

# HAWAI‘I COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

## MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

10:01 a.m. – 10:26 a.m.

Hawai‘i County Building

25 Aupuni Street

County Council Chambers

Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720

### Members and Staff Present:

Rachel Short, Chair

Christopher Ho, Member

Paul Paiva, Member

Denise Nakanishi, Member

Sylvia Wan, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Khayla-Lei K. Peiler, Secretary

Amber N.K. Antony, Staff

### 1. CALL TO ORDER (10:01 a.m.)

Ms. Short called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Present were Rachel Short, Christopher Ho, Paul Paiva, Denise Nakanishi, Sylvia Wan, Khayla-Lei Peiler and Amber N.K. Antony.

### 2. STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS (10:01 a.m.)

Ms. Short: Thank you very much everyone for being here this morning. Thank you for your time. Just a friendly reminder, that under HRS 92-3 of the sunshine law this board may remove any person who willfully disrupts a meeting to prevent or compromise the conduct of this meeting. All persons appearing before this board are reminded to conduct themselves in a courtesy manner. At this time, I’m guessing that we do not have any statements from the public?

Ms. Wan: Uhh chair you are correct there are no members of the public that have signed up for statements as of... as of this moment.

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR SESSION MINUTES (10:02 a.m.)

a. Approval of the regular session minutes of October 11, 2023.

Ms. Short: Perfect we’ll move on to agenda item number 3 the approval of the regular session minutes uh from October 11<sup>th</sup> 2023. Did everyone on the board have a chance to review those minutes. Would anyone like to make a motion to approve those minutes or make changes?

Mr. Ho: Chris Ho. Move to approve regular session minutes for October 11<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Mr. Paiva: And Scotty. Second.

Ms. Short: Any discussion to be had? We'll call for a vote? All in favor say Aye. Aye. Any opposition say nay. Hearing none the motion passes and the regular session minutes from October 11, 2023 are approved.

**Motion and Vote: Mr. Ho moved to approve minutes from October 11, 2023; Mr. Paiva seconded. All members voted aye. (10:02 a.m.)**

Ms. Short: Moving along to Agenda item 4a new business, a review of the 2024 Board of Ethics Meeting Dates. Did everyone receive the dates for 2024?

**4. NEW BUSINESS (10:02 a.m.)**

a. Review 2024 Board of Ethics Meeting Dates

Ms. Short: Let's take a moment to review those right now. Just ensure there are no conflicts. Is there any discussion to be had regarding the meeting dates?

Ms. Wan: Uh, I'm sorry chair you'll need a...motion first before...

Ms. Short: Oh, yup sorry. Would someone like to motion to approve our 2024 Board of Ethics Meeting schedule.

Mr. Ho: Chris Ho. Move to approve the 2024 Board of Ethics meeting dates.

Mr. Paiva: And Scotty Paiva. Second.

Ms. Short: Any discussion to be had? Seeing none we will call for a vote. All in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposition say nay. Hearing and seeing none the motion passes and the 2024 Board of Ethics meeting dates are solidified.

**Motion and Vote: Mr. Ho moved to motioned to approve the 2024 Board of Ethics Meeting Dates. Mr. Paiva seconded. All members voted aye. (10:03 a.m.)**

Ms. Short: At this time would someone like to make a motion to move us into executive session so that we can review the executive uh session

meeting minutes from last month as well as the confidential financial disclosures.

Mr. Ho: Chris Ho. Move to enter into executive session at 10:04 am to review confidential information...

Ms. Wan: Confidential Financial Disclosures and Gift Disclosures as well as the executive minutes.

Mr. Ho: Confidential financial disclosure forms and gift disclosure forms and executive session minutes.

Ms. Short: Would someone like to second that motion?

Ms. Nakanishi: I second.

Ms. Short: Any discussion to be had? We'll call for a vote. All in favor say Aye. Aye. Any opposition say nay. Hearing and seeing none at 10:04 am we're officially moved into executive session. We'll take a one minute recess to close the curtains and seal. Thank you.

**Motion and Vote: Mr. Ho moved to enter executive session to review Confidential Financial Disclosure Forms, Gift Disclosures, and the Executive Minutes; Ms. Nakanishi seconded the motion. All members voted aye (10:04 a.m.)**

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION (10:05 a.m. to 10:22 a.m.)**

- a. Review of the executive session minutes of October 11, 2023.
- b. Continued review of Confidential Financial Disclosure Forms filed pursuant to Section 2-91.1(d), Hawai'i County Code, by County board and commission members and designated County employees, where personal matters will be reviewed.
- c. Review of Confidential Financial Disclosure Forms filed pursuant to Section 2-91.1(d), Hawai'i County Code, by County board and commission members and designated County employees, where personal matters will be reviewed.
- d. Continued Review of Gift Disclosures filed pursuant to Section 2-91.5(a), by County board and commission members and designated County employees, where personal matters will be reviewed.
- e. Review of Gift Disclosures filed pursuant to Section 2-91.5(a), by County board and commission members and designated County employees, where personal matters will be reviewed.

**Motion and Vote: Mr. Ho moved to exit executive session. Ms. Nakanishi seconded the motion. All members voted aye. (10:22 a.m.)**

Ms. Short: 10:23am November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 we officially have moved back into regular session for the Hawaii County Board of Ethics. In order to approve and discuss the executive session minutes from October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Would someone like to make a motion to approve executive session minutes from October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023?

Mr. Ho: Chris Ho. Move to approve executive session minutes of October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Ms. Short: Would someone like to second that motion?

Mr. Paiva: Scotty Paiva. Second.

Ms. Short: Any discussion to be had? Hearing and seeing none we will take a vote. All in favor say Aye. Aye. Any opposition please say nay. Hearing and seeing none at 10:24am the executive session minutes from October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for the Hawaii County Board of Ethics are officially approved.

**Motion and Vote: Mr. Ho moved to approve the executive session minutes of October 11th, 2023. Mr. Paiva seconded the motion. All members voted aye. (10:25 a.m.)**

Ms. Short: At this time we will move on to announcements. Agenda item 7a.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:25 a.m.)**

a. The next monthly meeting of the Board of Ethics is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Hawai‘i County Building, Council Chambers, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720.

Ms. Short: The next monthly meeting of the Board of Ethics is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 10am here in the Hawaii County Building Counsel Chambers 25 Aupuni Street Hilo, Hawaii 96720.

**8. ADJOURNMENT (10:25 a.m.)**

Ms. Short: At this time I will entertain a motion to adjourn at 10:25am.

Mr. Ho: Chris Ho. Move to adjourn.

Mr. Paiva: Scotty Paiva. Second.

Ms. Short: Any discussion to be had? Hearing and seeing none at 10:25am this concludes and adjourns the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Board of Ethics meeting. Oh. We need to vote. Any discussion to be had? Hearing and seeing none all in favor please say aye. Aye. Any opposition say nay. 10:26am this concludes the November 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 Hawaii County Board of Ethics meeting. Thank you everyone for being here today.

**Motion and Vote: Mr. Ho moved to adjourn the Hawai'i County Board of Ethics meeting; Mr. Paiva seconded the motion. All members voted aye. (10:26 a.m.)**

Respectfully submitted:

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Khayla-Lei Peiler, Secretary