



Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission

December Meeting Agenda

Date: December 16, 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 Philip Steinbacher (he/him)
4. Finance Director Shanda Brack (she/her)
5. LGBTQ+ Commissioners (4 additional voting members)
 - Sandy Harjo-Livingston, PhD (he/him/they/them)
 - Joe Tolbe (he/him)
 - Joseph "Rocco" Vick (he/him)
 - 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 November 14, 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 - Table for the Hawai'i State Harm Reduction Conference: Rainbow Resilience conference January 10, 2025 at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
 - a. Who is attending?
 - b. Items to include at/on table
 - c. Funds needed for banner and flyer printing
 - d. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
 - e. Vote to approve funds
4. Discussion – Update on the progress for hiring the Administrative Assistant II position
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
5. Update on National Governors Association (NGA) Policy Academy to Drive Thriving Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Survey
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
6. Update on Commission legislative priorities for the 2025 Legislative Session (see Board Packet)
 - a. Legislative Research Bureau <https://lrb.hawaii.gov/>
 - b. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
7. Update on required report to the Governor and the Legislature for 2024
 - a. Vote for approval of the report (see Board Packet)
 - b. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
8. Debrief of National LGBTQIA+ Conference (see Board Packet)
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
9. Review and Vote on Proposed Commission Logo Use Policy (in Board Packet)
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
10. Vote on Commission Logo Tagline: “Advocating for the LGBTQ+ population of Hawai'i”
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

11. Discuss and vote on including a list of resources on our website
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

III. New Business

1. Commission Legislative Policy to deal with testimony to the legislature. (see board Packet)
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
 - b. Vote - Prove Legislative Policy
2. Potential Dates for 2025 Meetings:
 - a. Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14
 - b. Discussion on location for meetings in 2025
 - c. Discussion of topics or speakers for future meetings
 - d. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
3. Discuss Creating Change Conference in Vegas 1/22-26
 - a. <https://www.thetaskforce.org/creating-change/>
 - b. Purpose, impact, cost, interest (see Board Packet)
 - c. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
4. Discussion and Vote to draft and send a letter requesting an Executive Order from Governor Green turn Hawaii into a sanctuary state for gender affirming care until we get the shield law passed (see Board Packet.)
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

V. Future Meeting Topics or Speakers

1. Discussion on creating our own Mission Statement
2. 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;
 - (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;
 - (3) Recommend legislative and administrative action on equal treatment and opportunities for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community;

- (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;
- (5) Maintain contacts with appropriate federal, state, local, and international agencies concerned with the status of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community;
- (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;
- (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
- (8) Submit to the governor and legislature an annual report with recommendations.
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

VII. Adjournment

- a. Discussion
- b. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- c. Vote on Adjournment

Additional meeting information:

Written and oral testimony will be accepted. Written testimony must be received by December 12, 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

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 or call (808)586-4877 as soon as possible, preferably by **December 13, 2024**. Requests made as early as possible will be more likely to be fulfilled.

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