



HAWAII STATE - COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD (HS-COF)

MEETING AGENDA

Friday, May 15, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Queen Liliuokalani Building, 1390 Miller St, 2nd Floor,
DHS Conference Rooms 1 & 2 Honolulu, HI 96813

Virtual access to meeting via **Zoom** - Meeting ID #**876 5720 3038** / Password: **Fathers**
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87657203038?pwd=MIZOejU3VS9iRWVwNG1ZRWhLM1ZpQT09>

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Today's Theme: Moving Forward

Call to Order <Hit Record>

Meeting Formalities (Vote)

- i. Establish Quorum
- ii. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

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)

1. Introductory Comments and Conduct Reminder
2. Fatherhood Commissioners (voting members, by seniority)
 - a. Alan Sunio (Hawaii Coalition for Dads)
 - b. Jeff Esmond (Oahu)
 - c. Brian Alston (Kauai)
 - d. Marty Oliphant (Oahu)
 - e. Neel Chauhan (Oahu)
 - f. Mark Augustine (Maui)
 - g. Bronson Kobayashi (Hawaii)
3. Ex-Officio(s) or their designees (non-voting members) and Updates
 - a. Director of Human Services
 - b. Superintendent of Education
 - c. Director of Health
 - d. Attorney General
 - e. Director of Corrections and Rehabilitation
 - f. Executive Director of the Office of Youth Services
4. Deputy Attorneys General for Sunshine Law issues
5. New DHS Assistant: Welcome to Hanne Lorre Bulagay
6. Guests

II. Community shares or concerns:

1. Public Testimony (allow 1 minute)

Public comments must address items listed on the published agenda
2. Commissioner Updates
 - a. Related to Commission business
 - b. Opportunities related to Fatherhood/Parenthood Events and/or Workshops

- III. Prior Fiscal Year Initiatives – (Vote): Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (1 minute)
 - 1. Annual Awards
 - a. Update the nomination form for the Father of the Year and Sponsorship Awards for family friendly Organizations/Businesses.
 - 1) Establish a deadline for Nominations.
 - 2) Father of the Year awards will be provided to recipients after June 2026.
 - 3) Sponsorship awards to organizations will be given post June 2026.
 - 2. Outreach Events
 - a. Need to submit flyers for the events happening in June of 2026.
 - b. Request budget to include the following items:
 - 1) Hawaii State - Commission of Fatherhood Brochures
 - 2) Registration Fees for tabling events
 - 3) Roundtrip Air Transportation (Hawaii Island, Kauai, Maui)
 - 4) Rental car or Ride Share Cost
 - 5) Swag items (child/youth friendly)
 - 6) Candy/Snacks
 - 7) Lei for award recipients
 - 8) Banners per island
 - 9) Postage/Shipping Cost for sending trophies, banners, and swag items to neighbor island commissioners.
 - 10) Reimbursement of postage cost of \$116.16 regarding 2 HS-COF banners, a shirt, a hat, and the Island of Hawaii Father of the Year recipient trophy for 2025.
 - 11) Other
- IV. Legislative Update from Commissioner Esmond – (Vote):
 - 1. Public Testimony (1 minute)
 - a. Public comments must address items listed on the published agenda.
- V. Current Fiscal Year Initiatives – (Vote):
 - 1. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (1 minute)
 - 2. Fiscal Year Calendar of Events
 - a. Hawaii Children and Youth Day – October 2026
 - 1) Discuss what the fee would be for the Commission to participant in the Hawaii Children and Youth Day in Calendar Year of 2026
 - 2) Explore state-wide recognition of the awards at the Children and Youth Day with all recipients present and/or acknowledged
 - b. Father’s Day Events (Travel (Air & Ground Transportation) and Giveaways (for example, promotional materials and candy))
 - 3. Publicity
 - a. Periodic Newsletter – rotating Commissioner submissions
 - b. Website – Accessibility
- VI. Ongoing Business and Updates (Vote):
 - 1. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (1 minute)
 - 2. Administrative Assistant position update
- VII. Upcoming Meetings (generally 3rd Friday each month 10:00 AM)
 - 1. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (1 minute)
 - 2. Next Meetings (Check your calendar right now!)
 - a. Meeting date and time feasibility

- VIII. Conclusion (Vote)
1. Final Thoughts
 2. Vote to Adjourn

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The final Board Packet will be posted on the [HS-COF website](#).

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