



MICHAEL CURTIS
ELECTIONS COMMISSION CHAIR

**STATE OF HAWAII
ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORDING

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

August 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM

The video of the meeting may be viewed on our website at:

<https://elections.hawaii.gov/about-us/boards-and-commissions/elections-commission/>.

PROCEEDINGS

I. Call to order [10:00 AM]

The regular meeting of the Elections Commission was called to order by Chair Curtis.

II. Roll call and determination of a quorum [10:00 AM]

All members of the Elections Commission were present at the meeting with the exception of Commissioner Papalimu.

Commissioner Papalimu entered the meeting at 11:36 AM.

III. Discussion and decision making relating to Commissioner Young's Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) report on the Investigation into State and Kauai County Compliance with HAR 3-177 and Discrepancies in Ballot Counts and Recommendations to the State of Hawaii Elections Commission [10:01 AM]

Public testimony was provided by Nolan Chang, Jennifer Hunt, Paul Deslauriers, Austin Martin, Tara Rojas, Shelby Billionaire, Janet Mason, Yumi Kawano, Jamie Detwiler, Andrew Aker, Bevin Parker-Evans, Keoni Payton, Megeso William Denis, Susan Strom, Wallyn Christian, Tamara McKay, April Lee, Jaerick Medeiros, Alfred Sarmiento, Tara Malia, Rebecca Soon, Doug Pasnik, Keikilani Ho, Mary Healy, Shaylene Fahey, Gary Cordery, Jennifer Cabjuan, Margie Merryman, Glenda Nogami Streufert, James Gashel.

Commissioner Kamm moved that an independent accounting firm be hired to conduct an audit of the ballot envelopes collected on Kauai in the 2024 General Election. The auditors will inspect and count the ballot envelopes and compare the signatures on the envelopes to the signatures of record. The auditors will also determine how many of the envelopes were collected via drop boxes and how many via the post office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrion and **carried**. [11:59 AM]

YES: Andrion, Cushnie, Kamm, Papalimu, Curtis

NO: McAdam, Osterkamp

Commissioner Cushnie moved to subpoena the after hour entry and exit logs for the secure storage area holding the ballots from April 2024 to present. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrion and **failed**. [12:22 PM]

YES: Andrion, Cushnie, Kamm, Papalimu

NO: McAdam, Osterkamp, Curtis

IV. Receipt of PIG report from Commissioner Andrion and correspondence from PIG regarding investigation on: [12:29 PM]

a) Complaints relating to the chain of custody of election ballots. Similar information was considered by the Hawaii Supreme Court in #SCEC-24-0000797; RALPH S. CUSHNIE and more than THIRTY VOTERS, Plaintiffs, vs. SCOTT NAGO, as Chief Elections Officer for the Office of Elections, State of Hawaii, and JADE FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA, County Clerk for the County of Kauai, Defendants, and by the 5th Circuit Court in #5CCV-25-0000041; RALPH S. CUSHNIE, Pro Se vs. SCOTT NAGO, in his official capacity as Chief Elections Officer for the Office of Elections, State of Hawaii; JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA, County Clerk for the County of Kauai, State of Hawaii; and

b) Claims of intentional malfeasance by County and State Clerks and Elections Officers during the Kauai County Councilmember Race in the 2024 General Election.

Discussion of report will be scheduled for a subsequent meeting.

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V. Adjournment [1:08 PM]

Chair Curtis adjourned the meeting at 1:08 PM.