



HAWAII STATE - COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD (HS-COF)

MEETING AGENDA

Friday, December 13, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM



Location: Windward Community College, Hale Na'auao, Room 125, Kaneohe, HI 96744

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 [HRS §92-3.7\(a\)](#), state name of anyone present at a private location)

- a. Chair Jeff Esmond (O'ahu) – Introductory Comments and Conduct Reminder
- b. Fatherhood Commissioners (voting members, by seniority)
 - i. Alan Sunio (Hawai'i Coalition for Dads)
 - ii. Allen Cardines (O'ahu)
 - iii. Brian Alston (Kauai)
 - iv. Marty Oliphant, Vice Chair (O'ahu)
 - v. Neel Chauhan (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. Deputy Attorneys General 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. Ex-officio Updates
 - i. Director of Health
 - ii. Office of Youth Services

IV. Ongoing Business and Updates

- a. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
- b. Commissioner position update
- c. 0.5 FTE Admin Position update
- d. Officer nominations and elections – on hold pending new Commissioners
- e. Periodic Newsletter – pending admin hire

- V. Current Fiscal Year Initiatives (Vote)
- a. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
 - b. Current fiscal year initiatives
 - i. Strategic Plan and objectives – Open discussion and general thoughts
 - ii. Annual Awards
 - i. Aloha Father of the Year Awards
 - ii. Parent-Friendly Business of the Year Award
 - iii. Sponsorship Awards
 - c. Outreach Events
 - i. Fatherhood Commission Luncheon
 - ii. Proposal for a periodic informal online gathering of fatherhood commissioners nationwide – Commissioner Alston
 - iii. Other ideas?
 - d. Budget Review
 - i. Prior Fiscal Year – Waiting for final budget office determinations
 - ii. New Fiscal year – on hold pending new Commissioners
- VI. Legislative Update (Vote)
- a. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
 - b. Legislative Priorities for the Commission
 - c. Legislative Opening Day – January 15, 2025
 - d. Handout for legislators – Commissioner Alston
 - e. [Act 156, SLH 2023 Task Force on Parentage Laws](#)
 - i. Update on status of Task Force by Commissioner Esmond
- VII. Professional Development
- a. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
 - b. Opportunities – discussion and brainstorming
- VIII. Upcoming Meetings (generally 3rd Friday each month 10:00 AM)
- a. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)
 - b. Next Meetings
 - i. January 10 or 17, 2025
 - ii. February 17, 2025
 - iii. March 14, 2025
- IX. Conclusion (Vote)
- a. Final Thoughts and Holiday Season Wishes
 - b. Vote to Adjourn

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



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WRITTEN SUMMARY TO ACCOMPANY AUDIOVISUAL RECORDING

Commissioners Present:

(All from 10:08 am to 11:47 am)

- Jeff Esmond, Chair
- Marty Oliphant, Vice-Chair
- Allen Cardines
- Brian Alston
- Neel Chauhan

Commissioners Absent:

- Alan Sunio

Motions and Votes

- Adjourn Meeting – Motion by Jeff Esmond, Seconded by Marty Oliphant, Unanimous