

**HAWAII LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS BOARD  
THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025, 10:00 AM**

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

**OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Todd Raybuck at 10:01 AM on Thursday, March 6, 2025. The meeting was conducted in accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 92.

**A. Roll Call:** The following members were present via Zoom:

- **Matthew Dvonch**, designee for Attorney General
- **Director Mike Lambert**, Department of Law Enforcement
- **Chief Jason Redulla**, designee for Department of Land and Natural Resources
- **Gary Yamashiroya**, designee for Department of Taxation
- **Chair Todd Raybuck**, Kauai Police Department
- **Assistant Chief Gregg Okamoto**, designee for Maui Police Department
- **Bobby Cavaco**, SHOPO representative
- **Assistant Chief Sherry Bird**, Hawaii County Police Department
- **Jared Redulla**
- **Vice-Chair Adrian Dhakhwa**
- **Craig Tanaka**
- **Harry Kubojiri**

Quorum was established with 12 board members present. Also present via Zoom were Deputy Attorneys General (DAG) Lance Goto and Candace Park. Administrator Victor McCraw was present at the physical meeting location, at the Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building, State Office Tower, 235 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 204, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. **HPD Chief Joe Logan** entered his appearance via Zoom at approximately 10:10 a.m.

## **II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

### **A. Oral Testimony:**

- Nathan Lee (ACLU Hawaii) provided testimony on Agenda Item VI (House Bill 277 - Vehicular Pursuit Policy). He expressed support for the proposed policy, citing safeguards for both officers and public safety.

### **B. Written Testimony:**

- No previously submitted written testimony was received.

## **III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, MEETING**

- Brief discussion had. Motion by Adrian Dhakhwa to approve the September 30, 2024, Open Session Meeting Minutes.
- Motion seconded by Craig Tanaka.
- Vote: Unanimous approval, motion carried, minutes approved.

## **IV. UPDATE FROM ADMINISTRATOR VICTOR MCCRAW**

Administrator Victor McCraw provided an update on key accomplishments and progress since assuming his role on October 16, 2024. His report included:

1. **Completion of required State of Hawaii e-learning courses** for financial and administrative authorizations.
2. **Development of budget proposals and staffing plans**, including a draft organizational chart proposing three additional staff members.
3. **Coordination on HB 277**, emphasizing the Board's responsibility to study law enforcement policies rather than immediate legislative codification.
4. **Planning for a statewide Job Task Analysis (JTA)** to define law enforcement duties and training needs.
5. **Drafting administrative rules and policy proposals** for Board review.
6. **Stakeholder engagement** with various agencies, including Chaminade University and law enforcement organizations.
7. **Office setup and staffing research**, including job descriptions and funding considerations.

**V. NOMINATION, DISCUSSION, AND VOTE FOR BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

**A. Chair Nomination:**

- Nominee: Vice-Chair Adrian Dhakhwa
  - Motion: Todd Raybuck
  - Seconded: Gary Yamashiroya
- Brief discussion was had.
- Vote: Unanimous approval, motion carried.
- Outcome: Adrian Dhakhwa elected as Chair.

**B. Vice-Chair Nomination:**

- Nominees:
  - Sherry Bird (who later withdrew due to term limits)
  - Joe Logan
- Both nominees briefly expressed their interest in the position. Discussion was had, including Assistant Chief Bird's upcoming expiration of her second consecutive term.
- Vote:
  - Motion by Todd Raybuck to nominate Chief Joe Logan.
  - Seconded by Matthew Dvonch.
- Unanimous approval, motion carried.
- Outcome: Chief Joe Logan elected as Vice-Chair.

**VI. DISCUSSION OF HB 277 REGARDING VEHICULAR PURSUIT AND A PROPOSED STATEWIDE STANDARD**

County and State law enforcement agencies' vehicular pursuit policies were disseminated to board members, along with HB277 HD1 and HD2, testimony for HB277 that was received by the legislature for committee hearings on February 6, 2025 and February 26, 2025, as well as the New York University School of Law's Policing Project's model policy. Maui Police Department and the Department of Law Enforcement's policies were received but not disseminated at the time of the meeting, pending approval for the dissemination of unredacted versions.

- **Discussion had by Board Members:**
  - Board members, including Adrian Dhakhwa, Todd Raybuck, and Chief Joe Logan, expressed concerns over codifying a vehicular pursuit policy into law, arguing that such policies should be left to law enforcement professionals.
  - It was noted that HB 277, as currently written, could unintentionally restrict law enforcement officers from pursuing dangerous individuals under specific circumstances.

- The Board emphasized the importance of maintaining officer discretion and proposed a thorough review of current statewide pursuit policies to find common ground.
- Agencies agreed to continue submitting testimony as HB 277 moves through the Senate.
- Vice-Chair Dhakhwa cautioned that if the Board does not act on this issue, the legislature certainly will.
- MPD and DLE's policies will be forthcoming.

**VII. OPEN FORUM: PUBLIC COMMENT ON ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA**

- No additional public comments were received.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to adjourn: Jared Redulla
  - Seconded by: Gary Yamashiroya
- Vote: Unanimous approval.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:01 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Victor McCraw, Administrator

Hawaii Law Enforcement Standards Board