

HAWAI‘I COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 11: 21 a.m.

Hawai‘i County Building

25 Aupuni Street

County Council Chambers

Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720

Members and Staff Present:

Christopher Ho, (Acting) Chair

Lisa Fukumitsu, Member

Denise Nakanishi, Member

Scotty Paiva, Member

Sylvia Wan, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Khayla-Lei Peiler, Secretary

Noah Agustin, Secretary Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER (10:00 a.m.)

Mr. Ho called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present in chambers were Christopher Ho, Lisa Fukumitsu, Denise Nakanishi, Scotty Paiva and Deputy Corporation Counsel Sylvia Wan. Also present were Secretary Khayla-Lei Peiler and Secretary Assistant Noah Agustin.

Mr. Ho: Good morning, everyone. I am Vice Chair Christopher Ho. This is the Board of Ethics November 13, 2024 meeting being held both in person at the Hilo council chambers, as well as virtually using the zoom platform. I'd like to review some protocols with all of our zoom participants. All cameras must be on at all times during your hearing, one person speaks at a time with no side conversations. Mute your devices when you are not speaking to improve audio quality for all. For zoom participants raise your hand and wait for recognition by the Chair before speaking to ensure we make a clear and... clean and clear record. Prior to speaking, please state your name so that all parties know who is speaking. Speak slowly, clearly, and be close to your microphone. Limit distractions, and as a general reminder for all BOE members please state your name before speaking throughout our hearing today. Um at this time I'd like to now introduce um Board of Ethics members. If we could each go down the line and state your names I'll go first Vice Chair Christopher Ho.

Ms. Fukumitsu: Board member Fukumitsu.

Ms. Nakanishi: Board member Denise Nakanishi.

Mr. Paiva: And Board member Scotty Paiva.

Mr. Ho: Thank you. Also present are Deputy Corporation Counsel Sylvia Wan, Khayla Peiler, BOE Secretary and Noah Agustin uh will be assisting.

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

Mr. Ho: No we'll take um statements from the public on agenda items. Public testifiers can testify now or just prior the agenda item, they wish to testify on. DCC Wan will keep time. Everyone has three minutes. At two and a half minutes DCC Wan will announce such. Do we have any public testifiers at this time?

Ms. Wan: Chair at this time we do not have any public testifiers.

Mr. Ho: Thank you. May the record reflect there is no public testimony at this time.

3. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR, CLOSED, & EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES (10:02 a.m.)

a. Approval of the regular session minutes of October 9, 2024

Mr. Ho: Moving on to approval of the regular session minutes of October 9, 2024. Do we have any public testimony on this agenda item?

Ms. Wan: No, Chair.

Mr. Ho: Has everyone read the regular session minutes of October 9, 2024? Ok...Um, Can I get a motion to approve the regular session minutes.

Ms. Fukumitsu: Board Member Fukumitsu, um I move to approve the regular session minutes for October 9, 2024.

Mr. Ho: Ok we have a motion to approve. Do we have second?

Mr. Paiva: Member Scotty Paiva. Second.

Mr. Ho: Thank you we have a second. Um all those in favor. Oh excuse me... discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor say aye. Aye.

All members say aye in unison

Mr. Ho: All those oppose vote nay. May the record reflect um 4 in favor... um unanimous.

Ms. Wan: And thus the minutes have been approve.

Mr. Ho: And the minutes have been approved.

Motion and Vote: Board member Fukumitsu moved to approve the Regular Session minutes of October 9, 2024; Board member Paiva seconded; All members voted aye. Motion passed. (10:03 a.m.)

Mr. Ho: Uh do we... Oh excuse me moving on to approval of the closed session minutes of October 9, 2024. Do we have any public testimony on this agenda item?

Ms. Wan: No Chair we do not.

Mr. Ho: Has everyone read the closed session minutes of October 9, 2024? Alright um can I get a motion to approve the regular session minutes of October 9, 2024.

Ms. Wan: Closed session.

Mr. Ho: Excuse me closed session.

Ms. Fukumitsu: Board member Fukumitsu, I move to approve the closed session minutes of October 9, 2024.

Mr. Ho: We have a motion. Do I have a second?

Ms. Nakanishi: Board member Nakanishi, I second.

Mr. Ho: Ok we have second do we have any discussion? Seeing and hearing none all those in favor say aye.

All members say aye in unison

Mr. Ho: All those oppose, nay. Seeing and hearing none um motion passes with a vote of 4 to 0. Um the closed session minutes October 9, 2024 have been approved.

Motion and Vote: Board member Fukumitsu moved to approve the closed session minutes of October 9, 2024; Board member Nakanishi seconded; All members voted aye. Motion passed. (10:04 a.m.)

Mr. Ho: Moving on to the approval of the executive session minutes of October 9, 2024. Do we have any public testimony on this agenda item?

Ms. Wan: Chair we do not.

Mr. Ho: Has everyone read the executive session minutes of October 9, 2024? Do we have a motion to approve the closed session minutes of October 9, 2024?

Ms. Fukumitsu: Board member Fukumitsu, I move to approve the executive session minutes of October 9, 2024. Is that correct?

Mr. Ho: That is correct. Thank you. Ok we have a motion do we have a second?

Mr. Paiva: Member Paiva. Second.

Mr. Ho: Ok. We have a second. Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor say aye.

All members say aye in unison

Mr. Ho: All those oppose say Nay. Seeing and hearing none the motion passes for executive session minutes of October 9, 2024 with a vote of 4-0.

Motion and Vote: Board member Fukumitsu moved to approve the Executive Session minutes of October 9, 2024; Board member Paiva seconded; All members voted aye. Motion passed. (10:05 a.m.)

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (10:05 a.m.)

a. Petition 2024-09: Review of draft Amended Informal Advisory Opinion.

Mr. Ho: Moving on to unfinished business. Ok so calling Petition number 2024-09 review of the draft amended Informal Advisory Opinion. Do we have any public testimony on this agenda item?

Ms. Wan: Chair we do not.

Mr. Ho: I'd like to note that this Board received a phone message from Mr. Aaron Spielman, the petitioner, stating that there was an error in the informal advisory opinion regarding his position as an employee of the County. He stated this position with the County is an Architect II applying for the position of Deputy Building Chief. Thus, draft amended informal advisory opinion reflects that change. Has everyone read the Draft amended informal advisory opinion for Petition 2024-09. Ok can I get a motion to approve the amended informal advisory opinion for Petition 2024-09?

Ms. Nakanishi: Oh good. Move to approve the advisory opinion 2024-09.

Mr. Ho: Thank you. I have a motion. Do I have a second?

Ms. Fukumitsu: Board member Fukumitsu. Second.

Mr. Ho: Ok we have second. Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none all those in favor say aye.

All members say aye in unison

Mr. Ho: Opposed? Seeing and hearing none motion passes um approval for amended informal advisory opinion 2024-09 with a vote of 4-0.

Motion and Vote: Board member Nakanishi moved to approve draft amended Informal Advisory Opinion for Petition 2024-19; Board member Fukumitsu seconded; All members voted aye. Motion passed. (10:07 a.m.)

b. Petition 2024-14: Review of draft Informal Advisory Opinion.

Mr. Ho: Ok calling Petition number 2024-14 review of the draft Informal Advisory Opinion. Do we have any public testimony on this agenda item?

Ms. Wan: No Chair we do not.

Mr. Ho: Has everyone read the draft informal advisory opinion? Uh...can I get a motion to approve the informal advisory opinion?

Ms. Fukumitsu: Board member Fukumitsu. I move to approve the informal advisory opinion for Petition 2024-14. Is that correct?

Mr. Ho: Yes. We have a motion do I have a second?

Mr. Paiva: Member Paiva. Second.

Mr. Ho: Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor say aye.

All members say aye in unison

Mr. Ho: All those opposed say nay. Seeing and hearing none the motion passes for informal advisory opinion for Petition 2024-14 with a vote of 4-0.

Motion and Vote: Board member Fukumitsu moved to approve the draft informal advisory opinion for Petition 2024-14; Board member Paiva seconded; All members voted aye. Motion passed. (10:07 a.m.)

c. Petition 2024-15: Review of draft Order Dismissing Petition.

Mr. Ho: Moving on to Petition 2024-15. Review of the draft order dismissing Petition. Do we have any public testimony on this agenda item?

Ms. Wan: No Chair we do not.

Mr. Ho: Has everyone had a chance to read uh the order dismissing Petition 2024-15? Do we have...um can I get a motion to approve the order dismissing Petition 2024-15?

Ms. Nakanishi: I move to dismiss Petition... I mean to approve the informal... the order dismissing Petition 2024-15.

Mr. Ho: Thank you. We have motion, do we have a second?

Ms. Fukumitsu: Board member Fukumitsu. Second.

Mr. Ho: Do we have any discussion? Seeing and hearing none all those in favor say aye.

All members say aye in unison

Mr. Ho: All those opposed? Seeing and hearing none motion passes for order dismissing Petition 2024-15. With a vote of 4-0.

Motion and Vote: Board member Nakanishi moved to approve draft Order Dismissing Petition 2024-15; Board member Fukumitsu seconded; All members voted aye. Motion passed. (10:09 a.m.)

d. Petition 2024-16: Review of draft Order Dismissing Petition.

Mr. Ho: Calling Petition number 2024-16. Review of the draft order dismissing petition. Do we have any public testimony on this agenda item?

Ms. Wan: No Chair, we do not.

Mr. Ho: As everyone read Draft order dismissing Petition 2024-16? Um, can I get a motion to approve order dismissing Petition 2024-16.

Ms. Fukumitsu: Board member Fukumitsu, I move to approve the order dismissing Petition 2024-16.

Mr. Ho: Do we have a... uh we have a motion do we have a second?

Ms. Nakanishi: Board member Nakanishi. Second.

Mr. Ho: Ok, we have second. Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none all those in favor say aye.

All members say aye in unison

Mr. Ho: And opposed? Seeing and hearing none... uh motion passes to... for dismissal uh excuse me. Order dismissing Petition 2024-16 with a vote of 4-0.

Motion and Vote: Board member Fukumitsu moved to approve the draft order dismissing Petition 2024-16; Board member Nakanishi seconded; All members voted aye. Motion passed. (10:10 a.m.)

e. Continued review and update of the Board of Ethics Rules of Practice and Procedures.

Mr. Ho: Moving on. Continued review and update of the Board of Ethics Rules of Practice and Procedures. Deputy Corporation Counsel is there an update as to the Board of Ethics Rules of Practice and Procedures.

Ms. Wan: Uh thank you Chair. Deputy Corporation Counsel Sylvia Wan. Um I will note that I have um at this point in the middle of trying to update the rules I think I would like the assistance of some of the Board members for some input. Um I want to make sure that I'm not drafting in a vacuum here and that I'm adequately reflecting the updates that this Board would like to see. Um, before we present any potential draft to the rest of the Board so at this time I would be seeking if this Board would be willing to entertain a Permitted Interaction Group uh to help assist me in that regard.

Mr. Ho: Awesome. Thank you very much. Any discussion on your guy's end? Ok um, if I would...if I may I would entertain a motion to create a Permitted Interaction Group for the purpose of reviewing and drafting potential amendments to the Board's rules.

Ms. Fukumitsu: So moved.

Mr. Ho: Ok, we have a motion. Do we have a second?

Mr. Paiva: Member Paiva. Second.

Mr. Ho: Ok open for discussion. Um ultimately this would afford us an opportunity to select no more than three individuals on the Board to work with DCC Wan to um go through all of our rules um and provide assistance and support in updating our aged rules.

Ms. Wan: Just to provide some context to the Board um presently the Rules that the Board has were from I believe it was 1989. Um so they're a little archaic in comparison to how we um work procedurally at this point in time um as well as there has been some updates to the Code of Ethics since the establishment of that Rules and... and presently we kind of been operating um. There's...there's a vacuum basically. So at this point I kind of drafted a skeleton but I would definitely love some input to help fill in um and to make sure that I'm going in the right direction. Um so I would like to try to...with this Permitted Action group I would like to be able to try to a... um break down different portions of the rules and... and receive input so that um basically we can do some live editing

before we can have a formal draft to present to the Board. So this may take some time um and thus maybe a little bit of a commitment of course I would work at your pace um because I understand everybody's a volunteer on this Board and uh yeah. So I just kind of want to put that out there because it is a little bit of a time commitment.

Mr. Ho: Alright do we have any other discussion? Just a quick clarifying question... is there anyone on the Board currently whose terms may expire let's say within the next year? That if put on here it may...

Ms. Wan: Yeah, I believe um Ms. Nakanishi would expire at the end of this year. So presently um it would be the members who would be present who could basically elect to be present would be the ones that are here minus Ms. Nakanishi so if everybody wants to be a part of the P.I.G. you probably could. Um, if... but no pressure. We don't have to have 3, 3 is just the maximum.

Mr. Ho: Ok, thank you very much. Do I have anyone who is interested in being apart of the P.I.G.?

Ms. Fukumitsu: Board member Fukumitsu, yes me.

Mr. Ho: Ok. Thank you.

Mr. Paiva: And Board member Paiva I would also be interested.

Mr. Ho: Awesome. Thank you to both Board members. I will also throw my name into the ring um to be a part of that so I believe that max's out our um allowable amount of individuals for participation.

Ms. Wan: Yes, so uh provided the motion passes I will assume that you're also electing these 3 members to be apart of your group.

Mr. Ho: Ok. Um, anyone want to give making a motion a shot?

Ms. Wan: No you already did the motion. You already did the motion so it would just be calling the question.

Mr. Ho: Would I need to amend the motion to insert the names?

Ms. Wan: Not necessarily, no. Because the members could actually be assigned after you... after the Board approves the motion.

Mr. Ho: And would they be able to be rotated should the need arise?

Ms. Wan: No, actually. Once the members are set, they're set. Um so once uh... how do I say this... the motion to create the P.I.G. is passed the Chair even has the authority to assign members, it sounds like you guys have self-selected at least within your discussion but I do need the motion to pass before that P.I.G. can be formally created. And if you want to just recite on the record who would be the members of that particular permitted interactive group that should be fine. So that'll open it up.

Mr. Ho: Ok and then last clarifying question. So since we have the 3 um hypothetically the motion passes. As the acting Chair would I have the authority to then assign those individual's or would we need to wait for the...Chair?

Ms. Wan: No. You can do it.

Mr. Ho: Ok, thank you. Any other discussion? Seeing and hearing none all those in favor of the motion presented to create a Permitted Interaction group for the purpose of reviewing and drafting potential amendments to the Board's rules, say aye.

All members say aye in unison

Mr. Ho: All those opposed? Seeing and hearing none... motion passes by a vote of 4-0.

Motion and Vote: Board member Fukumitsu moved to create a Permitted Interaction group for the purpose of reviewing and drafting potential amendments; Board member Paiva seconded; All members voted aye. Motion passed. (10:16 a.m.)

Mr. Ho: At this time the Chair would like to select and assigned the following Board Members to serve on the Permitted Interaction Group. Uh Board member Fukumitsu.

Ms. Wan: Uh, not Fukumitsu.

Mr. Ho: Wait?

Ms. Wan: Oh wait. I'm sorry, no you're right.

Mr. Ho: Ok.

Ms. Wan: Don't mind my brain.

Mr. Ho: Board member Fukumitsu, Board member Paiva, and Vice Chair Ho.

Ms. Wan: Ok. Thank you. And at this time would you select uh a Chair for this Permitted Interaction Group. You can also, you can also self-select.

Mr. Paiva: I would love the Vice Chair to Chair and lead this motion on.

Mr. Ho: Shocker. I'm shocked. Um...

Ms. Wan: Ok so then I will have it as, or do you accept that?

Mr. Ho: I accept.

Ms. Wan: Ok, thank you.

Mr. Ho: Thank you.

Ms. Wan: So um, Permitted Action Group has been created members are Ms. Fukumitsu, Mr. Ho and Mr. Paiva. With Mr. Ho being the Chair of this permitted interaction group. Thank you very much.

Mr. Ho: Thank you.

5. NEW BUSINESS (10:17 A.M.)

a. Petition 2024-17: Review of a Petition from a County Employee seeking clearance and guidance regarding a potential conflict of interest.

Mr. Ho: Moving on to New Business um, new business item number five. Do we have any public testimony on this item?

Ms. Wan: Chair, at this time we do not.

Mr. Ho: Can we get the petitioner to please come up to the microphone and state your name for the record please?

Ms. Enomoto: My name is Lori Enomoto.

Mr. Ho: Ok, thank you. If you want to actually pull it up closer to you that would be great. And then just say it one more time.

Ms. Enomoto: Lori Enomoto.

Mr. Ho: Thank you.

Ms. Nakanishi: Chair, did you note that she's asked for a closed hearing.

Mr. Ho: Ok, alright. Hi Ms. Enomoto um on your petition you have selected for a closed hearing um did you still...

Ms. Enomoto: It's fine. It can be open.

Mr. Ho: Ok, so you're ok with it being open?

Ms. Enomoto: Yes.

Mr. Ho: Alright. Thank you. Um please let the record um reflect the petitioner has agreed for an open hearing. Um ok so can you please explain the question in which you seek the Board's guidance.

Ms. Enomoto: So I'm in the process of obtaining my real estate license but would like... I am in the process of obtaining my real estate license but would like to verify with the Board of Ethics if this is possible with my position as an information and assistance clerk at Office of Aging.

Mr. Ho: Ok, thank you. Are there any questions from the Board?

Ms. Nakanishi: Um, Board member Nakanishi. Ms. Enomoto can you explain to me um what kind of databases you have um uh access to? Personal. With personal information.

Ms. Enomoto: Wellsky.

Ms. Nakanishi: Say that again.

Ms. Enomoto: Wellsky. And FRESH.

Ms. Nakanishi: What?

Ms. Enomoto: Wellsky. W-E-L-L-S-K-Y. We enter registrations um for individuals looking for services into this database so they can get services from Office of Aging.

Ms. Wan: Ok, can I just ask for some clarification. So the database that you're talking about that you have access to is in your role as an employee at the Office of Aging?

Ms. Enomoto: Yes. As an Information and Assistance Clerk.

Ms. Wan: Ok, thank you.

Ms. Nakanishi: And what kind of information do you enter in there?

Ms. Enomoto: Individuals that are looking for assistance from the Office of Aging. So if they want to say, get transportation from coordinated services, like it's for the elderly. Um, or they want to get meals from the Hawaii County nutrition program and we just enter their information so they're able to get these services.

Ms. Nakanishi: So no section 8 housing?

Ms. Enomoto: No, nothing to do with Housing. Um I also do payroll for Office of Aging. So enter timesheets um so FRESH would be another database.

Mr. Ho: Any other questions?

Mr. Paiva: Member Paiva so following along with Ms. Nakanishi's question. Anything real estate or might give you an edge in the real estate market or opportunities.

Ms. Enomoto: No.

Mr. Paiva: Ok, thank you.

Mr. Ho: Any further questions? Ok, um I have a few questions for you. Um in your job within the um sorry I just totally blanked, um Office of Aging, are you...do you receive any prior knowledge of any opening um section 8 housing or any housings that may benefit um you with your real estate license?

Ms. Enomoto: No, I do not.

Mr. Ho: Ok. That was the only question I actually had. Anybody else? Alright.

Ms. Wan: Ok, I'm sorry. Just so I can make sure the record is super clear um, can you just give a short description of what your role is as an employee with the Office of Aging? Like what are your general tasks and duties?

Ms. Enomoto: Sure so I answer the main line which is at 961-8600. So when people call in they are looking for the drivers licensing number, I can give them that. Um if they want to speak to somebody from our Aging and Disability Resource Center for services, so if they want a referral down to legal aid, any kind of in home services, your Kupuna Care, um I refer the call out there. I also do assist Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities, I'm the clerical support for that. I do the minutes, posting the agenda, things like that. Um and the timesheets, so payroll. Uh entering the registrations into Wellsky, making copies at the machine room. Things like that.

Ms. Wan: Thank you very much.

Mr. Ho: Thank you for the clarification. Any other questions? Ok, seeing and hearing none. Are there any motions at the time based on the information presented?

Ms. Nakanishi: Board member Nakanishi. I motion that um we find that there is no conflict with her real estate license and her current position, with her obtaining her real estate license and her current position but if she were to ever change to where she had access to uh financial information, um with the public. That she not access that to harvest leads for better...that's my motion.

Mr. Ho: Ok, just give me one second.

Ms. Wan: Do you want me to try to restate that?

Mr. Ho: If you would please.

Ms. Wan: Ok, um Ms. Nakanishi has moved that the Board finds no conflict between the Petitioner obtaining her real estate license and her

current position with the Office of Aging. Provided that she does not use um any information that she obtains within her position at the Office of Aging for any kind of um leads in furtherance of her real state uh occupation.

Mr. Ho: Denise are you ok with that?

Ms. Nakanishi: Uh im ok with it. I'm more concern if she changes to another position like we had to address earlier where she would have.

Ms. Wan: Ok, um I would think that the limitation would be based on her current position now so obviously if she does change positions she'd need to get a new opinion before the Board.

Ms. Nakanishi: Ok.

Mr. Ho: Ok, so we have a motion. Uh do we have a second?

Mr. Paiva: Member Paiva. I second.

Mr. Ho: And any discussion? Ok seeing and hearing none...

Ms. Wan: Uh can I just clarify?

Mr. Ho: Yes.

Ms. Wan: Um this is also under the assumption um that Ms. Enomoto does not use any County resources, time, supplies, or anything while she's working within the four corners of her employment um that doesn't ever conflict over into her real estate. So anything she does with her real estate license would be separate and apart from her County position. Am I clear that that's what, that's the Board's perspective on this.

Mr. Paiva: I would think that's...that's a given.

Ms. Wan: Ok, just making sure our records clear. Thank you.

Mr. Ho: So, since were still in discussion... with that statement would that actually be written into it? Or...cause in the past we've had instances were things were perceived but not written um I would hope that that part would actually be written in there um or a component of it.

Ms. Wan: Well that's already a component of the um Code of Ethics, that an individual does not use County resources for personal gain or just personal uses. So at this point it sounds like what she's proffering is not...she's not proffering to use her real estate license while she's in her position so I think it should be ok.

Mr. Ho: Ok, perfect. Alright. Um any further discussion? Seeing and hearing none um all those in favor of the motion as stated please say aye.

All members say aye in unison

Mr. Ho: All those opposed say nay. Seeing and hearing none... motion passes by a vote of 4-0. Deputy could read the motion that passed?

Ms. Wan: Ok, uh the motion is that this Board finds no conflict between the Petitioner obtaining her real estate license and maintaining her current position with the Office of Aging provided that she does not use um any of her resources or information obtained in her position at Office of Aging to benefit her position as a real estate agent.

Motion and Vote: Board member Nakanishi moved to find no conflict of interest between the Petitioner obtaining her real estate license and maintaining her current position with the Office of Aging; Board member Paiva seconded; All members voted aye. Motion passed. (10:28 a.m.)

Ms. Enomoto: Thank you very much for your time.

Mr. Ho: Thank you so much for your time, have a wonderful day.

Mr. Paiva: And thank you for servicing our Kupuna and good luck to you in the future. Thank you.

Mr. Ho: Alright moving on to Agenda Item number six, Executive Session, can I get a motion from a board member to go into Executive Session?

Ms. Wan: For the purposes of agenda item 6?

Mr. Ho: Yes.

Ms. Wan: So that would be for reviewing financial disclosures and gift disclosures.

Ms. Fukumitsu: Board member Fukumitsu, I move that we go into executive session to review confidential financial disclosure forms filed pursuant to Section 2-91.1(d) of the Hawaii County Code by County board and commission members and designated county employees where personal matters will be reviewed and where this board may also consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities pursuant to Hawaii revised statutes Sections 92-5(a)(2), 92-5(a)(4), and 92-6(a)(2).

Mr. Ho: Thank you. We have a motion. Do we have a second?

Ms. Nakanishi: Board member, Nakanishi. I second.

Mr. Ho: Thank you. Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none all those in favor say Aye.

All members say aye in unison

Mr. Ho: All those opposed say nay. May the record reflect the motion carries 4-0. We are entering into executive session at 10:29 a.m.

Motion and Vote: Board member Fukumitsu moved to enter into Executive Session; Board member Nakanishi seconded; All members voted aye. Motion passed. (10:29 a.m.)

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board moves into Executive Session (10:29 a.m.)

Board ends Executive Session (11:18 a.m.)

Mr. Ho: Uh let the record reflect we have reestablished the room for an open meeting and going back into an open meeting. Um still in agenda item 6. Uh I would entertain a motion to approve and file financial disclosures 1-6 on agenda item 6a and gift disclosures 1 and 2 on agenda item 6b.

Ms. Fukumitsu: Board member Fukumitsu. So moved.

Mr. Ho: Do I have a second?

Mr. Paiva: Member Paiva, second.

Mr. Ho: Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor say aye.

All members say aye in unison

Mr. Ho: All those opposed say nay. Seeing and hearing none the motion passes by a vote of 4-0 to approve and file financial disclosures 1-6 and gift disclosures 1 and 2.

Motion and Vote: Board member Fukumitsu moved to approve and file Financial Disclosures 1-6 and Gift Disclosures 1 and 2; Board member Paiva seconded; All members voted aye; Motion passed. (11:20 a.m.)

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS (11:20 A.M.)

- a. The next monthly meeting of the Board of Ethics is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Hawai'i County Building, Council Chambers, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720.

Mr. Ho: Ok, moving into announcements um Agenda item number 7. The next monthly meeting of the Board of Ethics is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, at 10 a.m. at the Hawaii County Building, Council Chambers, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720.

8. ADJOURNMENT (11:21 A.M.)

Mr. Ho: Finally moving to agenda item number 8 Adjournment. Uh can I get a motion to adjourn?

Ms. Nakanishi: I move... Board member Nakanishi I move we adjourn.

Mr. Ho: Ok, we have a motion to adjourn, second?

Mr. Paiva: Member Paiva. Second.

Mr. Ho: And we have a second. Discussion? Seeing and hearing none all those in favor say aye.

All members say aye in unison

Mr. Ho: All those opposed say nay. Seeing and hearing none we are adjourned. At 11:21 for this months um Board of Ethics meeting.

Motion and Vote: Board member Nakanishi moved to adjourn the Hawaii County Board of Ethics meeting; Board member Paiva seconded; All members voted aye; Meeting Adjourned. (11:21 a.m.)

Respectfully submitted:

Khayla-Lei Peiler, Secretary