



HAWAII STATE - COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD (HS-COF)
MEETING AGENDA

Friday, July 31, 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>

Zoom waiting room will be open 5-15 minutes prior to meeting start time.

Today's Theme: Moving Forward

Call to Order <Hit Record>

Meeting Formalities

- i. Establish Quorum
- ii. Public Testimony (suggest 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 (Hawai'i 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 (Hawai'i)
 - h. Vacant
 - i. Vacant
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 (suggest 1 minute)
Public comments must address items listed on the published agenda
2. Commissioner Updates
 - a. Opportunities related to Fatherhood/Parenthood Events and/or Workshops

III. Current Fiscal Year Initiatives (2026-2027) – (Vote):

1. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (suggest 1 minute)
2. Annual Awards
 - a. Awards for Father of the Year and Sponsorship for family friendly Organizations/Businesses for 2026 – 2027.
 - 1) Update forms
 - 2) Establish a deadline for nominations and awards
3. Outreach Events
 - a. Need to submit flyers for the events
 - b. Request budget to include the following items:
 - 1) Hawaii State - Commission on 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) Banners per island
 - 8) Postage/Shipping Cost for sending trophies, banners, and swag items to neighbor island commissioners.
 - 9) Waimanalo Community Baby Shower (September 12th) - Request for empathy bellies for use at the Waimanalo Community Baby Shower; discussion of potential Commission resources and community lending options.
 - 10) Other upcoming events
4. Calendar of Events
 - a. Hawai'i Children and Youth Day – October 4, 2026
 - 1) Discuss what the fee would be for the Commission to participant in the Hawai'i 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, i.e., Air & Ground Transportation; and Giveaways, i.e., promotional materials and candy)
5. Publicity
 - a. Periodic Newsletter – rotating Commissioner submissions
 - b. Website – Accessibility and updates.

IV. Ongoing Business and Updates (Vote):

1. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (suggest 1 minute)
2. Administrative Assistant position update
3. Nomination and Election of the Chair and Vice Chair Positions. Fiscal Year 2026-2027

V. Upcoming Meetings (generally 3rd Friday each month unless otherwise specified 10:00 AM)

1. Community shares or concerns - Public Testimony (suggest 1 minute)
2. Next Meetings (Check your calendar right now!)
 - a. August 28, 2026, at 10:00 AM

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

<Stop Recording>

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

Note: If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, contact The Commission at fatherhoodcommission.hi@gmail.com (Chair, Marty Oliphant, at 808-223-0067) 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 Hawai'i State – Commission on Fatherhood, c/o DHS - Office of Fiscal Management, 1390 Miller Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. Captioning may be available with advanced request. If you want your testimony to be included in the board packet, then your testimony must be received by the Commission at least 5 days before the meeting date.

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