

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING

Sunshine Law Attachments

Attachment 1: Sunshine Law Meeting Minutes of the March 25, 2026, Hawai'i State Ethics Commission Meeting

Attachment 2: Sunshine Law Meeting Executive Session Minutes of the March 25, 2026 Hawai'i State Ethics Commission Meeting

Executive Session Meeting Minutes not provided to the public.

Attachment 3: 2026 Training Statistics

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Attachment 5: Q3 Financial Report



HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Komikina Ho'opono Kulekele o Hawai'i Moku'āina

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Commissioners:

Wesley Fong, Chair

Robert Hong • Cynthia Thielen • Roderick Becker • Moya Gray

Date: April 15, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Zoom Videoconference or Phone:

Video conference: [Join Zoom Meeting](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82978078435?pwd=9U5hKgp0WyNIUcPOixUJ7CFSw5bZn8.1)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82978078435?pwd=9U5hKgp0WyNIUcPOixUJ7CFSw5bZn8.1>

Phone: +1 (253) 205-0468 or +1 (253) 215-8782

Phone passcode: 043026

Meeting ID: 829 7807 8435

Passcode: E6uCxK

Public Meeting Location:

Hawai'i State Ethics Commission Conference Room
1001 Bishop Street
American Savings Bank Tower, Suite 970
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes section 92-3.7, the State Ethics Commission will meet remotely using interactive conference technology. The public may attend the meeting in person at the public meeting location above or participate remotely via the Zoom meeting information above. If participating remotely, please mute your phone/device except while testifying. If the Commission's videoconference connection is lost during the meeting, please visit the Commission's website (ethics.hawaii.gov) for more information, including reconnection information.

Public meeting materials for this meeting are available on the Commission's website at ethics.hawaii.gov.

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

I. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the March 25, 2026 Meeting

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II. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the March 25, 2026 Executive Session Meeting

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III. Directors' Report

1. Education & Disclosures – Report/Updates

Attachment 3: 2026 Training Statistics

2. Guidance and Assignment Statistics – March 2026

Attachment 4: 2026 Guidance and Assignment Statistics

3. Miscellaneous Office Projects/Updates

Attachment 5: Q3 Financial Report

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

Description: The Commission will discuss recent media coverage related to ethics in government or the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission. The discussion may include consideration of potential responses, clarification of public information, or other appropriate actions.

V. 2026 Legislative Matters

An update on bills of interest introduced in 2026 is provided below. The blue House or Senate bill number is a clickable hyperlink that goes directly to the bill language online. Bills can also be looked up at "capitol.hawaii.gov" by typing the bill number in the box located near the top of the window.

State Ethics Commission Bills:

- [HB2106/SB2246](#) - Expands the scope of persons who are subject to public financial disclosure requirements to include executive directors and executive officers and board and commission members for: the Employees' Retirement System, the Hawai'i Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund, the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority, the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation, and the School Facilities Authority. **SB2246 passed the House Judiciary Committee with suggested Commission amendments on 3/31/2026. HB2106 has not been scheduled for a hearing in the Senate.**
- [HB2107/SB2247](#) - Prohibits any Executive Branch employee who is nominated or appointed by the Governor to a compensated position subject to confirmation by the Senate from engaging in certain campaign fundraising activities. **SB2247 passed the House Judiciary Committee with amendments on 3/17/2026. HB2107 has not been scheduled for a hearing in the Senate.**
- [SB2248](#) - Expands the scope of persons who are required to file financial disclosures to include certain gubernatorial nominees subject to Senate confirmation. Makes technical amendments relating to legislators. **Has not been scheduled for a hearing.**
- [SB2245](#) - Prohibits new state employees from taking official action for two years on matters they worked on before state employment. Prohibits former permanent employees of the Office of the Governor and Office of the Lieutenant Governor from representing persons or businesses for a period of 12 months after termination from state employment. The **House Judiciary Committee passed it unamended on 3/31/2026.**

Procurement:

- [SB2970](#) - Prohibits a state agency from entering into any contract to procure or dispose of goods or services, or for construction, with any business that is owned or operated, or in which a controlling interest is held, by a relative or household member of a director or deputy director of a principal state department. **Waiting to be heard in FIN.**

Anti-Nepotism:

- [SB2661](#) - Repeals language in the State's Code of Ethics that exempts the legislative and judicial branches from prohibitions against nepotism in public employment. **Waiting to be heard in JHA.**

Financial Disclosures:

- [HB1873](#) - Exempts one strategic planning retreat of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i per year from open meeting requirements if certain conditions are met. Requires members of the Board of Regents to complete a governance training and attend the training at least once every two years thereafter. Requires the Candidate Advisory Council to ensure that all candidates presented to the Governor for nomination have certain subject matter experience and are not registered lobbyists who have lobbied on matters pertaining to the University of Hawai'i. Exempts the financial disclosures of the Board of Regents as mandated by the State Ethics Code from being made public. Requires the Board of Regents, in collaboration with the Candidate Advisory Council, to submit annual reports to the Legislature. **Waiting to be heard in WAM/JDC.**

VI. Evaluation of Executive Director & General Counsel Robert D. Harris

The Hawai'i State Ethics Commission may convene an executive session pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 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.

VII. Adjournment

Disruption of Interactive Technology:

If the Commission loses internet or Zoom connection, the meeting will be automatically recessed for up to 30 minutes to restore communication. **Audio-Only Communication:** If audio-only communication is available, all Commissioners, staff, members of the public, and other interested individuals may continue to participate in the meeting via teleconference by dialing the telephone number and Meeting ID number noted above. If communication cannot be restored within thirty minutes, the meeting will be automatically continued to a date and time to be posted on the Commission's website at ethics.hawaii.gov. Alternatively, if a decision is made to terminate the meeting, the termination will be posted on the Commission's website.

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 Savings Bank Tower, Suite 970, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813). Public testimony must be related to an item on the agenda, and the testifier must identify the 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:

If you require an auxiliary aid or accommodation due to a disability, please contact the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission as soon as possible. You may:

- Call (808) 587-0460 and press 1# to leave a message; or
- Email the Commission at info.ethics@hawaii.gov

We encourage requests at least 48 hours before the meeting to allow us time to assist you. We will accept requests made closer to the meeting, but please note that last-minute accommodations may be difficult to provide.

Upon request, this notice is available in alternate/accessible formats.

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING
AGENDA ITEM I

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE
MARCH 25 2026 MEETING

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Hawai'i State Ethics Commission Meeting

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

STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: March 25, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Hybrid meeting held via Zoom video and audio conference

Recorded video available at

https://ethics.hawaii.gov/category/commissionmeetings/comm_videos/

Public Meeting Location

Hawai'i State Ethics Commission Conference Room
1001 Bishop Street
American Savings Bank Tower, Suite 970
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Attendance: State Ethics Commission Members

Wesley F. Fong, Chair (in person)
Robert Hong, Vice Chair (via Zoom)
Cynthia Thielen, Commissioner (via Zoom)
Roderick Becker, Commissioner (in person)
Moya Gray, Commissioner (in person)

State Ethics Commission Staff

Robert D. Harris, Executive Director (in person)
Kee M. Campbell, Enforcement Director (in person)
Bonita Y.M. Chang, Compliance Director (via Zoom)
Nancy C. Neuffer, Staff Attorney (via Zoom)
Jennifer M. Yamanuha, Staff Attorney (via Zoom)
Jodi L. K. Yi, Staff Attorney (via Zoom)
Jared Elster, Investigator (via Zoom)
Patrick Lui, Computer Specialist (via Zoom)
Melissa Vomvoris, Administrative Assistant (in person)

Guests and Members of the Public

Chad Blair, Civil Beat reporter (via Zoom)
Judith Mills Wong, League of Women Voters (via Zoom)
Candace Park, Deputy Attorney General (via Zoom)
Jason Barnhill, UH (via Zoom)
Ann, UH (via Zoom)

1 **CALL TO ORDER (0:06)**

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3 Chair Fong called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Chair Fong, Commissioners Becker
4 and Gray, attended in person; Vice Chair Hong and Commissioner Thielen were present via
5 Zoom, alone. Executive Director Harris noted the presence of staff on Zoom and reminded
6 participants that the meeting was being recorded for the official record and would be
7 posted online.

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9 Executive Director Harris asked if any members of the public attending the meeting would
10 like to identify themselves. Judith Mills-Wong, representing the League of Women Voters,
11 identified herself as present on Zoom.

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13 Deputy Attorney General Candace Park joined the meeting via Zoom at 10:15 a.m.

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16 **Agenda Item No. I: Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the February 18, 2026,**
17 **Meeting (2:41)**

18
19 Upon a motion by Commissioner Thielen, seconded by Commissioner Gray, the
20 Commission approved the minutes of the February 18, 2026, meeting. All Commissioners
21 present (Fong, Hong, Thielen, Becker, and Gray) voted in the affirmative.

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24 **Agenda Item No. II: Directors' Report (3:35)**

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26 **1. Education & Disclosures – Report/Updates (3:44)**

27
28 Compliance Director Bonita Chang provided the following update:

29 **• Financial Disclosure Season**

30 Requests have been sent to agencies to obtain updates on employees and board
31 members who are required to file. Ongoing support is being provided to assist filers
32 with completing their financial disclosures. The annual filing deadline for continuing
33 filers is Monday, June 1, 2026.

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35 **• Lobbying Disclosures**

36 The upcoming filing deadline for lobbying disclosures is Tuesday, April 2, 2026. Staff
37 will also coordinate with our developer to implement the new procurement
38 lobbying requirements in the lobbying reporting system, as well as make additional
39 updates to the lobbying e-filing system and related components.

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1 • **Website updates**

2 Staff is updating online forms and website content to meet new federal ADA
3 requirements. The updated online complaint form will officially launch on April 1,
4 along with a new landing page and FAQs. Work is also underway to convert existing
5 PDF quick guides and flyers into ADA-compliant formats. Although these redesigns
6 require significant time and resources, the goal is to improve the user experience
7 and make information and services easier to access.
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9 **2. Guidance and Assignment Statistics – February 2026 (6:10)**

10
11 Enforcement Director Kee Campbell reported that a total of 41 complaints were opened for
12 the month of February and 36 were closed.
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14 Next month we will be providing an enhanced statistical report for the first quarter of
15 2026.
16

17 **New Assignments:**

- 18 • 41 Complaints received
- 19 • 41 Gift/Travel requests for guidance
- 20 • 73 Attorney of the Day inquiries
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22 **Closed Assignments:**

- 23 • 36 Complaints closed
- 24 • 39 Gift/Travel guidance letters sent
- 25 • 62 Attorney of the Day inquiries
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27 **3. Miscellaneous Office Projects/Updates (7:17)**

28
29 Executive Director Harris reported that he, Enforcement Director Campbell, and
30 Compliance Director Chang are actively involved with COGEL, the Council on
31 Governmental Ethics Laws, by participating in training initiatives and preparing proposals
32 for next year's conference. The goal is to shift from general ethics updates to more tailored
33 training sessions for both new and advanced participants. The ideas have been well
34 received, though this may also result in being asked to help implement some of the
35 recommended changes. The next conference is scheduled for early December in Denver,
36 Colorado.
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39 **Agenda Item No. III: Discussion of Media Reports Concerning Ethics or the Ethics**
40 **Commission Since the Last Meeting (9:44)**

41
42 Executive Director Harris reported on several media articles:

- 43 • Feb. 20, 2026, Hoodline - Ethics rulings shift the ground beneath the debate -
44 [https://hoodline.com/2026/02/capitol-showdown-as-hawaii-senators-spar-with-](https://hoodline.com/2026/02/capitol-showdown-as-hawaii-senators-spar-with-principals-over-school-power-shakeup/)
45 [principals-over-school-power-shakeup/](https://hoodline.com/2026/02/capitol-showdown-as-hawaii-senators-spar-with-principals-over-school-power-shakeup/)

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- 2 • Feb. 22, 2026, Star Advertiser - Editorial: Push opportunity to halt corruption
- 3 [https://www.staradvertiser.com/2026/02/22/editorial/our-view/editorial-push-](https://www.staradvertiser.com/2026/02/22/editorial/our-view/editorial-push-opportunity-to-halt-corruption/)
- 4 [opportunity-to-halt-corruption/](https://www.staradvertiser.com/2026/02/22/editorial/our-view/editorial-push-opportunity-to-halt-corruption/)
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- 6 • Feb. 22, 2026, Civil Beat - The Sunshine Blog: Getting Serious About The Silly Season
- 7 [https://www.civilbeat.org/2026/02/the-sunshine-blog-getting-serious-about-the-](https://www.civilbeat.org/2026/02/the-sunshine-blog-getting-serious-about-the-silly-season/)
- 8 [silly-season/](https://www.civilbeat.org/2026/02/the-sunshine-blog-getting-serious-about-the-silly-season/)
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- 10 • Feb. 23, 2026, Gov Press Release – Governor Green appoints Daniel Gluck as Associate
- 11 Judge for Intermediate Court of Appeals.
- 12 [https://governor.hawaii.gov/newsroom/office-of-the-governor-news-release-](https://governor.hawaii.gov/newsroom/office-of-the-governor-news-release-governor-green-appoints-daniel-gluck-to-intermediate-court-of-appeals/)
- 13 [governor-green-appoints-daniel-gluck-to-intermediate-court-of-appeals/](https://governor.hawaii.gov/newsroom/office-of-the-governor-news-release-governor-green-appoints-daniel-gluck-to-intermediate-court-of-appeals/)
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- 15 • Feb. 25, 2026, Hawaii Free Press – Ethics in Hawaii: Hire your Family and Keep Their
- 16 Frequent Flyer Miles. [https://www.hawaiifreepress.com/Articles-](https://www.hawaiifreepress.com/Articles-Main/ID/46807/Ethics-in-Hawaii-Hire-your-Family-and-Keep-Their-Frequent-Flyer-Miles)
- 17 [Main/ID/46807/Ethics-in-Hawaii-Hire-your-Family-and-Keep-Their-Frequent-](https://www.hawaiifreepress.com/Articles-Main/ID/46807/Ethics-in-Hawaii-Hire-your-Family-and-Keep-Their-Frequent-Flyer-Miles)
- 18 [Flyer-Miles](https://www.hawaiifreepress.com/Articles-Main/ID/46807/Ethics-in-Hawaii-Hire-your-Family-and-Keep-Their-Frequent-Flyer-Miles)
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- 20 • Mar. 8, 2026, Civil Beat - The Most Influential People At The State Capitol Are Out In
- 21 The Hallway. [https://www.civilbeat.org/2026/03/the-most-influential-people-at-](https://www.civilbeat.org/2026/03/the-most-influential-people-at-the-state-capitol-are-out-in-the-hallway/)
- 22 [the-state-capitol-are-out-in-the-hallway/](https://www.civilbeat.org/2026/03/the-most-influential-people-at-the-state-capitol-are-out-in-the-hallway/)
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- 24 • Mar. 13, 2026, Maui Now - House Judiciary Committee’s ‘Good Government’ bills cross
- 25 over to the Senate [https://mauinow.com/2026/03/13/house-judiciary-committees-](https://mauinow.com/2026/03/13/house-judiciary-committees-good-government-bills-cross-over-to-the-senate/)
- 26 [good-government-bills-cross-over-to-the-senate/](https://mauinow.com/2026/03/13/house-judiciary-committees-good-government-bills-cross-over-to-the-senate/)
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- 28 • Mar. 15, 2026, Civil Beat - The Sun Is Still Shining For Key Reform Bills Halfway Through
- 29 Session [https://www.civilbeat.org/2026/03/the-sun-is-still-shining-for-key-reform-](https://www.civilbeat.org/2026/03/the-sun-is-still-shining-for-key-reform-bills-halfway-through-session/)
- 30 [bills-halfway-through-session/](https://www.civilbeat.org/2026/03/the-sun-is-still-shining-for-key-reform-bills-halfway-through-session/)
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- 32 • Mar. 22, 2026, Civil Beat - That Dark Cloud Over The Legislature? This Bill Would Make
- 33 It Even Darker [https://www.civilbeat.org/2026/03/that-dark-cloud-over-the-](https://www.civilbeat.org/2026/03/that-dark-cloud-over-the-legislature-this-bill-would-make-it-even-darker/)
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37 **Agenda Item No. IV: 2026 Legislative Matters (12:29)**

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39 Executive Director Harris provided an overview of the ethics-related bills currently being

40 heard or scheduled for hearings at the legislature, noting HB2240, which appropriates

41 funds for the Ethics Commission, has been signed by the Governor as Act 1.

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43 Director Harris provided an update on HB1873, noting the recent media attention and his

44 op-ed regarding the bill. The bill would remove the UH Board of Regents from public

45 financial disclosure requirements and alter the Sunshine Law’s application to the Board.

46 The Commission has taken a strong position against, emphasizing that more than 40 states

1 require public financial disclosures and that many major universities, such as the
2 University of California, the University of Michigan, and the University of Washington, have
3 similar requirements. Director Harris stressed that these disclosures are a standard ethics
4 safeguard and should be maintained.

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6 Commissioners briefly discussed the history and background of the policy decision of the
7 legislature's requirement for certain boards and commissions to file publicly.
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10 **Agenda Item No. V: Evaluation of Executive Director & General Counsel Robert D. Harris**
11 **(21:27)**

12
13 Executive Director Harris discussed the annual evaluation process, noting it follows the
14 same approach as last year. Any discussion about evaluation questions or procedures
15 would occur publicly, while discussions involving legal rights, responsibilities, or privileges
16 may be held in executive session with counsel. Deputy Attorney General Candace Park and
17 Compliance Director Bonita Chang were present to provide legal guidance. Director Harris
18 noted he, along with other nonessential participants, would be excused if the Commission
19 chooses to enter executive session.
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21 **RECESS OF SUNSHINE LAW MEETING AND CONVENING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

22
23 At approximately 10:26 a.m. Chair Fong requested a motion to recess the public meeting
24 and convene in executive session pursuant to Haw. Rev. Stat. ("HRS") § 92-5(a)(2) to discuss
25 matters relating to the evaluation of an employee where consideration of matters affecting
26 privacy will be involved, and/or HRS § 92-5(a)(4) to consult with the Commission's
27 attorneys and/or the Department of Attorney General on questions and issues pertaining
28 to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities regarding the process
29 for the Evaluation of Executive Director & General Counsel Robert D. Harris. Moved by
30 Commissioner Gray and seconded by Vice Chair Hong. All Commissioners present (Fong,
31 Hong, Thielen, Becker, and Gray) voted in the affirmative.
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33 Executive Director Harris, staff, and all members of the public left the conference room or
34 were excused to the Zoom waiting room. The Commission met in executive session with
35 Deputy Attorney General Candace Park and Compliance Director Bonita Chang to obtain
36 legal advice regarding the process for the Evaluation of the Executive Director.
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38 **ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENING OF SUNSHINE LAW**
39 **MEETING**

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41 At approximately 11:37 a.m., the Commission reconvened the Sunshine Law Meeting.
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43 The Commission reconvened in open session after a productive executive session with
44 counsel to review the status of litigation and legal obligations under the Sunshine Law
45 related to the Executive Director's annual evaluation. The discussion focused on Sunshine

1 Law requirements and applicable exceptions under HRS 92-5(a)(2). The Commission agreed
2 to proceed with the evaluation of Executive Director Robert Harris.

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4 Compliance Director Bonita Chang outlined the proposed evaluation process, which
5 includes reviewing the annual report, the Executive Director's self-evaluation, a
6 commissioner survey, and a potential staff survey. The proposed timeline includes
7 distributing the self-evaluation and commissioner survey on March 30, with responses due
8 April 6, and compiling results for Commission discussion on April 15.

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10 Upon a motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Gray, the
11 Commission approved the process and timeline as outlined by Compliance Director Chang.
12 All Commissioners present (Fong, Hong, Thielen, Becker, and Gray) voted in the affirmative.

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15 **Agenda Item No. VI: Adjournment (28:58)**

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17 At approximately 11: 38 a.m., Commission Becker moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded
18 by Commissioner Thielen. All Commissioners present (Fong, Hong, Thielen, Becker, and
19 Gray) voted in the affirmative.

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21 The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

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23 Minutes approved on [], 2026.

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING
AGENDA ITEM II

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 25, 2026
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING

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2026 Hawai'i State Ethics Commission Meeting

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SUNSHINE
MEETING AGENDA
ITEM III

DIRECTORS' REPORT
April 15, 2026

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2026 Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec Year to date

Training statistics

# of In-Person Trainings	0	0	0														0
# of People Trained In Person	0	0	0														0
# of On-Line Trainings (Self-Directed)	910	558	474														1,942
# of Lobbyists Law Trainings	95	48	23														166
# of Training Webinars	2	0	1														3
# of Participants in Training Webinars	24	0	12														36

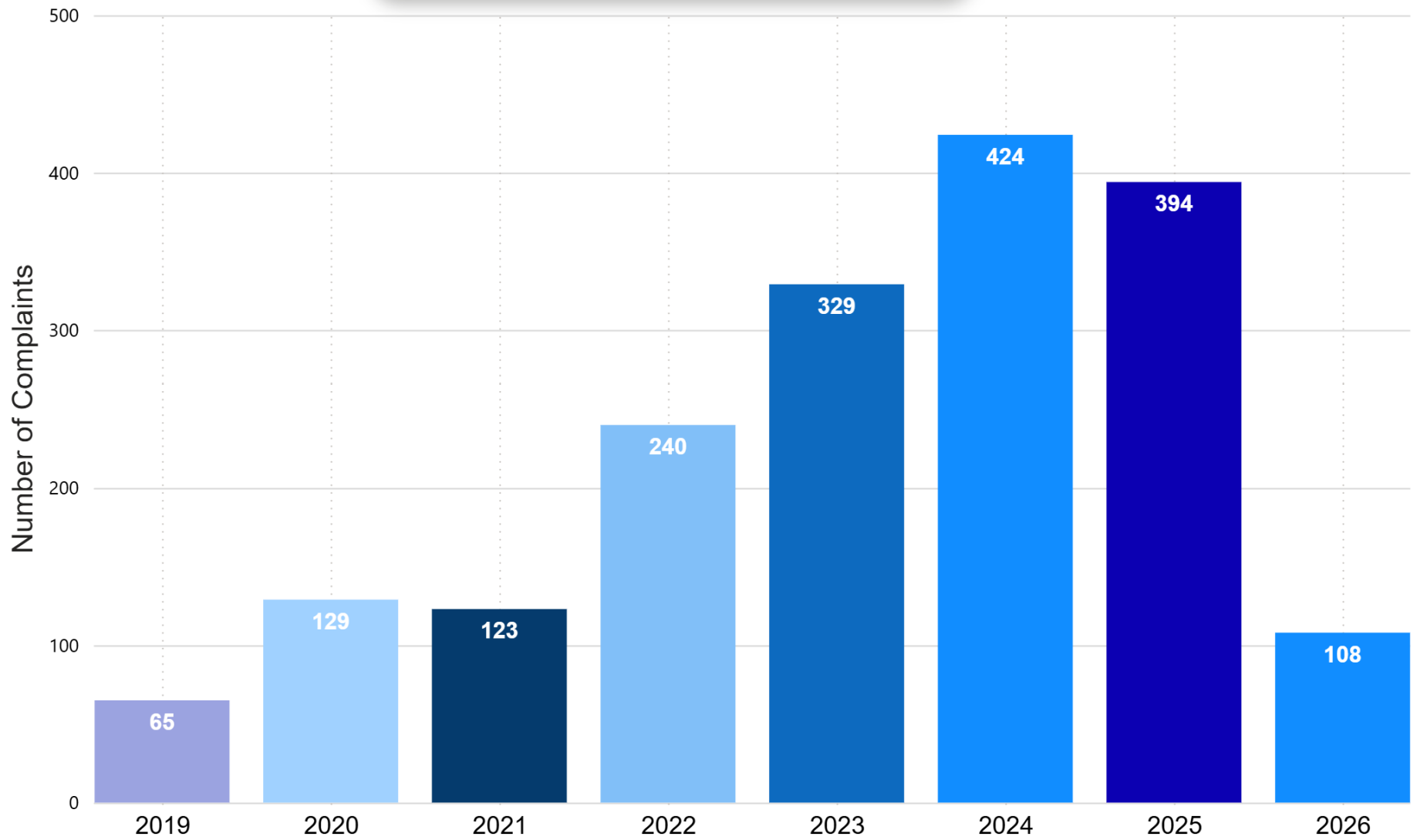
New assignments

Attorney of the Day	79	73	68														220
Advisory Opinion	0	1	0														1
Anti-Fraud	9	13	16														38
Complaint	26	41	34														101
Gifts/Invitations/Travel	26	41	22														89
Guidance	0	0	1														1
Judicial Selection Comm'n	1	2	3														6
Nepotism	1	0	1														2
Training Request	0	1	0														1
Record Request	1	0	0														1
Project/Other	7	1	2														10
Total	150	173	147	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	470

Closed Assignments

Attorney of the Day	72	62	59														193
Advisory Opinion	1	0	0														1
Anti-Fraud	12	11	19														42
Complaint	30	36	26														92
Gifts/Invitations/Travel	23	39	27														89
Guidance	0	1	1														2
Judicial Selection Comm'n	1	2	3														6
Nepotism	1	0	0														1
Training Request	2	0	1														3
Record Request	1	2	0														3
Project/Other	8	0	2														10
Total	151	153	138	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	442

COMPLAINTS OPENED



*As of 04/09/2026

COMPLAINTS

Calendar Year: 2026
Qtr 1
January, February, March

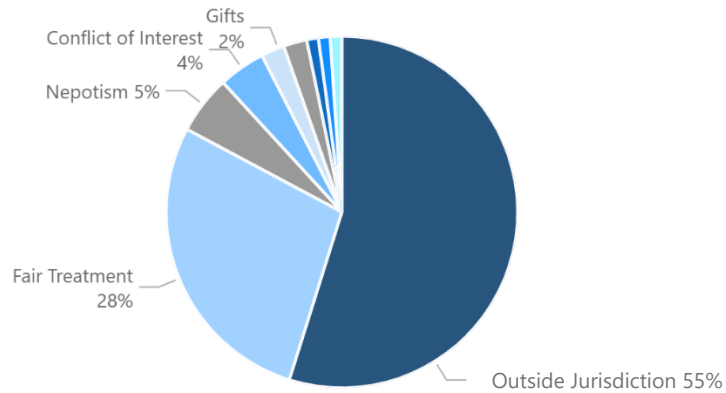
What Were the Alleged Violations?

Fair Treatment	26	Nepotism	5
Confidential Reporting	1	Lobbying	0
Conflict of Interest	4	Post-employment	2
Contracts	0	Financial Disclosures	1
Gifts	2	Outside Jurisdiction	51

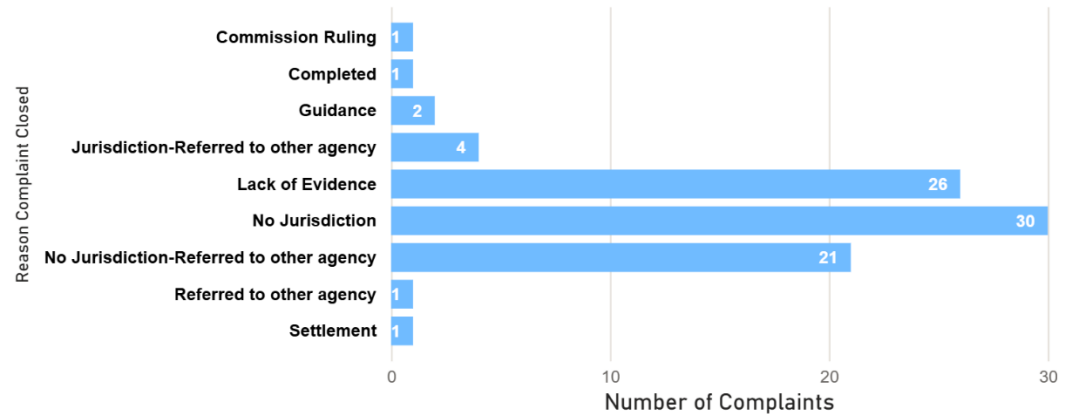
No. of Complaints Opened: 101

No. of Complaints Closed: 94

Median Days to Closed: 21

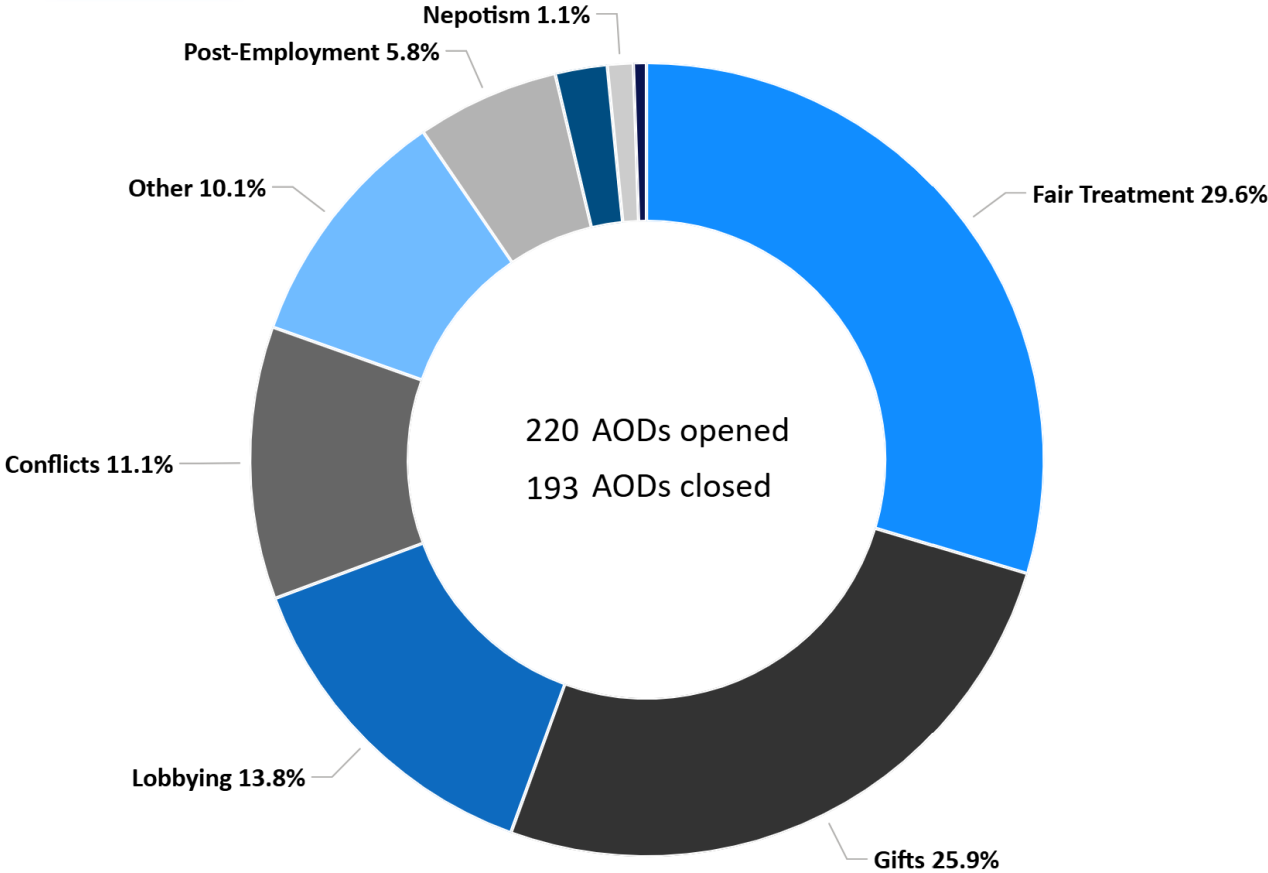


How Were the Complaints Resolved?



2026
Qtr 1
 January, February, March

ATTORNEY OF THE DAY TRENDS



GIFTS	49
FAIR TREATMENT	56
CONFLICTS	21
POST EMPLOYMENT	11
LOBBYING	26
FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES	4
NEPOTISM	2
TRAINING	1
OTHER	19

27 Written Summaries Issued
 2 Guidance Letters Issued

HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT
 FY 2026 (MONTH ENDING: March 31, 2026)
 Appropriation Symbol: G-26-393-Y6

	Amount Appropriated FY 2025-2026	Expenditures for Qtr. End 9/30/2025	Expenditures for Qtr. End 12/31/2025	Expenditures for Qtr. End 3/31/2026	Expenditure: Year-To-Date for Qtr. End 6/30/2026	% of Budget Expended
A. PERSONNEL SERVICES						
Staff Salaries	\$ 1,459,710.00	\$ 342,399.25	\$ 357,594.02	\$ 358,143.00	\$ 0.00	1,058,136.27 72.5%
Total Personnel Services	\$ 1,459,710.00	\$ 342,399.25	\$ 357,594.02	\$ 358,143.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,058,136.27 72.5%
B. OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES						
Office Expenses	5,600.00	720.79	1,779.50	428.83	0.00	2,929.12 52.3%
Intrastate Transportation and Travel	9,250.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	24.00 0.3%
Out-of-State Travel	16,887.00	2,083.47	7,207.69	2,147.02	0.00	11,438.18 67.7%
Equipment Rental and Maintenance	36,212.00	0.00	0.00	958.03	0.00	958.03 2.6%
Dues, Subscriptions, Training	23,494.00	8,591.54	3,986.21	4,883.79	0.00	17,461.54 74.3%
Newspaper Advertisements	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 0.0%
Comm'n Mtgs, Investigations, Hrgs	12,400.00	50.34	2,531.77	19.24	0.00	2,601.35 21.0%
Consulting Services	33,000.00	3,140.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,140.98 9.5%
Office Rent	131,785.00	20,109.34	32,121.96	32,566.76	0.00	84,798.06 64.3%
Total Other Current Expenses	\$ 269,728.00	\$ 34,696.46	\$ 47,651.13	\$ 41,003.67	\$ 0.00	\$ 123,351.26 45.7%
C. CAPITAL OUTLAY						
Office Furniture and Equipment	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 0.0%
Total Capital Outlay	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00 0.0%
GRAND TOTAL (A+B+C)	\$ 1,744,438.00 ¹	\$ 377,095.71	\$ 405,245.15	\$ 399,146.67	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,181,487.53 67.7%

General Fund Allocation	\$ 1,744,438.00
Total Expenditures as of March 31, 2026	\$ 1,181,487.53
Balance as of March 31, 2026	\$562,950.47

¹ \$1,679,759 awarded by Act 1, SLH 2025 - Appropriation 393.
² \$64,679 awarded by Act 127, SLH 2025 - Appropriation 395.

HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT
 FY 2026 (QUARTER ENDING: March 31, 2026)
 Appropriation Symbol: G-25-396-Y6

	Amount Appropriated FY 2025-2026	Expenditures for Qtr. End 9/30/2025	Expenditures for Qtr. End 12/31/2025	Expenditures for Qtr. End 3/31/2026	Expenditures for Qtr. End 6/30/2026	Year-To-Date Expenditures Totals	% of Budget Expended
A. ACCRUED VACATION/VACATION TRANSFERS							
Vacation Payout	\$ 16,553.00 ¹	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%
Total Accrued Vacation/Vacation Transfe	\$ 16,553.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 16,553.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%

Appropriation for Accrued Vacation/Vacation Transfer Payments	\$ 16,553.00
Total Expenditures as of March 31, 2026.	\$ 0.00
Balance as of March 31, 2026	\$ 16,553.00

¹ Funds for accrued vacation and vacation transfer payments appropriated by Act 1, SLH 2025, for \$16,553.00.

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING
AGENDA ITEM IV

DISCUSSION OF MEDIA REPORTS CONCERNING ETHICS OR THE ETHICS COMMISSION
SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Description: The Commission will discuss recent media coverage related to ethics in government or the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission. The discussion may include consideration of potential responses, clarification of public information, or other appropriate actions.

No Attachments.

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING
AGENDA ITEM V

2026 LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

No attachments.

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING
AGENDA ITEM VI

EVALUATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROBERT D. 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.