HAWAII LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS BOARD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025, 10:00 AM

THIS MEETING WAS HELD BOTH IN-PERSON AND AS A VIDEO CONFERENCE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAD THE OPTION TO ATTEND IN-PERSON OR JOINED VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Adrian Dhakhwa at **10:09 AM** on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. The meeting was conducted in accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 92.

A. Roll Call: The following members were present at the time of roll call:

- Chief Todd Raybuck (Kauai Police Department, Immediate Past Chair)
- Matthew Dvonch (Designee for Attorney General)
- Director Mike Lambert (Hawai'i Department of Law Enforcement)
- Chief Joe Logan (Honolulu Police Department)
- Assistant Chief Gregg Okamoto (Designee for Chief John Pelletier, Maui Police Department)
- Gary Yamashiroya (Designee for Tax Director Gary Suganuma)
- Chief Jason Redulla (Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement)
- Jared Redulla
- Craig Tanaka
- Harry Kubojiri
- Chair Adrian Dhakhwa

The following members were excused:

- Bobby Cavaco (State of Hawai'i Organization of Police Officers)
- Sherry Bird

The following member was absent at the time of roll call and joined later:

- Chief Ben Moszkowicz (Hawai'i Police Department) Board member joined later in the meeting and was not included in the initial roll call
- B. Quorum was established with eleven (11) Board members present at the time of roll call.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS

- Chair Dhakhwa opened the floor for public testimony. Administrator Victor McCraw explained the procedure for submitting oral or written testimony.
- No members of the public provided oral testimony during the meeting.
- No written testimony was received prior to or during the meeting.

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

- Chair Dhakhwa introduced the agenda item and noted that the September 30, 2024 Open Session Meeting Minutes were approved at the March 6, 2025 meeting. This agenda item contained a typographical error and should have referenced the March 6, 2025 meeting minutes.
- Due to the error, the Chair called for the item to be deferred to the next meeting to preserve clarity.
- A motion to defer the item was made by Matthew Dvonch and seconded by Craig Tanaka.
- The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

IV. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Victor McCraw provided the Board with an update on developments since the March 6, 2025 meeting.

He reported that the Job Task Analysis (JTA) Request for Proposals (RFP) had been officially published on April 1, 2025, and outreach to research partners was ongoing.

1. He stated that internal working drafts of Chapters 1 through 7 of the LESB administrative rules had been completed. These rules address certification, training, decertification, and Board authority. He noted the drafts were under internal formatting and legal review and would be presented to the Board once finalized.

- 2. He mentioned ongoing strategic planning milestones, including the development of a timeline for foundational deliverables such as the rules and JTA.
- **3.** Regarding the office setup, Administrator McCraw confirmed that the LESB office had been turned over, and work was underway to furnish the space and prepare it for full operations.

Following the report, Chair Dhakhwa and Immediate Past Chair Raybuck both provided brief remarks related to funding and the importance of sustaining LESB's capacity-building progress.

V. DISCUSSION OF HB 277, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, RELATING TO VEHICULAR PURSUIT

- Chair Dhakhwa introduced the agenda item and explained that HB 277, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 had passed the House and was currently under review by the Senate Committee on Judiciary. He summarized the general content of the bill and invited discussion from the Board.
- Several Board members participated in a substantive discussion regarding the proposal to codify vehicular pursuit policy in statute. Members expressed concern about the potential impact of statewide legislation on agency discretion, operational flexibility, and the Board's ongoing efforts to study and develop pursuit standards. The discussion included references to geographic and jurisdictional differences across counties, legal considerations, and the importance of allowing LESB to complete its policy review process without premature legislative constraints.
- There was broad consensus that LESB, as the statutorily designated entity responsible for law enforcement training and standards, should continue to lead the development of pursuit policy in consultation with stakeholders and subject matter experts.
- Proactive discussions with lawmakers in person were discussed as an appropriate next step.
- No motion was made and no vote was taken.

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

- Chair Dhakhwa opened the floor to members of the public to offer comments on issues not listed on the current agenda and invited suggestions for future Board agendas.
- No members of the public offered oral or written comment.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Dhakhwa called for final announcements.
- He acknowledged Immediate Past Chair Todd Raybuck for his leadership and contributions during his term as Chair of the Board. Several members expressed their appreciation for his work in guiding LESB through its formative period and early rulemaking efforts.
- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jason Redulla and seconded by Mike Lambert.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 AM.