



HAWAII STATE - COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD (HS-COF)

MEETING AGENDA

Friday, June 28, 2024

Time: 8:30 pm



Location: Queen Liliuokalani Building, 1390 Miller St, Conference Room **2F**, Honolulu

Virtual access to meeting via **Zoom** - Meeting ID #**876 5720 3038** / Password: **Fathers**

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MISSION Statement

[From [Chapter 577E](#), Hawaii Revised Statutes] **The mission of the Hawaii State - Commission on Fatherhood (HS-COF) is to promote healthy family relationships by emphasizing the importance of fathers in the lives of their children. The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to state agencies and makes recommendations on programs, services, contracts, policies and laws relating to children and families.**

I. Introductions and Roll Call

(per [Haw. Rev. Stat §92-3.7\(a\)](#), state name of anyone present at nonpublic location)

- a. Chair – Introductory Comments and Conduct Reminder
- b. Fatherhood Commissioners (voting members, by seniority)
 - i. Alan Sunio (Hawai'i Coalition for Dads)
 - ii. Kawika Mattos (Maui)
 - iii. Allen Cardines (O'ahu)
 - iv. Brian Alston (Kauai)
 - v. Marty Oliphant, Vice Chair (O'ahu)
- c. Ex-Officio(s) or their designees (non-voting members)
 - i. Director of Human Services
 - ii. Superintendent of Education
 - iii. Director of Health
 - iv. Attorney General
 - v. Director of Public Safety
 - vi. Executive Director Office of Youth Services
- d. Sunshine Law monitors
- e. Guests

II. Community shares or concerns:

- a. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
Public comments must address items listed on the published agenda

III. Member Updates

- a. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- b. Commissioners Updates – thoughts on current fiscal year and looking forward to next fiscal year
 - i. Jeff Esmond
 - ii. Kawika Mattos – Celebration of Fathers & Families; final words on last meeting after finishing two terms
 - iii. Alan Sunio
 - iv. Allen Cardines
 - v. Brian Alston
 - vi. Marty Oliphant
- c. Ex-officio Updates
 - i. Director of Health
 - ii. Office of Youth Services

- IV. New and Ongoing Business - Current Fiscal Year Initiatives (Vote)
- a. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
 - b. Commissioner position update
 - c. Fatherhood Conference – update from HS-COF Representative Commissioner Cardines
 - d. Periodic Newsletter – update from Commissioner Esmond and/or Alston
 - e. Central Information Clearinghouse – updates from Commissioner Alston and/or Esmond
 - f. Officer nominations and elections – to be held in new fiscal year
 - g. Annual Awards – Update, Debriefing and Thoughts for next fiscal year
 - i. Aloha Father of the Year Awards
 - ii. Parent-Friendly Business of the Year Award
 - iii. Sponsorship Awards
 - h. Outreach Events
 - i. Children and Youth Day (October 2024)
 - ii. Fatherhood Commission Luncheon
 - iii. Visualization of multi-DHS Commission get together
 - i. Commission Strategic Plan – initial discussion – Commissioner Alston
- V. Legislative Update
- a. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
 - b. Act 156 Task Force on Parentage Laws
 - i. Update on status of Task Force by Commissioner Esmond
- VI. Professional Development
- a. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
 - b. Opportunities – discussion and brainstorming
- VII. Upcoming Meetings (generally 3rd Friday each month 10:00)
- a. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
 - b. Next Meetings
 - i. July 19, 2024 (tentative)
 - ii. August 16, 2024
 - iii. September 20, 2024
- VIII. Topics and Speakers for Upcoming Meetings
- a. Public comment on issues not on the agenda for consideration for the HS-COF’s agenda at our next meeting – Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
 - b. Member input
- IX. Conclusion (Vote)
- a. Final Thoughts
 - b. Vote to Adjourn

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ATTACHMENTS (Agenda item indicated):

- IV.i. Bullet Summary of the Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood Strategic Plan

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, contact the Commission at fatherhoodcommission.hi@gmail.com (or current Chair, Jeff Esmond, at 808-550-0080) as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible have a greater likelihood of being fulfilled. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate/accessible formats. Testimony can be submitted via e-mail to fatherhoodcommission.hi@gmail.com marked TESTIMONY in the title, or mailed to Hawaii State – Commission on Fatherhood, c/o DHS – Office of Fiscal Management, 1390 Miller Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. Captioning may be available with advanced request.

Meeting Conduct Agreement & reminder – please act appropriately, contribute and respect everyone.

Bullet Summary of the Hawaii Commission on Fatherhood Strategic Plan

By Commissioner Brian Alston

Opening Statement:

The 2024-25 Strategic Plan for the Hawaii Commission on Fatherhood (HCF) is a comprehensive roadmap designed to support and enhance the role of fathers in Hawaii. It focuses on education, support, advocacy, and community engagement to address the unique challenges fathers face.

Plan Overview:

Vision and Mission:

- Vision: To recognize and value the importance of fatherhood in fostering children's development, supporting family stability, and enhancing community well-being.
- Mission: To advocate for policies, provide resources, and raise public awareness to support fathers in their essential family roles.

Current Issues:

- Educational challenges for boys and men.
- Economic and labor market disparities.
- Mental health support needs.
- Impact of technology and social media on younger generations.

Short-Term Goals (12-18 months):

- Develop online resources and workshops on parenting, financial management, and health.
- Engage with policymakers for flexible work policies and parental leave.
- Launch public campaigns to improve the perception of fatherhood and establish support networks.

Long-Term Goals (5-10 years):

- Advocate for systemic changes to support fathers, including legal and workplace reforms.
- Build comprehensive statewide support systems for fathers.
- Promote cultural appreciation for diverse father roles beyond traditional norms.

Action Plan and Implementation:

Resource Development:

- Launch a digital platform with educational content for fathers.

Public Awareness:

- Initiate a statewide media campaign highlighting the importance of father involvement.

Support Networks:

- Establish local fatherhood groups offering peer support and professional guidance.

Timeline:

- Months 1-3: Develop and launch the digital platform.
- Months 4-6: Begin media campaigns and community workshops.
- Months 7-12: Evaluate initial impacts and expand support networks.

Responsibilities:

- Commissioners: Oversee strategic initiatives and ensure mission alignment.
- Ex-Officio Members: Facilitate collaboration with governmental and community organizations.

Monitoring and Evaluation:

- Implement a robust framework using key performance indicators (KPIs) to assess progress.
- Conduct regular reviews to ensure adaptability to emerging needs and challenges.

Closing Statement:

The 2024-25 Strategic Plan for the Hawaii Commission on Fatherhood is a dynamic framework aimed at addressing the critical needs of fathers and their families in Hawaii. By focusing on education, support, advocacy, and community engagement, the Commission seeks to foster a society that recognizes and values the essential role of fathers, ensuring every child in Hawaii benefits from an engaged and loving father figure.