

**HAWAII LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS BOARD
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026, 10:00 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 approximately 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2026.

The meeting was conducted virtually in accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 92. The Chair noted that by prior Board approval oral public testimony would be limited to two minutes per testifier.

A. Roll Call

Administrator McCraw conducted roll call. The following members were present:

- Anne E. Lopez (Attorney General)
- Jason K. Redulla (Designee for Chair, Board of Land and Natural Resources)
- Gary Yamashiroya (Designee for Director of Taxation)
- Brandon Nakasato (Designee for Chief of Police, Honolulu)
- Reed Mahuna (Chief of Police, Hawai'i County)
- Jan Pontanilla (Designee for Chief of Police, Maui)
- Mark Ozaki (Designee for Chief of Police, Kaua'i)
- Sherry Bird (County Law Enforcement Officer, Hawai'i Appointee)
- Jared Redulla (State Law Enforcement Officer, Non-County Appointee)
- Adrian Dhakhwa (Chair, Public Member, Honolulu County)
- Craig Tanaka (Public Member, Maui County)
- Don Faumuina (SHOPO-Selected Member)

The following members were excused:

- Mike Lambert (Director, Hawaii Department of Law Enforcement)
- Harry Kubojiri (Public Member, Hawai'i County)

Administrator McCraw announced that a quorum of at least 10 of 18 members was present. The Chair confirmed that the meeting could proceed.

II. Public Testimony

A. Oral Testimony

No members of the public requested to provide oral testimony.

B. Written Testimony

No written testimony was received prior to the meeting.

III. Approval of January 15, 2026, Open Session Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** Anne E. Lopez moved to approve the January 15, 2026, Open Session Meeting Minutes as presented.
- **Second:** Sherry Bird
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** The motion was approved by unanimous vote and the minutes were approved.

IV. Status Updates on Information Requests to Law Enforcement Agencies

Chair Dhakhwa provided background regarding information requests sent on January 23, 2026, to assist Permitted Interaction Groups in reviewing draft administrative rules.

Administrator McCraw reported that Honolulu Police Department materials were being provided via thumb drive due to file size; Hawaii County Police Department provided materials on February 9, 2026; the Department of Law Enforcement was coordinating compilation of materials; the Attorney General's Office had been in contact; and no response had been received from the Department of Taxation at that time.

Members discussed coordination with the Department of Human Resources Development regarding background investigation processes. Members were reminded that certain materials received were not for public dissemination.

V. Legislative Updates

A. SB 2519 Relating to Extension of Certification Deadline

The Chair reported that SB 2519 had advanced and was pending consideration by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

B. SB 2593 Relating to Exempt Status of Board Positions

The Chair reported that SB 2593 had advanced and was proceeding to the Ways and Means Committee.

C. HB 1790 Relating to Policing

Discussion was held regarding expanded data collection and reporting requirements and potential operational impacts and costs.

D. HB 1976 Relating to Dementia

Discussion was held regarding statutory training mandates and impacts on Board discretion and agency resources. Administrator McCraw explained a possible unintended consequence of this type of statutory legislation on the Board's autonomy and authority to determine the type and method of required police training in Hawaii. Gary Yamashira shared his experience navigating non-police efforts to mandate the content of law enforcement training.

- **Motion:** Anne E. Lopez moved that the Board submit testimony in opposition to HB 1976.
- **Second:** Reed Mahuna
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

- **Motion:** That the Board authorize Administrator McCraw to draft and submit testimony on behalf of the Board regarding HB 1976.
- **Second:** Reed Mahuna
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

VI. Next Meeting

The Board confirmed that regular meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

VII. Public Comment on Issues Not on the Agenda No members of the public requested to provide comment.

VIII. Adjournment

- **Motion:** Craig Tanaka moved to adjourn the meeting.
- **Second:** Brandon Nakasato
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** The motion was approved by unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:28 a.m. HST.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor R. McCraw
Administrator
Hawaii Law Enforcement Standards Board