



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 • Roderick Becker

Date: October 16, 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. Introduction of Commissioner Roderick (“Rod”) Becker

Attachment 1: News Release

II. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the September 18, 2024 Meeting

Attachment 1: Sunshine Law Meeting Minutes of the September 18, 2024, Hawai'i State Ethics Commission Meeting

III. Directors' Report

1. Education / Training Report

Attachment 1: 2024 Training Schedule

2. Guidance and Assignment Statistics – September 2024

Attachment 2: 2024 Guidance and Assignment Statistics / Website Traffic

3. Miscellaneous Office Projects / Updates

Attachment 3: Fiscal Year 2025, Quarter 1 Financial Report

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

V. Discussion of Ethics Oversight of the Judicial Branch

No update. Proposed rule amendments, when available, will be posted at:

https://www.courts.state.hi.us/legal_references/rules/proposed_rule_changes/proposedRuleChanges

VI. Request for Information from the National Conference of State Legislatures Regarding State-Level Restrictions on High-Level Government Employees Participating in Political Fundraising

No update. Staff are researching Ohio and Kentucky laws.

VII. Consideration of Commission Manual

Attachment 1: Staff Overview

Attachment 2: Commission Manual 2024

VIII. Administrative Rules

Review of proposed edits

Attachment 1: Staff Overview

Attachment 2: Proposed edits to Hawai'i Administrative Rules, Title 21, Chapters 4-6

IX. *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.

X. Adjournment

Public Testimony

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