

From: [Michael Curtis](#)
To: [Bueno, Nedielyn I](#)
Cc: [Nago, Scott T](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Election Metrics, by County
Date: Monday, January 29, 2024 4:49:52 PM

Aloha Ned,

Please incorporate these items into draft AGENDA for February 20th meeting.

BALLOT/Election Metrics: Registered Voters, Ballots Mailed, Ballots Returned/Counted, Ballots Returned/Deficient, Ballots Returned/Undeliverable, and Election Results (or link to results), by precinct.

Voter Registration; Registered Voters, New Voters, Purged voters w/cause for deletion. Number of Voters added on Election Day, by County & Precinct, if available.

Agenda Item: Voted Ballot security

That will add Voted Ballot security to Agenda, to be asked of each County Election Official.

Please request that each County Clerk/Election Officer attend all Election Commission meetings. The next meeting will ask each County official to comment on past and future procedures to guarantee Voted Ballot security.

PUBLIC NOTE: For propriety, please address all comments to the Chair. Arguments and side discussions will not be tolerated.

**Aloha,
mike**

Michael Curtis

[REDACTED]

from Poipu Beach, the Leading Edge of the Known Universe®

On Mon, Jan 22, 2024 at 3:03 PM Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Aloha Mike,

I will share this with the counties.

Thanks,

Ned

From: Michael Curtis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 1:27 PM
To: Nago, Scott T <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]>; elections@kauai.gov;
clerks@honolulu.gov; clerk-council@hawaiicounty.gov; hiloelec@hawaiicounty.gov;
county.clerk@mauicounty.us
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Election Metrics, by County

Aloha Ned & Scott,

Please ask the county clerks to report these metrics from the 2020 & 2022 Elections, by Precinct, prior to the next Election Commission meeting.

BALLOT/Election Metrics

Registered Voters

Ballots Mailed

Ballots Returned/Counted

Ballots Returned/Deficient

Ballots Returned/Undeliverable

Election Results, or link to results, by precinct

Voter Registration; Registered Voters, New Voters, Purged voters w/Reason

Please request that each County Clerk/Election Officer attend all Election Commission meetings. The next meeting will ask each County official to comment on past and future procedures to guarantee Voted Ballot security.

Aloha,

mike

Michael Curtis

[REDACTED]

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from Poipu Beach, the Leading Edge of the Known Universe®

From: [Michael Curtis](#)
To: [Bueno, Nedielyn I](#)
Cc: [Nago, Scott T](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ERIC
Date: Monday, January 29, 2024 4:52:04 PM

Please add to agenda, offering Scott Nago opportunity to comment.

Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc. (ERIC)

**Aloha,
mike**

Michael Curtis



from Poipu Beach, the Leading Edge of the Known Universe®

From: [Michael Curtis](#)
To: [Bueno, Nedielyn I](#); [Nago, Scott T](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: OE Testimony - JHA 1/30
Date: Monday, January 29, 2024 8:10:33 PM
Attachments: [HB1593 AGS-OE 01-30-24 JHA Support.pdf](#)
[HB1879 AGS-OE 01-30-24 JHA Support.pdf](#)
[HB1606 AGS-OE 01-30-24 JHA Comments.pdf](#)
[HB1609 AGS-OE 01-30-24 JHA Support.pdf](#)
[HB1880 AGS-OE 01-30-24 JHA Support.pdf](#)

Please add this testimony to Agenda, somewhere

please and thank you.


Aloha,
mike

Michael Curtis



From Poipu Beach, the Leading Edge of the Known Universe®

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **de Vega, Raymund C** < >
Date: Mon, Jan 29, 2024 at 9:32 AM
Subject: OE Testimony - JHA 1/30
To:

Hello,

Attached please find OE's testimony for:

- HB 1593
- HB 1879
- HB 1606
- HB 1609
- HB 1880

The hearing notice can be viewed here: [JHA 1/30](#).

Thank you,

Raymund de Vega

Voter Services

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(808) 453-VOTE (8683)



From: [Michael C Curtis, REALTOR](#)
To: [Bueno, Nedielyn I](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: FW: Written Testimony Regarding Chain of Custody Election Commission
Date: Sunday, February 4, 2024 2:14:57 PM

Thanks Ned,

Aloha,
mike

Michael Curtis



From Poipu Beach, the Leading Edge of the Known Universe®

On Fri, Feb 2, 2024 at 2:00 PM Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Aloha Mike,

Forwarding the below email from Commissioner Cushnie. The email dated January 11 was received as written testimony regarding chain of custody for the last EC meeting.

Thank you,

Ned

From: Ralph Cushnie (EC) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2024 6:52 AM
To: OE.Elections <elections@hawaii.gov>; Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Written Testimony Regarding Chain of Custody Election Commission

Hi Nedielyn, I have not received an answer for my questions below. Please provide a response as soon as possible.

From: Ralph Cushnie

Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 7:47 PM

To: OE.Elections <elections@hawaii.gov>; Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Written Testimony Regarding Chain of Custody Election Commission

How could election results be altered by disclosing chain of custody procedures per HAR 3-177-453. Please see e-mail chain below.

Could election results be altered if audit procedures were disclosed in the counting center manual?

Who oversees proprietary and confidential materials designated by a vendor?

Ralph Cushnie

From: OE.Elections <elections@hawaii.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 4:10 PM

To: Ralph Cushnie <ralph@cushniecci.com>; OE.Elections <elections@hawaii.gov>

Subject: RE: Questions On November 13 2023 Election Commission Meeting Agenda

Dear Mr. Cushnie,

This is written in response to your email, dated January 5, 2024, concerning various legal questions and conclusions you have about what the law requires regarding the accountability and security of ballots. As our office is not authorized to provide you legal advice, we cannot engage in the legal discussion you appear to be seeking.

Additionally, we would note that similar to how we do not disclose "[g]overnment records that, by their nature, must be confidential in order for the government to avoid the frustration of a legitimate government function" under HRS § 92F-13(3), we would not discuss such matters.

Specifically, elections in general and ballots in particular are considered critical infrastructure, which by their nature must be confidential in order for the government to avoid the frustration of a legitimate government function. This critical infrastructure includes the voting system that

generate copies of the ballots in the form of ballot images, which your email asks questions about. Additionally, it includes matters related to the accountability and security of the ballots.

With that in mind, in order to safeguard critical infrastructure, the State's practice is to not disclose IT security methodology, activities, data, including equipment and software employed, along with matters concerning the accountability and security of ballots, because doing so could, among other things, advertise possible vulnerabilities or create the possibility of altering election results. Additionally, the State is obligated to take appropriate steps to safeguard proprietary and confidential materials designated by a vendor.

Consistent with safeguarding critical infrastructure and not providing you legal advice, we provided you a general overview of the tracking and reconciliation of voted ballots that I will summarize below for purposes of this email.

The summary included pointing out that the number of voters who returned a valid return identification envelope or checked into a voter service center were compared to the number of ballots counted.

The summary noted, in both cases related to voting, entries are made in the statewide voter registration system reflecting that the ballot has been validated by the county clerk (i.e. the information on the return identification ballot has been validated or the voter was validated as part of the in-person voting process at the voter service center). This constitutes a running record of all validated return identification envelopes and voter service center ballots that can be subsequently counted or accounted for at the state counting center.

Further, the summary noted that the county clerks secure the ballots at their offices and subsequently transfer custody to the state counting center. Consistent with this, the Counting Center Manual reflects that custody of the ballots is obtained from the county clerks (i.e. "Ballots are transferred to the counting centers in the presence of Official Observers, who serve as the "eyes and ears" of the public"). Counting Center Manual at page 3. The topic of "Receiving Return Envelopes" is addressed beginning on page 100, while the topic of "Receive Materials from Voter Service Centers" is addressed beginning on page 141.

Continuing on, the summary noted that after taking custody of the ballots from the county clerks, throughout the Counting Center Manual there are references to certifications of sealing and unsealing, control packets, and procedures that are followed. The Counting Center Manual

provides at page 3 that “Official Observers are required to be present during the counting of ballots to ensure the security and integrity of the election.”

In addition to the summary and the Counting Center Manual that you were provided, the email directed you to the county clerks concerning your questions about their operations prior to their transferring of custody of the ballots to the state counting centers. As with this email, we expect that the county clerks may be able to provide you general information about their operations, but that any information provided will not cross the line of undermining the safeguarding of critical infrastructure or involve delving into the provision of legal advice.

Thank you,
Nedielyn

Nedielyn Bueno
Voter Services
State of Hawaii, Office of Elections
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From: Ralph Cushnie <ralph@cushniecci.com>
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 10:31 AM
To: OE.Elections <elections@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Questions On November 13 2023 Election Commission Meeting Agenda

Nedielyn, thank you for responding. Please answer all the sentences followed with a question mark. Regarding my first question I am specifically asking how the Office of Elections follows HAR 177-453 Accountability and security of ballots? You seem to be saying that validation by the county clerk (signature verification) is the same as Chain of Custody documentation. They are distinctly different.

HAR 3-177-453 **(a)** The chief election officer or designated representative shall maintain a complete count of marksense ballots. All ballots shall be safeguarded to prevent mishandling or misuse.**(b)** The clerk shall maintain a complete and current count of all marksense ballots issued, spoiled, and received in their county. The accounting of marksense ballots by the clerk shall be recorded on forms prescribed by the chief election officer.

Per this Administrative Rule Chain of Custody forms are required to be filled out by the

Counties and the State. Chain of Custody forms should be kept starting when ballots are picked up from drop boxes and mailboxes. There should be an accounting of ballots issued, spoiled, and received in their county. This is not being done. The County of Kauai does not keep accurate chain of custody documentation and has stated it is not required and rough counting is done to allocate manpower.. It is my understanding that the other counties do not either. The importance of Chain of Custody has been brought up in multiple election Commission meetings and was highlighted in Scotty Andersons February 10, 2021 letter to the legislature prioritizing “Verifiable chain of custody of ballots at every stage of transportation and handling;”. It seems that the Office of Elections has not taken this seriously and is only relying on a centralized accounting system(signature verification) with no checks and balances and numerous gaps of time without out chain of custody records. Does the Office of Elections require the Counties to present its chain of custody records including how many ballots were collected, how many were spoiled, How many blank ballots were returned etc?

Are ballots subject to the State of Hawaii rules of evidence to be legally counted?

The office of elections website presents this question and answer under voting security.

“ How do you ensure election officials don’t throw away ballots?”

Ballots are always transported and processed in the presence of Official Observers. Official Observers serve as the “eyes and ears” of the public and monitor that election officials are maintaining the security and integrity of the elections. Additionally, the number of ballots received and counted are reconciled at the end of each day to ensure there are no discrepancies.”

The number of ballots received are not counted or reconciled at the end of each day to ensure there are no discrepancies. If HAR 177-453 is not being followed how will the office of elections answer this question? **(How do you ensure election officials don’t throw away ballots?)**

A full review of these procedures needs to be conducted.

The rest of my questions are specifically addressed to the Office of Elections and are not questions for the counties. Please answer the remaining questions.

What is the legal definition of a Ballot Image?

Please explain how Ballot Images are locked and unlocked and what is its purpose?

Please forward this to the Elections Commission along with your answers.

Thank you for your time.

Ralph Cushnie

From: OE.Elections <elections@hawaii.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 4:42 PM

To: Ralph Cushnie <ralph@cushniecci.com>; OE.Elections <elections@hawaii.gov>

Subject: RE: Questions On November 13 2023 Election Commission Meeting Agenda

Dear Mr. Cushnie,

The tracking and reconciliation of voted ballots is based on the number of voters who returned a valid return identification envelope or checked into a voter service center as compared to the number of ballots counted.

In both cases related to voting, entries are made in the statewide voter registration system reflecting that the ballot has been validated by the county clerk (i.e. the information on the return identification ballot has been validated or the voter was validated as part of the in-person voting process at the voter service center). This constitutes a running record of all validated return identification envelopes and voter service center ballots that can be subsequently counted or accounted for at the state counting center.

The county clerks secure the ballots at their offices and subsequently transfer custody to the state counting center. Consistent with this, the Counting Center Manual reflects that custody of the ballots is obtained from the county clerks (i.e. "Ballots are transferred to the counting centers in the presence of Official Observers, who serve as the "eyes and ears" of the public"). Counting Center Manual at page 3. The topic of "Receiving Return Envelopes" is addressed beginning on page 100, while the topic of "Receive Materials from Voter Service Centers" is addressed beginning on page 141.

After taking custody of the ballots from the county clerks, throughout the Counting Center Manual there are references to certifications of sealing and unsealing, control packets, and procedures that are followed. The Counting Center Manual provides at page 3 that "Official Observers are required to be present during the counting of ballots to ensure the security and integrity of the

election.”

Expanding on one of your questions concerning the verification of the number of ballots provided by the county clerks to the state counting center, we previously noted that one of the features of the statewide voter registration system is that it tracks the ballots that will be transferred to the state counting center. Specifically, the number of ballots reflected in the statewide voter registration system is verified or specifically reconciled against the number of ballots counted in the state counting center.

This is due to the fact that the voting system counts how many ballots have been received at the state counting center from the county clerks. This number is verified or reconciled against a report from the statewide voter registration system.

Another question you raised was about whether ballots and envelopes are counted separately and reconciled. However, this is encompassed within the earlier question. Specifically, as previously noted, the count from the statewide voter registration system is made up of both return identification envelopes and voter service center ballots. Whether a voter used a return identification envelope or voted a ballot at a voter service center it is reflected in the system. The reconciliation process takes into consideration whether differences could reasonably be understood to be the result of what is referred to as an “invalid ballot” from a previously validated return identification envelope or a similar reason. The definition of an invalid ballot is as follows:

An invalid ballot does not meet the requirement for the ballot to be counted. Invalid ballot scenarios include 2 ballots in the return envelope or secrecy sleeve, or the return envelope or secrecy sleeve is empty. The Ballot Opening Team handles invalid ballots. Counting Center Manual at page 316.

In reviewing your remaining questions, they appear to be focused on county operations. Specifically, they appear to be centered on how the return identification envelopes and voter service center ballots are accounted for while in the possession of the county clerks before custody is transferred to the state counting center associated with their county. Given this, we would refer you to the county clerks for an explanation of their procedures.

Thank you,
Nedielyn

Nedielyn Bueno
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From: Ralph Cushnie <ralph@cushniecci.com>

Sent: Monday, January 1, 2024 1:37 PM

To: OE.Elections <elections@hawaii.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Questions On November 13 2023 Election Commission Meeting Agenda

Hello Office of elections and Mr. Nago, I submitted following questions for the November 13 2023 EC meeting and I have not received a written response. Please answer the questions that were submitted. Also please forward this to email to the commission members.

Ralph Cushnie

OE.Elections Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Elections Commission meeting Date: Monday, November 13, 2023 9:43:36 AM

Hello office of elections I have the following questions.

Does the office of elections require chain of custody documentation to be kept on ballots ?

Do ballots qualify as “evidence” per the Hawaii Rules of Evidence ?

Is a ballot image an exact duplication of a ballot?

What is the legal definition of a ballot image?

Please explain how ballots are locked and unlocked and what is its purpose. “following the election, the ballot images are locked so that they are only available for review. Specifically, no further

action can be taken – including resolving voting errors or writing vote data for tabulation.”
Can ballot images be altered to decide voter intent before they are locked?

Under the rules of evidence, Authentication may require not only proof of identity but also evidence that the item remains unaltered, do ballot images qualify under this rule?

Ralph Cushnie

From: [Michael Curtis](#)
To: [Bueno, Nedielyn I](#)
Cc: [Nago, Scott T](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: EC 2/20 Agneda
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 2:11:29 PM

Aloha Ned,

With "Ballot Metrics," please add that this information has been requested from County Election Officials and Hawaii Office of Elections. (**BALLOT/Election Metrics By Precinct Registered Voters Ballots Mailed Ballots Returned/Counted Ballots Returned/Deficient Ballots Returned/Undeliverable Election Results Voter Registration; Registered Voters, New Voters, Purged voters w/Reason**)

Please add "Voted Ballot Security." Request attendance and report from County Election Officials.

Add "Communications & Correspondence" for public submissions. All communications should be reported and a copy attached or linked to Agenda. That's stuff like Cushnie's, and any other communication addressed to Election Commission.

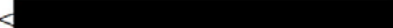
This could be before or after Public Testimony.

And, yes, Thanks for public notice.

**Aloha,
mike**

Michael Curtis


from Poipu Beach, the Leading Edge of the Known Universe®

On Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 12:30 PM Bueno, Nedielyn I < > wrote:

Aloha Mike,

I updated the 2/20 agenda to include the Zoom meeting information. Please let me know if you had additional items you would like to add. I also wanted to check if you would like a press release done for each meeting? Once I get your approval of the draft, the press release goes out a few days before the meeting. I've attached a previous EC press release for reference.

Thanks,

Ned

From: Bueno, Nedielyn I
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2024 9:18 AM
To: Michael Curtis <[REDACTED]>
Subject: EC Meeting and Agneda

Aloha Mike,

I received availability from the commissioners, and most are available on Tuesday, February 20 at 1:30pm. I will send out an email confirming that date and time with the Commission.

I started a draft of the agenda for your review. Please let me know if there were other items you would like to add, or edits made to the agenda.

Thanks,

Ned

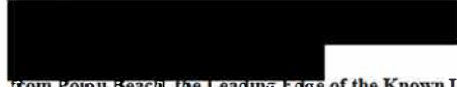
From: [Michael Curtis](#)
To: [Nago, Scott T](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TelCom Request Monday,
Date: February 12, 2024 7:17:37 AM

Aloha Scott,

Please call me, when you get a chance.

Aloha,
mike

Michael Curtis



from Popu Beach, the Leading Edge of the Known Universe®

From: [Michael Curtis](#)
To: [CIVILBEAT-Cblair](#)
Cc: [Bueno, Nedielyn I](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Media inquiry Wednesday,
Date: February 21, 2024 11:13:51 AM

Aloha Chad,


Yes, Scott Nago is Chief Election Officer. As recorded, a motion to remove Scott failed.


The reappointment of Scott Nago will be first Agenda item at next Election Commission meeting.

PS: Ned, please circulate copy to Commissioners.

**Aloha,
mike**

Michael Curtis


from Fōipū Beach, the Learning Edge of the Known Universe®

On Wed, Feb 21, 2024 at 8:44 AM Chad Blair < > wrote:

hi, Mike

I watched much of the Elec Comm meeting yesterday, and I am hoping to get official comment from you on what exactly happened regarding Scott Nago, please as you know, there was some confusion about the votes and reappointment he is still chief elections officer, correct? and that appointment lasts until when exactly?

thanks

—Chad

Chad Blair



From: [Michael Curtis](#)
To: [Bueno, Nedielyn I](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] March meeting date?
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 2:35:06 PM

Thanks Ned, you work late...jus sayin'

Aloha,
mike

Michael Curtis



From Point Beach, the Leading Edge of the Known Universe®

On Sun, Mar 3, 2024 at 8:46 PM Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Hi Mike,

It is Tuesday, March 19 at 1:30pm

Thanks,
Ned

From: Michael Curtis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2024 5:41:53 PM
To: Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] March meeting date?

Aloha Ned, what's the date for our March meeting?

Aloha,
mike

Michael Curtis



From Point Beach, the Leading Edge of the Known Universe®

From: [Michael C Curtis, REALTOR](#)
To: [Bueno, Nedielyn I](#)
Subject: Re: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: Elections Commission Meeting - 3/19/24
Date: Friday, March 15, 2024 3:02:42 PM

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**Aloha,
mike**

Michael Curtis



From Poipu Beach, the Leading Edge of the Known Universe®

On Fri, Mar 15, 2024 at 2:59 PM Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Mike,

Roberts Rules of Order is not specified in the Administrative Rules for EC. My understanding is that it is up to EC should they choose to use it to guide its meetings.

Thanks,

Ned

From: Michael Curtis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 2:42 PM
To: Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: Elections Commission Meeting - 3/19/24

and, you may want to mention Roberts Rules of Order. Are they mentioned in the Administrative Rules?

Aloha,

mike

Michael Curtis

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

from Poipu Beach, the Leading Edge of the Known Universe®

On Fri, Mar 15, 2024 at 2:10 PM Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Mike,

FYI. Commissioner Papalimu reached out requesting current standing rules of order adopted by the commission. I plan to respond to her letting her know that the only document I have are the Administrative Rules which I will attach in the response.

Thanks,

Ned

From: Kahiolani Papalimu <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 11:14 AM

To: Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Elections Commission Meeting - 3/19/24

Aloha Nedielyn,

Could you please forward me the current standing rules of order adopted by the commission ? I currently have not received any, and in it's absence am referring to Robert's Rules of Order.

One of the duties of the commission is to have established its rules of order. I don't recall receiving any.

Much mahalo,

Kahiolani Papalimu

Elections Commissioner

Hawaii Island

On Wed, Mar 13, 2024 at 2:59 PM Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Commissioners,

Attached please find the agenda for the next Elections Commission meeting on **March 19 @ 1:30pm**. It has been:

- Posted to the [State Calendar](#)
- Posted to the [OE website](#)
- Faxed to the Lieutenant Governor's Office

Also attached are the draft written minutes for the Feb. 20th meeting which is also linked on the agenda along with links to the videorecording and written summary.

The meeting packet is forthcoming.

We will be utilizing Zoom videoconferencing technology. Please note the following:

- Please log in by **1:15 PM**
 - To ensure there are no issues with your connection, audio, or video
 - The login information is on the attached agenda
- If you plan to dial in via phone, let me know what phone number you will dial in with
 - I will need to add you to the group for access to Executive Session
- Make sure you have the latest version of Zoom downloaded on your computer

- If you have an outdated version, it will not allow you to enter Executive Session

- If you have issues connecting to the meeting, call our office at (808) 453-8683 and ask for Dominic

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Nedielyn

Nedielyn Bueno
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(808) 453-VOTE (8683)

From: Ralph Cushnie (EC) <ralphcushnieec@cushniecci.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 6:17 AM
To: Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]>; OE.Elections <elections@hawaii.gov>
Cc: Michael C Curtis, REALTOR <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Motion to request chain of custody documents from the counties

Hi Nedielyn, please send the letter that was sent to the counties requesting chain of custody information per my email below. Please send the letter to all the elections commissioners.

From: Ralph Cushnie (EC)
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 8:36 PM
To: Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]>; OE.Elections <elections@hawaii.gov>
Cc: Michael C Curtis, REALTOR <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Motion to request chain of custody documents from the counties

Hi Nedielyn, per Tuesdays meeting we passed a motion to request information from the Counties and we are requesting a response 7 days prior to the next meeting so time is of the essence. Here is how the motion read.

“ I Move that the elections commission formally ask the counties to provide documentation showing compliance with Har 3-177-453 Accountability and security of Ballots and HAR 3-177-61 security of ballots and elections supplies and that they reply 7 days before the next meeting. “

Who will be drafting the letter to send to the counties and when will Chair Curtis be able to sign the letter and send it to

From: [Michael C Curtis, REALTOR](#)
To: [Bueno, Nedielyn I](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: EC Draft Agenda 4/16
Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 6:41:42 PM

Aloha Ned,

There were several more letters/eMails to EC that need to be included in communications. All those addressed to the Commission.


Please, and thank you.

**Aloha,
mike**

Michael Curtis



from Poipu Beach, the Leading Edge of the Known Universe®

On Tue, Apr 9, 2024 at 3:11 PM Bueno, Nedielyn I < > wrote:


Hi Mike,

Following up on the draft agenda. As the meeting is scheduled for 4/16, the agenda will be filed tomorrow, 4/10.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Ned

From: Bueno, Nedielyn I
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 4:17 PM
To: Michael Curtis 

Subject: RE: EC Draft Agenda 4/16

Hi Mike,

Just a note that Commissioner Kiguchi will not be attending the 4/16 meeting as he will be out of the country. And Commissioner Takenaka may be in and out of the meeting due to conference at the Legislature.

Thanks,

Ned

From: Bueno, Nedielyn I

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 4:05 PM

To: Michael Curtis <[REDACTED]>

Subject: EC Draft Agenda 4/16

Hi Mike,

Please find attached draft agenda for the EC 4/16 meeting for review. Please let me know if there are additional agenda items you would like to add. I'm almost done with the written minutes and will add the link Monday.

Thanks,

Ned

From: [Michael C Curtis, REALTOR](#)
To: [Bueno, Nedielyn I](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Elections Commission Meeting May 21
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:33:54 AM

Thanks Ned,

Can the June 18th date accommodate in person and ZOOM?

What items do we have for Agenda on May 21?

My thinking is that we cancel May, and shoot for June 18th in-person & ZOOM.

**Aloha,
mike**

Michael Curtis



From Poipu Beach. the Leading Edge of the Known Universe®

On Tue, Apr 30, 2024 at 4:20 PM Bueno, Nedielyn I <[\[REDACTED\]](#)> wrote:

Hi Mike,

Looks like we won't be able to accommodate Zoom option for the 5/21 meeting as the rooms that I've inquired about are not available.

No commissioner has reached out about not being able to attend so I anticipate all members will be on-site. Travel for all commissioners have been booked except for Commissioner Cushnie as he shared that he will be handling his own travel.

Lastly, I wanted to let you know of the following members whose term is expiring on June 30, 2024.

- Dylan Andrion
- Stafford Kiguchi
- Kahiolani Papalimu
- Cynthia Takenaka (Cynthia has served two 4-year terms)
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I will prep letters to send out to the appropriate appointing authority notifying them of the term

ending and plan to send those letters out next week. I will also remind each commissioner.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Ned

From: Bueno, Nedielyn I

Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 4:04 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Elections Commission Meeting May 21

Hi Mike,

The room we have reserved at the State Office Tower does not have audio equipment. I also checked with another agency that had teleconferencing capabilities but their room has already been reserved by another commission. There is one more office that I am checking with in Kapolei. I will keep you posted.

Thanks,

Ned

From: Michael Curtis <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 9:24 AM

To: Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Elections Commission Meeting May 21

Aloha Ned,

Will commissioners have option to ZOOM to meeting?

Aloha,

mike

Michael Curtis

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

from Poipu Beach, the Leading Edge of the Known Universe®

On Thu, Apr 18, 2024 at 2:05 PM Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]>
wrote:

Hello Commissioners,

The next Elections Commission meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** It will be an in-person meeting on Oahu.

For our Commissioners on the neighbor islands, I will be in contact with you to assist with travel arrangements.

If you are not able to attend the meeting, please let me know.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Nedielyn

From: [Nago, Scott T](#)
To: [Michael Curtis](#)
Subject: FW: Elections Commission June Meeting
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 7:57:00 AM

Chair Curtis:

Commissioner Cushnie is asking who cancelled the May Meeting as if I had something to do with that. I believe Ned has previously sent out an email explaining why the May meeting needed to be cancelled. I don't know how to answer his question.

Thanks,
Scott

From: OE.Elections <elections@hawaii.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 7:50 AM
To: OE Section Heads <[REDACTED]>; Schulaner, Aaron H <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: Elections Commission June Meeting

From: Ralph Cushnie (EC) <ralphcushnieec@cushniecci.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 9:33 PM
To: Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]>; OE.Elections <elections@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Elections Commission June Meeting

Mr. Scott Nago who cancelled the May Elections Commission Meeting ?

From: Ralph Cushnie (EC)
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2024 11:00 AM
To: Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Elections Commission June Meeting

Hi Nedielyn who cancelled the May Elections Commission meeting?

From: Ralph Cushnie (EC) <ralphcushnieec@cushniecci.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 10:10 AM
To: Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Elections Commission June Meeting

Hi Nedielyn what time is the meeting ?

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From: Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 7:26:19 AM
To: Ralph Cushnie (EC) <ralphcushnieec@cushniecci.com>
Subject: RE: Elections Commission June Meeting

Thank you Commissioner Cushnie.

From: Ralph Cushnie (EC) <ralphcushnieec@cushniecci.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 9:21 PM
To: Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Elections Commission June Meeting

Thank you Nedielyn I am available. I will make my own arrangements.

From: Bueno, Nedielyn I <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 12:44 PM
Subject: Elections Commission June Meeting

Hello Commissioners,

We have secured a room for the June EC meeting on **Wednesday, June 19**. The room accommodates for both in-person and ZOOM.

Please let me know if you are available to attend in-person and we will proceed with travel arrangements. If you are unable to attend in person, please advise if you will be available to attend via ZOOM.

Thank you,
Nedielyn

From: [Michael C Curtis, REALTOR](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Commission](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: New Secretary
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 8:57:24 AM

Aloha Jazelle,

I'm available at [REDACTED]. Should probably have Scott on line too, if you can do conference call.

**Aloha,
mike**

Michael Curtis

[REDACTED]

from Poipu Beach, the Leading Edge of the Known Universe®

On Fri, Jun 7, 2024 at 4:35 PM OE.Elections.Commission
<elections.commission@hawaii.gov> wrote:

Hi Chair,

As this is my first agenda with the Elections Commission, do you think we can schedule a time to get on a call together and discuss some questions I have regarding the agenda?

I'm available on Monday 6/10 from 8 am – 11am or 2:30pm – 4:30 pm.

Have a great weekend.

Mahalo,

Jazelle Aolahiko

From: Michael C Curtis, REALTOR <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 8:50 AM

To: OE.Elections.Commission <elections.commission@hawaii.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: New Secretary

Thanks Jazelle, that's correct for May carryover items.

Aloha,

mike

Michael Curtis

[REDACTED]

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<elections.commission@hawaii.gov> wrote:

Hi Chair,

Will do. Due to the May meeting being cancelled, will we be keeping everything from May's agenda on June's agenda with the addition of communication and correspondence received since then?

Mahalo,

Jazelle

From: Michael C Curtis, REALTOR <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 9:01 AM

To: OE.Elections.Commission <elections.commission@hawaii.gov>

Cc: Leong, Christopher JJ <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: New Secretary

Aloha Jazelle,

Please redact personal contact information OFF ALL correspondence and communications. Include Name and Town/City of residence, only. Please EXCLUDE address, telephone numbers, and eMail addresses.

Thanks for asking.

Aloha,

mike

Michael Curtis

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Aloha Chair,

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mike

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On Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 9:11 AM OE.Elections.Commission
<elections.commission@hawaii.gov> wrote:

Aloha Chair Curtis,

My name is Jazelle Aolahiko and I am the new Secretary for the Office of Elections.
I look forward to working with you at upcoming commissioner meetings.

Jazelle Aolahiko

Secretary

State of Hawaii

Office of Elections

(808) 453-VOTE (8683)

From: [Michael C Curtis, REALTOR](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Commission](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: DRAFT Agenda for June Meeting
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 8:03:53 AM

Thanks Jazelle, works for me.

Aloha,
mike

Michael Curtis



From Poipu Beach, the Leading Edge of the Known Universe®

On Wed, Jun 12, 2024 at 2:34 PM OE.Elections.Commission
<elections.commission@hawaii.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Attached is a draft agenda for the next Elections Commission meeting to be held on June 19, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please let me know if you require any changes. Agenda needs to be posted tomorrow, June 13th.

Mahalo,

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