

HAWAII LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS BOARD

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025, 10:30 A.M.

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 10:33 a.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2025.

The meeting was conducted virtually in accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 92.

A. Roll Call

The following members were noted present during roll call and confirmations captured on the record:

- Adrian Dhakhwa (Chair, Public Board Member)
- Director Mike Lambert (Vice-Chair, Hawaii Department of Law Enforcement)
- Matthew Dvonch (Attorney General, Designee)
- Assistant Chief Darren Rose (Kauai Police Department, Designee)
- Acting Assistant Chief Brandon Nakasato (Honolulu Police Department, Designee)
- Assistant Chief Gregg Okamoto (Maui Police Department, Designee)
- Major Jeremy Evangelista (Hawaii County Police Department, Designee)
- Gary Yamashiroya (Director of Taxation, Designee)
- Chief Jason K. Redulla (DOCARE, Dept. of Land and Natural Resources, Designee)
- Nicholas Schlapak (SHOPO)
- Jared K. Redulla (Public Board Member)
- Harry Kubojiri (Public Board Member)

B. Quorum Determination

A quorum of twelve members was established and verbally confirmed by the Chair.

Administrator Victor R. McCraw and technical staff were also present at the public meeting location.

Public Notice: Upon confirmation of quorum, Administrator McCraw played the prerecorded meeting access and accommodation announcement, including instructions for oral and written testimony, muting procedures, and participation by internet or phone.

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF TIME LIMITS FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- A.** Discussion and action to establish time limits for oral presentations and public testimony for this meeting.

The Chair introduced Agenda Item II regarding time limits for oral public testimony.

- B.** Authorization for the Board Chair, Vice Chair, or designee to grant exceptions to the established time limits.

Motion: To establish a standing time limit of two (2) minutes for public testimony, with the Chair or Vice Chair having the discretion to alter as needed?

Motion: Mike Lambert

Second: Gary Yamashiroya

Vote: Approved unanimously

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

The Chair requested that any members of the public wishing to present testimony announce themselves and be recognized for that purpose.

A. Oral Testimony

- 1.** Josh Parker (Policing Project, NYU School of Law)

Mr. Parker provided testimony on the draft statewide vehicular pursuit policy. He recommended stronger alignment with Act 210 and referenced national standards and best practice guidance. The Chair invited questions. No Board questions were offered.

- 2.** Eliana Machefsky (National Police Accountability Project)

Ms. Machefsky testified on the draft model pursuit policy. She noted that NPAP agrees with the concerns raised by the Policing Project regarding offense thresholds, risk balancing, and supervisory requirements. She stated she was unable to submit written testimony before the deadline. The Chair invited questions. No Board questions were offered.

No further oral testimony was offered.

B. Previously Submitted Written Testimony

The Chair noted that the ACLU's written testimony dated September 11, 2025 was included in the meeting packet and that Josh Parker's written testimony dated November 4, 2025 had been distributed to Board members in advance of the meeting.

Note: Written testimony was received from Josh Parker (Policing Project, NYU School of Law) via email at 8:05am on November 4, 2025, after the posting deadline for the meeting packet (*Policing Project 11-6-25 LESB meeting testimony re pursuit policy.pdf*). Accordingly this written testimony was posted to the LESB web page on November 6, 2025, prior to the meeting being called to order.

IV. APPROVAL OF JULY 10, 2025 OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Chair Dhakhwa introduced the item and opened the floor for discussion. No corrections were requested.

Motion: To approve the July 10, 2025 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion: Matthew Dvonch

Second: Mike Lambert

Vote: Approved unanimously

V. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Job Task Analysis (JTA)

Administrator McCraw reported that the Board-approved JTA document has been uploaded into the State's procurement system and is ready to finalize for publication once a funding source is identified.

He noted that the Board's previously approved 48-day RFP timeline will begin once funding is confirmed. He provided a brief explanation of the JTA for the public, describing it as an objective review of current hiring, training, and certification practices across agencies to support development of statewide standards without creating unnecessary burdens.

The Board will require three to five evaluators for RFP responses. Director Lambert agreed to serve, and Board member Nicholas Schlapak volunteered to assist. Administrator McCraw stated he is seeking an additional state employee outside the Attorney General's office to avoid conflicts of interest.

B. Website and Identity

Administrator McCraw noted that the Board's webpage currently appears on the Attorney General's website and that work is underway to establish a separate webpage. He will resend his request for short biographies and headshots from Board members for inclusion on the new site. He stated that a clear online presence will help inform the public and support recruitment for vacant Board seats.

C. Board Bios and Photos

Covered in item B.

D. Strategic Planning

Administrator McCraw reported that the administrative (strategic) plan is in development and expected to be ready for Board review at an upcoming meeting. He described the plan as a tool for accountability and for demonstrating progress toward meeting statutory responsibilities, including budget and legislative preparations. He noted that the plan will be a living document with appendices that will be updated over time.

The Chair asked if Board members had any questions; none were offered.

VI. REPORT FROM PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUPS ON DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Chair Dhakhwa confirmed that no PIG had finalized its assigned chapters and requested a motion to defer all reports.

Motion: To defer all PIG reports until finalized

Motion: Gary Yamashiroya

Second: Jared Redulla

Vote: Approved unanimously

VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ACT 210 (2025) STATEWIDE VEHICULAR PURSUIT POLICY

A. Review of Administrator's Draft Model Policy

Administrator McCraw introduced the draft statewide vehicular pursuit policy and explained that it was provided to support the Board's discussion and to assist in aligning statewide standards with the requirements of Act 210. He noted that the draft was intended as a starting point for Board review.

B. Consideration of ACLU Written Testimony on Pursuit Policy

Chair Dhakhwa noted that the ACLU's written testimony dated September 11, 2025 was included in the meeting packet and that written testimony from Josh Parker dated November 4, 2025 had been distributed to Board members before the meeting. He summarized concerns raised in testimony, including the need for greater restrictiveness, clearer offense thresholds, and stronger alignment with Act 210.

C. Board Discussion and Recommendations

Board members discussed whether the draft policy met the statutory requirements of Act 210, including offense eligibility, supervisory authorization, and required termination considerations. Members expressed agreement that the draft required revision to ensure compliance with Act 210 and to address the issues raised in testimony. The Board directed the Administrator to revise the draft policy accordingly.

D. Next Steps for Policy Development and Implementation

The Chair stated that a revised policy draft incorporating Board direction and public testimony would be brought to a future meeting for continued review.

E. Review of Draft Post Pursuit Vehicle Impound Law

This item was not taken up in sequence and later addressed at the end of the meeting. Administrator McCraw provided a brief overview of the draft post pursuit vehicle impound proposal. Director Lambert offered comments during the discussion. Board members expressed consensus that the proposal should continue to be developed and refined before being brought back for formal consideration. No motions were offered.

VIII. DISCUSSION OF FY27 BUDGET REQUEST AND STAFFING NEEDS

Chair Dhakhwa introduced the FY27 budget discussion and explained that, because the September meeting was cancelled, he worked with the Administrator to submit an operational budget request through the Attorney General's office so the Board would not miss the fiscal-year submission deadline. He referred members to Form A, the budget packet materials, and the staffing plan spreadsheet, and reviewed the proposed structure of six positions under the Administrator.

The Chair then described a draft bill he prepared for the upcoming legislative session. He explained that the bill includes extending the Board's implementation deadline and exempting the proposed LESB positions from civil service requirements. He noted that the Law Enforcement Coalition was assembling its legislative package and suggested presenting the Board's bill for consideration.

Motion to approve the Chair's proposal.

Motion: Matthew Dvonch

Second: Brandon Nakasato

Vote: Approved unanimously

During the discussion, Director Lambert stated that he would present the Board's proposal at the Law Enforcement Coalition meeting scheduled for the following day.

No further questions or requests were offered under this item, and no additional action was taken.

IX. ANNUAL REPORT

A. Discussion of Draft Annual Report

Chair Dhakhwa introduced the draft annual report to the Legislature and opened the item for discussion. Board members noted that additional information should be included before the report is finalized.

B. Review and Approve

Board members requested that the report reflect recent progress on the Job Task Analysis, the statewide pursuit policy work under Act 210, and ongoing administrative and strategic planning efforts.

Motion: To approve the annual report subject to incorporation of the revisions discussed

Motion: Gary Yamashiroya

Second: Jason Redulla

Vote: Approved unanimously

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2025. The Chair noted that remaining PIG reports and continued pursuit policy review will be included on the agenda.

XI. OPEN FORUM

No public comment was offered.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mike Lambert

Second: Brandon Nakasato

Vote: Approved unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 12:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Victor R. McCraw
Administrator
Hawaii Law Enforcement Standards Board

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