

**HAWAII LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS BOARD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, 1:30 PM**

THIS MEETING WAS HELD AS A VIDEO CONFERENCE
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINED IN THE
ZOM WEBINAR MEETING

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER; PUBLIC NOTICE; ROLL CALL AND QUORUM DETERMINATION.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Adrian Dhakhwa at approximately 1:35 p.m. on September 30, 2024.

A. Roll Call.

Present were Board Members: Attorney General Anne Lopez; Law Enforcement Director Jordan Lowe; Chief Jason Redulla (designee for DLNR Chair Dawn Chang); Tax Director Gary Sukanuma; HPD Chief Arthur Logan; MPD Chief John Pelletier; Hawaii County PD Chief Benjamin Moszkowicz; Robert Cavaco; Jared Redulla; Vice-Chair Adrian Dhakhwa; and Craig Tanaka.

Also present were Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Lance Goto, DAG Candace Park, and LESB Administrator Victor McCraw.

B. Quorum Determination.

The 11 Board Members present at the time of roll call constituted a quorum.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

Instructions given by Vice-Chair Dhakhwa and DAG Lance Goto regarding public testimony.

A. Oral Testimony.

No members of the public sought to testify orally.

B. Previously submitted Written Testimony.

No public testimony was submitted prior to the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 21, 2024 MEETING.

Draft minutes of the LESB Meeting held on June 21, 2024 distributed prior to meeting and available on the LESB Board Website.

Vice-Chair Dhakhwa asked if there was currently any public testimony on agenda item III. There was none.

A. Open Session Meeting Minutes.

1. Discussion regarding Open Session Meeting Minutes.

Vice-Chair Dhakhwa asked if there were any comments regarding the June 21, 2024 Open Session Meeting Minutes. There was none.

2. Approval of Open Session Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Attorney General Lopez to approve Open Session Meeting Minutes for the June 21, 2024 meeting. Motion seconded by Chief Pelletier. Solicitation of objections. No objections. Motion approved.

B. Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

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1. Discussion regarding Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

Vice-Chair Dhakhwa asked if there were any comments regarding the June 21, 2024 Executive Session Meeting Minutes. There was none.

2. Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Director Lowe to approve Executive Session Meeting Minutes for the June 21, 2024 meeting. Motion seconded by Chief Logan. Solicitation of objections. No objections. Motion approved.

IV. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE.

Vice-Chair Dhakhwa asked if there was currently any public testimony on agenda item IV. There was none.

Vice-Chair Dhakhwa suggested the Board allow an amendment to the Draft Annual Report to reflect the business conducted at the meeting held on September 30, 2024.

Craig Tanaka asked if there was any significance to the comment stickers left on the report. Vice-Chair Dhakhwa stated the comment stickers should have been removed and that he believes the comments were addressed.

Motion by Jared Redulla to accept the Draft Annual Report. DAG Lance Goto asked if the amendment to reflect the business conducted at the meeting held on September 30, 2024 should be part of the motion. Amended motion by Jared Redulla to accept the Draft Annual Report with discretionary language to include the September 30, 2024 meeting in the draft. Motion seconded by Craig Tanaka. Solicitation of objections. No objections. Motion approved.

V. DISCUSSION OF ACT 247 (HB 2352), EFFECTIVE JULY 9, 2024.

- A. Allows ex-officio members to have designees.**
- B. Clarifies that the LESB Administrator is a position exempt from civil service (Chapter 76 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes).**
- C. Expands the board from 14 to 18 members.**
- D. Allows the LESB to conduct its own study to evaluate how to efficiently and effectively satisfy its duties in accordance with the law.**

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Vice-Chair Dhakhwa asked if there was currently any public testimony on agenda item V. There was none.

Vice-Chair Dhakhwa informed the Board that Act 247 (HB 2352) was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. Act 247 allows ex-officio members to have designees, clarifies that the LESB Administrator is a position exempt from civil service, expands the board to 18 members, and allows the LESB to conduct its own studies.

Vice-Chair Dhakhwa noted that the Board expanding to 18 members meant the number of members needed for quorum would be higher. He encouraged members of the public to apply and current Board Members to reapply when their terms are expiring. Vice-Chair Dhakhwa also

noted that Act 247 changed the process and at-large members and police officers no longer need to go through Senate confirmation.

Vice-Chair Dhakhwa stated that although his term expired on June 30, 2023, he has remained on the Board. Attorney General Lopez asked if he wanted to continue to serve. Vice-Chair Dhakhwa responded that he would be happy to continue to serve and he resubmitted another application during last year's legislative session.

Attorney General Lopez asked how many vacancies the Board currently has, assuming Vice-Chair Dhakhwa's term didn't expire. Vice-Chair Dhakhwa stated there would be four (4) vacancies if Jared Redulla and Harry Kubojiri continue to serve on the board even though their terms expired. Vice-Chair Dhakhwa also stated that he believed Harry Kubojiri said he was willing to stay on the Board. Attorney General Lopez asked if the vacancies were for members of the public and police officers with at least 10 years of experience. Vice-Chair Dhakhwa confirmed and stated the vacancy for a member of the public is for Kauai since Nicholas Courson's term expired.

Director Lowe asked Jared Redulla if he would want to continue serving on the LESB Board. Jared Redulla responded that he is willing to. Vice-Chair Dhakhwa informed Jared Redulla that he may need to reapply because the statute has changed and that he has more flexibility in which vacancy he fills as he can switch from being a member of the public to the State police officer position or act as Director Lowe's designee.

VI. INTRODUCTION OF VICTOR MCCRAW, LESB ADMINISTRATOR.

Vice-Chair Dhakhwa asked if there was currently any public testimony on agenda item VI. There was none.

Vice-Chair Dhakhwa recapped the June 21, 2024 meeting to the Board Members who were not present that day. The Board interviewed the two finalists for the LESB Administrator position, Gary Yamashiroya and Victor McCraw. After the interviews were conducted, Board Members had the opportunity to discuss and vote for a candidate, and the Board unanimously decided to extend a conditional job offer to Victor McCraw.

Victor McCraw introduced himself to the Board.

Vice-Chair Dhakhwa informed the Board that part of Act 247 added a position for a member selected by the union representing police officers in the State. The union selected Robert Cavaco, the President of the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers (SHOPO).

Robert Cavaco introduced himself to the Board.

VII. NOMINATION AND VOTE FOR BOARD CHAIR.

Vice-Chair Dhakhwa asked the Board to defer agenda item VII as Chair Raybuck was unable to attend the meeting. Solicitation of objections. No objections. Agenda item VII deferred to next meeting.

VIII. OPEN FORUM: PUBLIC COMMENT ON ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA, FOR CONSIDERATION FOR BOARD'S AGENDA AT THE NEXT MEETING.

Vice-Chair Dhakhwa asked if there were any public comments on issues not on the agenda. There were none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Craig Tanaka to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Chief Pelletier. Motion approved by the Board. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:02 p.m.