



Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission

February Meeting Agenda

Date: February 10, 2025

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

<https://zoom.us/j/92198507509?pwd=hieXyWvs3IPkxKPWliHOlqUKuG7jbm.1>

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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 February 7, 2025 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. Update on the progress for hiring the Administrative Assistant II position
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
3. Update on Commission legislative priorities for the 2025 Legislative Session
Commission's 2025 Legislative Tracker <https://bit.ly/2025LegHILGBTQplus>
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
 - b. Vote - Commission's position on the following bills: [HB207](#), [HB257](#), [HB264](#), [HB268](#), [HB273](#), [HB457](#), [HB710](#), [HB730](#), [HB755](#), [HB758](#), [HB899](#), [SB23](#), [SB116](#), [SB350](#), [SB432](#), [SB527](#), [SB718](#), [SB799](#), [SB852](#), [SB1010](#), [SB1224](#), [SB1284](#), [SB1580](#),
4. Debrief on Creating Change Conference in Vegas 1/22-26
 - a. Conference session summaries (see Board Packets)
 - b. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
6. Updates on Commission website
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
7. Update on letter to the governor requesting an Executive Order from Governor Green to turn Hawai'i into a sanctuary state for gender affirming care (see Board Packet)
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
8. Update on inviting Governor Josh Green to a meeting
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
9. Update on letter regarding the anti-LGBTQIA+ policies for students at Maui Preparatory Academy (see Board Packet)
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
10. Discussion and Vote on policy on how to address urgent LGBTQ+ issues in real time (see Board Packet.)
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

III. New Business

1. Discussion on accepting private funding
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
2. Discussion on creating our own Mission Statement
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
3. Discussion and vote for rapid response for supporting LGBTQ+ related rallies or events
4. Discussion and vote on March speaker
 - a. Stanford Children's on [Gender Journey Day](#)
 - b. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
5. Discussion on hosting a queer community meeting
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

V. Future Meeting Topics or Speakers

1. Discussion on inviting government and Non-Government Organization LGBTQ+ liaisons
 - a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

VII. Adjournment

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

Future 2025 meeting dates: March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, and July 14

Additional meeting information:

Written and oral testimony will be accepted. Written testimony must be received by February 6th, 2025, 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 **February 6th, 2025**. Requests made as early as possible will be more likely to be fulfilled.

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