

BEFORE THE BOARD OF ETHICS

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

In the Matter of the Petition by

JASON UEKI,

Petitioner.

PETITION NO. 2024-18

ORDER DISMISSING PETITION

Initial Review: January 28, 2025

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By Petition dated November 20, 2024, with the Hawaii County Board of Ethics (hereinafter “the Board”), Petitioner JASON UEKI (hereinafter “Petitioner”) alleged violations of Hawaii County Code Section 2-83 Fair Treatment by Respondents [REDACTED] (hereinafter “Respondents”).

At its duly noticed meeting of January 28, 2025, the Board reviewed and considered the above-captioned Petition in a closed hearing, pursuant to Rule 4 of the *Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Board of Ethics*. The Board examined the Petition and supporting documents provided by the Petitioner, as well as the responses provided by the Respondents, and oral testimony of the Petitioner. Board Member Lisa Fukumitsu moved to dismiss Petition 2024-18 based on insufficient evidence to support a violation of the Hawaii County’s Code of Ethics Section 2-83 Fair Treatment. The motion was seconded by Board Member Kelly Venezuela. In discussion, Board Member Lisa Fukumitsu explained that the basis for the motion was that evidence presented did not show that Petitioner was treated unfairly or without courtesy, and there was evidence that the Respondents did give him credit for his ideas. The Board unanimously approved the motion to dismiss Petition 2024-18 by a vote of 4 in-favor, 0 against.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing, the Hawai'i County Board of Ethics orders that Petition No. 2024-18 is hereby dismissed. Pursuant to Board Rule 4.9, the Order Dismissing the Petition shall be filed and a copy shall be sent to the Petitioner and Respondent.

Dated: Hilo, Hawai'i, 2.13.2025

BOARD OF ETHICS, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

By 
RACHEL SHORT
Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY:


SYLVIA WAN
Deputy Corporation Counsel

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