



## Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission

### September Meeting Agenda

Date: October 14 , 2024

Time: 2:30 p.m.

In-person meeting location:

1390 Miller Street

2nd Floor Conference Rooms 1 & 2

Honolulu, HI 96813

#### **Virtual meeting link:**

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Commission Purpose:** [From Chapter 369, Hawai'i Revised Statutes] The legislature finds that there is a need to establish a body to improve the State's interface with members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community; identify the short- and long range needs of its members; and ensure that there is an effective means of researching, planning, and advocating for the equity of this population in all aspects of state government. Accordingly, the purpose of this chapter is to establish a commission to provide for a statewide program, on a permanent and continuing basis, on the status of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus individuals in Hawai'i.

# I. Introduction and Roll Call

Reminder: members appearing remotely must identify any other adult or minors with board business who are present with them.

1. Chair Kathleen O'Dell, PhD (she/her)
2. Vice Chair Michael Golojuch Jr. (he/him)
3. Secretary (temporary) Joe Tolbe (he/him)
4. Finance Director Shanda Brack (she/her)
5. LGBTQ+ Commissioners (4 additional voting members)
  - Sandy Harjo-Livingston, PhD (he/him/they/them)
  - Philip Steinbacher (he/him)
  - Joseph "Rocco" Vick
  - Richard Velasquez (he/him/his)
6. Ex-Officio(s) or their designees (6 non-voting members)
  - Superintendent of Education designee Beth Schimmelfennig, Director of the Department of Education, Civil Rights Compliance Office
  - President of the University of Hawai'i System designee Dr. Camaron Miyamoto, Director, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer+ (LGBTQ+) Center, UH Mānoa (he/him/his)
  - Director of Labor and Industrial Relations designee David Rodriguez
  - Director of Human Resources Development designee Signe Nakamura-Dureza
  - Director of Human Services designee Kristen Takushi, Cross-Enrollment Coordinator
  - Director of Health designee Thaddeus Pham (he/him), MPH, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, Harm Reduction Services Branch

7. Comment on receipt of written testimony if any
  - a. Distribution of written testimony not received by October 10, 2024 at 8:30AM
  - b. Review (if written testimony is received at the meeting, a break for Commissioners to review testimony may be required)

## **II. Ongoing Business and Updates**

1. Commissioner shares or concerns (allow 1 minute)
  - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
2. Discussion - Pride Parade Preparation and Logistics
  - a. Logistics (Where, When)
    - i. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
  - b. Preparations needed (supplies, decorations, etc.)
    - i. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
3. Discussion of the Legislature's Equality Caucus with Representative Adrian Tam regarding upcoming 2025 Legislative Session
  - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
4. Discussion – Update on the hiring progress for the secretary position
  - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
5. Update on the Commission's Logo
  - a. Logo description & history of the Pride Flag (see Board Packet)
  - b. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
6. Update on Commission's webpage
  - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
7. Update on Press Releases sent out and procedures
  - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
8. Update from the Commissioner's on their actions in support of Constitutional Amendment Question #1 – protecting Marriage Equality
  - a. Brainstorm GOTV ideas
  - b. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
9. Update on Commission Media & Marketing Materials
  - a. Designing business cards & letterhead

- b. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- 10. Discussion and Vote – Whether to authorize a letter to the Attorney General requesting that a Commission member become a representative on the task force created by Act 156, SLH 2023 (from August 12, 2024 meeting).
  - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- 11. Discussion and Vote – Commission’s Social Media Comment Policy (see Board Packet)
  - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- 12. Discussion and Vote – Commission’s Social Media Posting Policy and Procedure (see Board Packet)
  - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- 13. Discussion on the creation of Commission’s Facebook, Instagram, Threads, other social media platform accounts
  - a. Vote – Authorize the creation of Commission’s social media platforms
    - i. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
  - b. Vote – Decide on Social Media lead(s)
    - i. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- 14. Discussion of potential Committees or Permitted Interaction Groups for the LGBTQ+ Commission based on the statutory goals (see IV. Strategic Planning for statutory duties)
  - a. Vote on the creation of those Committees or Permitted Interaction Groups
  - b. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

### **III. New Business**

- 1. Review of proposed and brainstorming for Commission legislative priorities for the 2025 Legislative Session (see Board Packet)
  - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
  - b. Vote – On initial items for the legislative priorities
  - c. Vote – Decide on a lead for each legislative priority
- 2. Discussion on saving the Zoom chat and posting to the website as part of the permanent record.
  - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

- b. Vote – to save the Zoom chat and post to the website

## IV. Strategic Planning

1. Discussion on meeting the statutory duties of the LGBTQ+ Commission pursuant to HRS §369-5

(1) Act as a central clearinghouse and coordinating body for governmental and nongovernmental activities and information relating to the status of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community in the State;

-Example of Actions: Website

(2) Create public awareness and understanding of the responsibilities, needs, potentials, and contributions of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community and their roles in the changing society;

- Example of Actions: Meeting share outs by community organizations, etc.

(3) Recommend legislative and administrative action on equal treatment and opportunities for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community;

-Example of Actions: Press release to support Yes on #1

(4) Encourage a long-range program of education of members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community in their political rights and responsibilities, particularly with respect to their voting duties;

- Examples of Actions:

(5) Maintain contacts with appropriate federal, state, local, and international agencies concerned with the status of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community;

-Examples of Actions:

(6) Cooperate and collaborate with national groups on the status of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community and arrange for participation by representatives of the State in White House conferences and other national conferences;

-Examples of Actions:

(7) Administer funds allocated for the commission's work, including accepting, disbursing, and allocating funds that may become available from other governmental and private sources; provided that all funds shall be disbursed or allocated in compliance with any specific designation stated by the donor; provided further that in the absence of any specific designation, the funds

shall be disbursed or allocated to projects related to any of the purposes of this chapter; and

-Examples of Actions: Pride Parade, Travel

(8) Submit to the governor and legislature an annual report with recommendations.

a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

2. Discussion of potential Committees or Permitted Interaction Groups for the LGBTQ+ Commission based on the statutory goals

a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

b. VOTE on those Committees or Permitted Interaction Groups

## **V. Future Meeting Topics or Speakers**

1. Updating the City and County of Honolulu's Charter sections: Section 6-1112. Prohibitions and Section 15-106. Gender Neutral Language

a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

2. Preparing the required report to the Governor and the Legislature for 2024

a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

## **VII. Adjournment**

a. Discussion and Vote on Adjournment

i. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

### **Additional meeting information:**

**Written and oral testimony will be accepted. Written testimony must be received by October 10, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. to be included in the board packet.**

Written testimony received after that time will be distributed to the Commissioners at the meeting. Written testimony may be submitted as follows:

By email: [hawaiiistatelgbtqpluscommission@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiiistatelgbtqpluscommission@gmail.com)

By postal mail: LGBTQ+ Commission  
C/o The Department of Human Services  
PO Box 339  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809-0339

- Written testimony may include the words "Public Testimony" with the agenda item number and description in the subject line to aid the Commission in reviewing the testimony.
- Written testimony submitted to the Commission will be treated as a public record, and any contact information contained therein will be available for public inspection and copying.

Request for auxiliary aids:

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, contact Kristen Takushi at [ktakushi@dhs.hawaii.gov](mailto:ktakushi@dhs.hawaii.gov) or call (808)586-4877 as soon as possible, preferably by **October 10, 2024**. Requests made as early as possible will be more likely to be fulfilled.

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