

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER INDEPENDENT REVIEW
BOARD MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021, 9:00 AM**

**THIS MEETING WAS HELD AS A VIDEO CONFERENCE
PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S TWENTY FIRST
PROCLAMATION RELATED TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY.
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINED IN
THE ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING.**

DRAFT MINUTES

I. Call to Order; Public Notice; Roll Call and Quorum Determination.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Gary Yabuta.

Present were Board Members: Chair Gary Yabuta, Assistant Chair Barbara Richardson, Lance Goto, Landon Murata, Judge Barbara Takase, Katy Chen, John Tam, and Dr. Bettina Ackermann.

II. Public Testimony.

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Public Testimony was provided by:

- Louana Peterson: asked the board to adopt guidelines for the public release of recommendations and recommended imposing time guidelines on the Prosecutors Office when the board submits its recommendation.
- Georgia-Thompson West: Stated that Monday morning hearings are hard on the public; meetings should be made more accessible and user friendly; an annual calendar of board meetings should be published; the public should have up to 24 hours prior to the meeting to submit testimony; meetings should be hosted online, and written testimony should be posted online.
- Lesley: Recommended what the prior testifier recommended; additionally, the public wishes to be more active; recommended recordings of past meetings should be posted online; and written testimony should be posted online.
- Kylien P: more extensive written testimony was submitted; commented on the proposed guidelines and statutes of limitations; made suggestions on requesting periodic updates from the Prosecutors Office and considering a final adjudication if the Prosecutor does nothing.

B. Previously submitted written testimony.

Written testimony received from: Amy Parsons, Ashley Young, Kellie Hughes, Kylien Patel, and Lesley Harvey.

III. Approval of Minutes for June 15, 2021 meeting

Dr. Ackermann moved to approve the Open Session minutes for the July 12, 2021 meeting; second by Landon Murata. Roll call vote taken – all voted in support of approving the minutes, except for Katy Chen and Judge Barbara Takase, who abstained because they were not present for the June 15, 2021 board meeting. Motion carried. Open Session minutes approved.

Landon Murata moved to approve the Executive Session minutes for the July 12, 2021 meeting; second by Judge Barbara Richardson. Roll call vote taken – all voted in support of approving the minutes, except for Katy Chen and Judge Barbara Takase, who abstained because they were not present for the June 15, 2021 board meeting. Motion carried. Executive Session minutes approved.

III. New Business.*

A. New member introduction to first virtual meeting

Judge Barbara Takase introduced.

B. Review case submissions, AND

C. Determine next case submissions for review

Judge Barbara Richardson moved for board to go into executive session pursuant to sections 28-153(g) and 92-5(a)(8) for the purposes of reviewing cases submitted to the board and for the board to consider the cases to review at the next meeting. Second by Dr. Bettina Ackermann. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The board went into executive session.

IV. Old Business

A. Further review and finalize draft guidelines

Landon Murata moved to delete paragraph 7 of the draft guidelines and accept changes to Paragraph 12; second by Judge Barbara Richardson. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Discussion regarding in custody deaths

This item was deferred to the next meeting for further discussion.

V. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned.

Section 3 of Act 161, Hawaii State Legislature 2016, provides:

SECTION 3: The law enforcement independent review board shall review its activities pursuant to this Act and submit a report to the legislature of its finding and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2022.