Draft Minutes of the Law Enforcement Officer Independent Review Board Meeting

August 22, 2019

Leiopapa A Kamehameha, State Office Tower

235 South Beretania Street, Room 203

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

These Minutes Have Yet to be Approved by the Board

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:35 a.m. by Chair, the Honorable Iwalani White (retired). Board members present were Chair White, Vice-Chair, the Honorable Barbara Richardson (retired), Katy Chen, Lance Goto, Jay Kimura, the Honorable Boyd Mossman (retired), and Kevin Takata. Also present were deputy attorney generals Margaret Ahn and Daniel Jacob, attorneys for the Board. Board members absent were Melissa Pavlicek and Gary Yabuta.

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Chair White asked if anyone present from the public wanted to address anything on the agenda. Brian Black, Executive Director of the Civil Beat Law Center, read an excerpt from Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest v. City & County of Honolulu and Honolulu Police Commission addressing boards’ consultations with its attorney in executive session and discussions in public following that consultation.

Keani Alapa, representing the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers (SHOPO), spoke about the materials to be released by the Board pursuant to the Sunshine Law, SHOPO’s collective bargaining agreement and the Uniform Information Practices Act (“UIPA”). The UIPA prohibits an unwarranted violation of privacy and significant privacy interests, such as those contained in personnel and disciplinary records and their release, must be balanced against the public’s right to know. He asked to keep an open line of communication between the Board and SHOPO to avoid litigation.

There were no questions from the Board for either Mr. Black or Mr. Alapa.

A motion to go into executive session to consult with the Board’s attorneys pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes §92-5(a)(4) was made Chair White, seconded by Vice-Chair Richardson and unanimously agreed to. The Board then went into executive session with its attorneys at approximately 9:45 a.m.

At approximately 11:38 a.m., the Board exited executive session and the meeting was adjourned.