled to Governor on 5/2/2024.

- **Bills Worth Revisiting:**
 - [HB 1884](#) (Requiring legislators to disclose financial ties to lobbying organizations).
 - [HB 1885](#) (Expanding the definition of “lobbying” to include procurement interactions with high level members of the executive branch).

V. Discussion of Civil Beat/The New York Time’s “Inside the Late-Night Parties Where Hawai’i Politicians Raked in Money” Article

Attachment 1: Inside the Late-Night Parties Where Hawaii Politicians Raked in Money, downloaded from <https://www.civilbeat.org/2024/04/inside-the-late-night-parties-where-hawaii-politicians-raked-in-money/> (May 8, 2024)

Attachment 2: Discussion Presentation

VI. Discussion of Ethics Oversight over the Judicial Branch

VII. Akana v. Hawai’i State Ethics Commission and Daniel Gluck, Civil No. 18-1-1019-06 (JHA); Akana v. Hawai’i State Ethics Commission, Civil No. 19-1-0379-03 (JHA); State of Hawai’i, 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.

VIII. 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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