



MICHAEL CURTIS  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION CHAIR

**STATE OF HAWAII  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**April 1, 2026 at 10:00 AM**

Pursuant to Section 92-3.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Elections Commission met remotely using interactive conference technology. The video of the meeting may be viewed on our website at: <https://elections.hawaii.gov/about-us/boards-and-commissions/elections-commission/>.

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

Michael Curtis, Chair  
Dylan Andrion  
James Apana  
Ralph Cushnie  
Barbara Dalton  
Lindsay Kamm  
Jeffrey Osterkamp  
Kahiolani Papalimu  
John Sabas

**Support Staff in Attendance:**

Jordan Ching, Department of the Attorney General  
Scott T. Nago, Office of Elections  
Nicole Noel, Office of Elections  
Aaron Schulaner, Office of Elections  
Aulii Tenn, Office of Elections

**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 Sabas.

Commissioner Sabas entered the meeting at 10:09 AM.

III. Approval of written minutes from the March 11, 2026 meeting [10:01 AM]

Jennifer Hunt provided testimony requesting that the minutes reflect that intelligent mail barcodes allow USPS to automatically count and report returned mail, which she said is relevant to the 19,000 ballot discrepancy.

Shelby Billionaire provided testimony requesting that specific DOJ report numbers be included in the minutes and expressing concern that prior testimony was overly paraphrased.

Michelle Stefanik provided testimony requesting that the minutes more fully reflect her observations of election issues and include Chief Election Officer (CEO) Scott Nago's written opinion.

Alohalani Hope Cermelj provided testimony stating that she contacted officials about the Commission's meetings and expressing concern that testimony was not accurately reflected in the minutes.

Austin Martin provided testimony alleging a pattern of mischaracterization in the meeting minutes, expressing concerns about transparency and accuracy, and urging the Commission to address deficiencies in the record.

Commissioners Cushnie and Kamm questioned why Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Jordan Ching's written opinion, which the Commission had previously voted to include, was not reflected in the meeting minutes. Chair Curtis responded that staff were responsible for the minutes and directed that the opinion be added. Raymund de Vega, Elections Commission Support Staff, explained that the minutes posted online remain in draft form and are not typically revised after posting, though he agreed to include the written opinion in the minutes if directed by the Commission.

Commissioner Dalton moved to approve the written minutes from the March 11, 2026 meeting. The motion was further amended to include in the comments of Jennifer Hunt that the intelligent mail barcode allows mail processing equipment to automatically count returned mail pieces and transmit counts to USPS

systems for reporting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kamm and **carried**. [10:17 AM]

YES: Andrion, Cushnie, Dalton, Kamm, Papalimu, Curtis

NO: Osterkamp, Sabas

ABSTAIN: Apana

The amendment proposed adding barcode-related information to the meeting minutes, which Commissioner Andrion confirmed and Commissioner Cushnie supported, while also raising concerns about staff not including previously approved items; Chair Curtis ruled those concerns out of order as unrelated to the amendment and proceeded to a roll call vote on including the barcode testimony.

Commissioner Andrion moved to amend the motion, to approve the written minutes from the March 11, 2026 meeting, to include in the comments of Jennifer Hunt that the intelligent mail barcode allows mail processing equipment to automatically count returned mail pieces and transmit counts to USPS systems for reporting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Papalimu and **carried**. [10:16 AM]

YES: Andrion, Cushnie, Kamm, Papalimu, Curtis

NO: Dalton, Osterkamp, Sabas

ABSTAIN: Apana

IV. Unfinished business [10:23 AM]

a) Correspondence regarding an audit of Hawaii County

Austin Martin provided testimony alleging omissions from unfinished business, criticizing the Chair's handling of points of order and germane requirements, and expressing concerns about transparency and accountability.

Jennifer Hunt provided testimony raising concerns about conflicts of interest and requesting that previously passed motions and unfinished business items be included in the record.

Gene Lamkin provided testimony asserting concerns about ballot chain of custody and requesting a hand recount of ballots and envelopes before the retention period ends.

Shelby Billionaire provided testimony raising concerns about unfinished business, alleging lack of action on prior issues and communications, and expressing concerns about election integrity and accountability.

Michelle Stefanik provided testimony regarding letters in the meeting packet, raising questions about audit funding, suggesting volunteer support as an option, and requesting clarification on conflict of interest issues and how the Commission will proceed.

Shawn B. provided testimony opposing an audit, stating based on his election experience that ballot reconciliation procedures already prevent discrepancies and recommending greater understanding of election processes.

Alohalani Hope Cermelj provided testimony expressing concerns about the audit of Hawaii County, election integrity, and adherence to procedural rules.

Monique Perreira provided testimony expressing concerns about election integrity, conflicts of interest, and the Commission's handling of election-related issues, and urging corrective action.

Jamie Detwiler provided testimony raising concerns about meeting decorum and requesting that previously passed motions be included under unfinished business.

Wallyn Christian provided testimony alleging a conflict of interest, calling for prior actions to be reconsidered, and requesting that all unfinished business be included on the agenda.

Jaerick Medeiros provided testimony raising concerns about conflicts of interest, the Commission's ability to conduct an audit, and the handling of unfinished business.

Keoni Payton provided testimony raising concerns about conflicts of interest and asserting that these issues should be addressed as part of unfinished business.

Discussion addressed correspondence related to the proposed audit, including a letter from House Speaker, Nadine Nakamura regarding potential legislative funding approaches and a letter from former Commissioner Claire McAdams declining to conduct the audit due to a stated conflict of interest. Commissioners debated how to proceed given the lack of funding support and McAdams' refusal, with some suggesting narrowing the audit scope or seeking alternative avenues, while others argued these responses further stalled efforts to obtain independent verification of ballot discrepancies.

Commissioner Cushnie advocated for referring the audit to the Department of Justice to resolve ballot discrepancies and obtain an independent review, and Commissioner Andrion supported the referral, emphasizing the need to address unresolved issues and ensure accountability before future elections. Commissioner Kamm also supported the referral, citing delays and lack of progress through other avenues, while Commissioner Apana opposed it, stating that the Commission should complete its own work before seeking external involvement, and Commissioner Sabas also opposed it, expressing a preference to move on from the issue and focus on upcoming elections. Commissioner Cushnie moved to refer the audit of the Hawaii County to the Department of Justice. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrion and **failed**. [11:28 AM]

YES: Andrion, Cushnie, Kamm

NO: Apana, Dalton, Osterkamp, Sabas, Curtis

ABSTAIN: Papalimu

Commissioner Cushnie requested written documentation of the Chair's asserted authority, including any privileges related to attorney-client communications and information handling. Commissioners Andrion and Kamm supported the request, emphasizing the need for clarity and transparency regarding the Chair's role.

Commissioner Apana stated that the Chair's authority is determined by the Commission rather than inherent powers, suggesting such privileges may not formally exist. Commissioner Sabas agreed clearer procedures are needed, while noting broader concerns about the Commission's functionality. Chair Curtis responded that authority is based on Robert's Rules of Order and applicable state laws, with some aspects subject to legal interpretation rather than explicitly written rules.

Commissioner Cushnie moved that the Election Commission direct the Chair to provide any written documentation, rule, or formal Commission action that grants the Chair the specific powers and privileges he has asserted, and to distribute that documentation to all Commissioners and post it on the website. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrion and **carried**. [11:40 AM]

YES: Andrion, Apana, Cushnie, Kamm, Papalimu, Sabas

NO: Dalton, Osterkamp, Curtis

Commissioner Papalimu suggested inviting Representative Garner Shimizu to provide an update on any actions he's taken at the Legislature regarding conducting an audit as he had committed to helping the Commission at an earlier meeting. Commissioner Cushnie questioned whether earlier efforts by a Commissioner to engage the legislature had resulted in any progress.

Commissioner Sabas moved to request that Representative Shimizu report to the Commission on his legislative efforts regarding the audit, as previously discussed during the December 3, 2025 meeting, and to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Papalimu and **carried**. [11:51 AM]

YES: Andrion, Apana, Cushnie, Kamm, Osterkamp, Papalimu, Sabas, Curtis

ABSTAIN: Dalton

Commissioner Cushnie proposed inviting the County Clerk, Jon Henricks, to attend a meeting to directly address questions about ballot records, chain of custody procedures, and discrepancies, emphasizing the need for firsthand clarification rather than relying on secondhand information. Commissioner Andrion supported the invitation, noting Mr. Henricks' prior cooperation and responsiveness, and stating that a discussion would be beneficial.

Commissioner Osterkamp requested clarification that the motion to invite Mr. Henricks would not include or presume any "discrepancy," emphasizing the importance of neutrality. Chair Curtis confirmed that the invitation would not reference discrepancies and proceeded toward a vote on inviting the clerk to a future meeting.

Commissioner Cushnie moved that the Elections Commission invite the Hawaii County Clerk Jon Henricks to attend the next Elections Commission meeting. motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrion and **carried**. [11:53 AM]

YES: Andrion, Apana, Cushnie, Kamm, Osterkamp, Papalimu, Sabas, Curtis

NO: Dalton

- V. Discussion and decision making relating to Commissioner Andrion's Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) report [12:03 PM]

Keoni Payton provided testimony expressing disagreement with claims that no progress has been made and attributing delays to disagreements over an investigation and audit.

Shelby Billionaire provided testimony supporting the report, raising concerns about conflicts of interest among Commissioners, and referencing applicable law.

Tara Malia Gregory provided testimony citing findings from the PIG report, raising concerns about incomplete ballot documentation and verification, and urging action to address compliance and accountability issues.

Susan Strom provided testimony supporting the report, emphasizing the need for transparency, and expressing concern that resistance is delaying progress.

Jennifer Hunt provided testimony citing USPS barcode tracking to support concerns about ballot discrepancies and asserting that a lack of records limits the ability to verify election results.

AnnMarie Hamilton provided testimony alleging noncompliance with election laws, raising concerns about certification of the election, and calling for the removal of the Chief Election Officer.

Alohalani Hope Cermelj provided testimony alleging legal violations and calling for the removal of the Chief Election Officer.

Doug Pasnik provided testimony citing findings from permitted interaction group reports, raising concerns about unverifiable election processes and records, and questioning the certification of the election without required documentation.

Michael Golojuch Jr. provided testimony opposing the report, citing lack of supporting documentation, expressing confidence in the Chief Election Officer, and raising concerns about meeting procedures and agenda compliance.

Brennon Cabral via Enoka-Shayne Bingo provided testimony disputing the interpretation of the 22-month rule, raising concerns about ballot handling and discrepancies, and asserting a need for greater transparency and accountability.

Enoka-Shayne Bingo provided testimony objecting to a prior speaker's comments and defending a Commissioner against accusations of using ChatGPT to create a misleading report.

Austin Martin provided testimony requesting to complete his remarks without interruption and expressing concern about time management during testimony.

Michelle Stefanik provided testimony urging the Commission to act on the report, citing concerns about documentation, verification, and observer access, and calling for an audit.

Jamie Detwiler provided testimony supporting the report, citing specific findings and personal observations, and urging an audit and further investigation into ballot handling and discrepancies.

Victoria Thompson provided testimony urging the Commission to allow full testimony, act on report findings, and take timely action to address compliance and accountability concerns.

Noe Lecker provided testimony supporting the report, emphasizing transparency and standardized ballot documentation, and calling for accountability and timely action.

Meghan Ganser provided testimony supporting the report and calling for the removal of the Chief Election Officer.

Tara Rojas provided testimony supporting the report, expressing concerns about Commission decision-making and delays, and noting a potential inconsistency in prior meeting minutes.

Vernelle Oku provided testimony supporting the report and expressing concern about Commission members' actions related to election integrity and accountability.

Laurie Thorson provided testimony addressing the report, questioning the authority of the Chief Election Officer, and suggesting legal action in federal court.

Mary Healy provided testimony supporting the report, raising concerns about election discrepancies and integrity, and expressing dissatisfaction with the Commission's actions.

Monique Perreira provided testimony supporting the report's recommendations, emphasizing ballot accountability and chain of custody, and calling for corrective action and accountability.

Ailanna L. provided testimony supporting the report and expressing concern about prolonged delays in reaching decisions.

Jr Tupai provided testimony supporting the report and an audit, citing constitutional principles related to rights and election integrity.

Andrew Aker provided testimony referencing the PIG reports and alluded to arrests.

The Commission discussed whether the PIG report needed to be formally adopted or could simply be used to guide next steps. Commissioners Osterkamp and Dalton raised concerns about missing evidence and unclear legal support, while Commissioners Andrion and Apana said the report was a good-faith, preliminary effort meant to identify issues and guide improvements. Commissioner Sabas opposed the report, stating he was listed as a participant but did not contribute to it. Overall, the Commissioners remained divided on both the report's validity and how to proceed.

Commissioner Papalimu moved to adopt the Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cushnie and **failed**. [1:24 PM]

YES: Andrion, Cushnie, Kamm, Papalimu

NO: Apana, Dalton, Osterkamp, Sabas, Curtis

The Commissioners debated what should happen when the person who has made a motion no longer wants to support it. Commissioner Apana argued that if the maker wants to rescind the motion, the motion effectively dies and others can introduce a new one, while Commissioner Andrion suggested it might still go to a vote if there's disagreement. Commissioner Cushnie supported keeping the motion alive to move things along. Chair Curtis then proposed taking a vote on whether to modify Robert's Rules of Order to allow motions to be withdrawn.

Commissioner Apana moved to adopt a change from the Robert's Rules of Order that the maker of the motion can withdraw their motion at any time prior to the vote thus taking the motion off the table. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cushnie and **carried**. [1:54 PM]

YES: Andrion, Apana, Cushnie, Kamm, Osterkamp, Papalimu, Sabas

NO: Dalton, Curtis

Commissioner Kamm argued that election results should be independently verifiable through a paper trail, not just internal systems, and Commissioner Cushnie supported this by emphasizing the need for daily logs and transparent chain-of-custody records to reconcile ballot counts. Commissioners Osterkamp and Dalton questioned whether the Commission has the legal authority to require such measures, stressing that existing laws do not mandate providing these

records externally. Commissioner Apana agreed that verification is important but said the Commission should first define what information it needs to do its job rather than broadly asserting new requirements, while CEO Nago stated that elections are already verifiable through existing legal processes such as court-ordered review. Commissioner Andrion supported the motion as a general recommendation to improve transparency through some form of third-party verification.

Commissioner Kamm moved that the Elections Commission assert the elections results should be verifiable by an independent party. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cushnie and **failed**. [1:58 PM]

YES: Andrion, Cushnie, Kamm

NO: Apana, Dalton, Osterkamp, Papalimu

ABSTAIN: Sabas, Curtis

Commissioner Dalton called for the question, and it **failed**. [2:19 PM]

YES: Apana, Dalton, Osterkamp, Sabas, Curtis

NO: Andrion, Cushnie, Kamm, Papalimu

Commissioner Andrion introduced a motion for the Commission to formally document that required ballot accounting records under HAR 3-177-453 were not provided for the 2024 General Election, framing it as accountability and acknowledgment of past gaps despite promised improvements for 2026.

Commissioner Apana questioned whether the issue stemmed from certain Counties not providing records and asked for clarification on the motion, while Commissioner Cushnie supported it, stating he had requested similar documentation for years and viewed the lack of records as a serious concern. Commissioner Sabas opposed the motion, explaining he was not included in discussions despite being a member of the PIG.

Commissioner Andrion moved that Elections Commission formally document that the required ballot accounting records demonstrating compliance with HAR §3-177-453 were not provided for the 2024 General Election. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cushnie and **carried**. [2:32 PM]

YES: Andrion, Apana, Cushnie, Kamm, Papalimu

NO: Dalton, Osterkamp, Sabas, Curtis

Commissioners debated when chain of custody begins, with Commissioner Kamm suggesting it starts earlier in the process and Chair Curtis indicating it could begin when ballots are ordered. CEO Nago explained that the Office of Elections defines chain of custody as beginning only after a ballot is voted and secured under seal, distinguishing it from ballot inventory. Commissioners also raised questions about how ballots are counted, logged, and verified.

Commissioner Cushnie argued that there is a basic gap in accounting procedures and that ballots should be tracked with the same rigor as money, emphasizing that this is a straightforward principle rather than something overly complex. Commissioner Andrion framed it as a general recommendation that the Commission treat ballot tracking with the same level of accountability as a financial institution, urging agreement on this basic standard. Chair Curtis questioned how formal accounting principles like the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (GAAP), could realistically be applied to elections, expressing skepticism about their practicality in this context.

Commissioner Cushnie moved to advise Scott Nago to have the same standards as a financial institution would to account for the ballots. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrion and **failed**. [2:58 PM]

YES: Andrion, Cushnie

NO: Apana, Dalton, Kamm, Osterkamp, Papalimu, Sabas, Curtis

Commissioner Dalton moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sabas and **carried**. [3:02 PM]

YES: Apana, Dalton, Osterkamp, Sabas, Curtis

NO: Andrion, Cushnie, Kamm, Papalimu

Several Commissioners stated that they objected to adjourning the meeting because they wanted to discuss the process of selecting a new Chair.

VI. Adjournment [3:04 PM]

Chair Curtis adjourned the meeting at 3:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Noel".

Nicole Noel  
Elections Commission Secretary

DRAFT

**From:** [Rooted Heart Life](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hawaii Elections Chair position  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 18, 2026 2:54:57 PM  
**Attachments:** [resume summary OE.pdf](#)  
[Statement of intent OE.pdf](#)  
[cover letter OE.pdf](#)

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**Subject:** Application for Chair, Hawai'i Elections Commission

Aloha Elections Commission Members,

Please find attached my **Statement of Intent, Cover Letter,** and **Resume** for consideration for the position of **Chair of the Hawai'i Elections Commission.**

I appreciate the opportunity to apply and your time in reviewing my application materials. Please let me know if any additional information or documentation is needed.

Respectfully,  
**Tamara McKay**  
Makawao, Hawai'i

[REDACTED]

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY RESUME

Civic leader, U.S. Army Veteran, and former State Chair experienced in governance, operations, and public accountability. Recognized for restoring structure, strengthening transparency, and ensuring lawful oversight in complex organizational settings. Active participant in Hawai'i Elections Commission proceedings and election integrity initiatives.

### **Leadership & Governance**

Hawai'i Republican Party – State Chair

- Led statewide reorganization; eliminated debt and stabilized operations.
- Managed strategic planning, fiscal recovery, and major statewide events.
- Directed public communications and grassroots mobilization efforts.

Maui County Leadership – County Chair

- Oversaw county-level coordination, outreach, and volunteer engagement.
- Implemented accountability measures to improve local governance performance.

Election Oversight & Public Engagement

- Regular participant in Hawai'i Elections Commission meetings and testimony.
- Experience addressing chain of custody, audit procedures, and statutory compliance.
- Advocate for transparency, timely review, and public trust in election processes.



### **Core Competencies**

Governance & Oversight - Parliamentary Procedure (Robert's Rules) - Lawful & Transparent Operations - Strategic Decision-Making - Conflict Resolution - Organizational Leadership - Public Communication

### **Military Service**

United States Army Veteran – Leadership, operations, and decision-making in high-pressure environments.

### **Additional Experience**

Business management and fiscal recovery - Media communications- Grassroots and community outreach leadership

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**STATEMENT OF INTENT****Applicant for Chair, Hawai'i Elections Commission  
Statement of Purpose**

I am seeking the position of Chair of the Hawai'i Elections Commission to help strengthen public confidence in our democratic process by promoting fairness, transparency, and accountability in every aspect of election oversight.

I believe the integrity of our elections is the foundation of public trust. The Commission's responsibility, to ensure lawful, orderly, and impartial administration of elections, is central to that trust. My goal is to lead with steadiness, fairness, and a clear respect for both the law and the people it serves.

**Leadership Approach**

As Chair, I will work to ensure the Commission operates with:

- **Structure and efficiency:** Meetings conducted with clarity, purpose, and order.
- **Transparency:** Decisions and actions are open and understandable to the public.
- **Accountability:** Issues addressed directly and resolved without undue delay.
- **Impartiality:** Decisions guided by law and evidence, not personal or political interests.

I bring working and practical knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised and a commitment to running meetings that are efficient, focused, and free of procedural confusion or unnecessary delay.



1. Transparency in Election Oversight  
Improve public access to Commission findings, decisions, and records to foster understanding and trust.
2. Timely Review of Election Concerns  
Ensure that any discrepancies or questions are examined promptly and professionally, preserving confidence in the results.
3. Accountability and Adherence to Law  
Uphold consistent application of statutes and procedures without bias or selective interpretation.
4. Effective Meeting Governance  
Maintain disciplined, orderly meetings that allow for meaningful discussion and efficient decision-making.

**What I Bring to the Role**

- Experienced leadership in complex, high-stakes environments
- Proven record of restoring structure and accountability within organizations
- A strong understanding of governance, oversight, and public responsibility
- The ability to lead even in divided or contentious circumstances
- A deep belief in integrity, fairness, and transparency in public service

**Closing Statement**

The people of Hawai'i deserve complete confidence in their elections and the institutions that safeguard them. If selected as Chair, I will bring integrity, diligence, and respect for the law to every decision, ensuring the Commission fulfills its duty to the public fully and faithfully.

Mahalo,

Tamara McKay

Tamara McKay  
Makawao, Hawai'i

Tamara McKay

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Elections Commission  
Office of Elections  
802 Lehua Avenue  
Pearl City, HI 96782

**SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR CHAIR,  
HAWAI'I ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

Aloha Members of the Elections Commission,  
I am writing to formally apply for the position of Chair of the  
Hawai'i Elections Commission, as noted in your Notice of  
Anticipated Vacancy.

Over the past several years, I have taken an active interest in the  
work of the Commission, observing its proceedings and  
contributing to public discussions on topics including chain of  
custody, election transparency, and audit accountability. This  
experience has given me a practical understanding of the  
Commission's statutory duties as well as the operational and  
procedural challenges facing election oversight in Hawai'i today.

The role of the Commission, investigating complaints, evaluating  
election performance, and upholding the reliability of election  
results, is central to maintaining public trust. These  
responsibilities require leadership that is steady, impartial, and  
firmly grounded in transparency and law.

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My professional experience includes leadership in complex and high-pressure organizational settings, governance oversight, and community engagement. I have led initiatives that restored structure and accountability, managed teams through demanding conditions, and worked directly with citizens to address concerns and build confidence in institutional processes.

If selected as Chair, I would focus on:

- Strengthening transparency and accountability in election oversight
- Ensuring timely and lawful review of election discrepancies
- Reinforcing public confidence in electoral processes and outcomes
- Maintaining order, fairness, and efficiency in Commission meetings
- Upholding all statutory responsibilities of the Commission without delay or obstruction

The Chair must guide with both fairness and resolve, ensuring the law is applied consistently and that every decision contributes to the integrity of Hawai'i's elections. I am prepared and committed to meeting that standard of leadership.

Mahalo, for considering my application and for your service to the people of Hawai'i. I would be honored to contribute to this important work.

Respectfully,  
Tamara McKay

**From:** [Wally Nishimura](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Resume for Elections Commission Chair  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 31, 2026 4:30:10 PM  
**Attachments:** [Wally cover letter.docx](#)  
[2026 Wally resume.docx](#)

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Aloha,

Please see attached resume and cover letter for consideration regarding the expected vacancy of the Chair position in the elections commission.

Mahalo,

Wally K. Nishimura

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# Wally Nishimura

## General Manager

### Contact



Aloha,

My name is Wally Nishimura. I am a Kaua'i Native and attended Kapaa schools my entire life. After graduating from Kapa'a High School, I entered the workforce at 17 years old. I have since worked for over 17 years in the service of others, from hospitality to health care, and as a General Manager overseeing Condominium Associations.

- Four years as a General Manager
- Served in Health Care during the Coronavirus pandemic
- Project management, relationships with contractors
- Homegrown sensibility

I am interested in the Elections Commission Chair vacancy and believe I would be a great candidate. I look forward to speaking with you.

Mahalo for your time.

Sincerely,

Wally K. Nishimura

**Wally Nishimura**

## Professional Highlights

**Ka'iulani Of Princeville- Kauai, HI****General Manager 4/2025- Present**

Oversee all aspects of the Association at the prestigious community of Ka'iulani of Princeville. Duties include oversight of in-house employees and contractors. Coordinate reserve projects, including sourcing of bids, vetting of contractors, and ensuring work is completed to satisfaction. Respond to daily owner feedback, including complaints and requests, following up accordingly. Hands-on assistance as needed and serves as the 24-hour point of contact for any issues. Assists in creating a budget, with a strong knowledge and emphasis on reserves and daily operations.

**Castle Hotels and Resorts Kaha Lani- Kauai, HI****General Manager 04/2022- 04/2025**

Leads all departments of the property with responsibilities that include guest and associate satisfaction, ownership satisfaction with management services, human resources recruitment and retention, financial performance, group, leisure, property maintenance, business sales, and rooms revenue. Oversee both rental and AOAO.

**Hawaii Health Systems Corporation- Kauai, HI**

(Held dual roles during the Coronavirus Pandemic)

**Regional Environmental Services Superintendent 10/2018-1/2021**

Plans, organizes, directs, and coordinates the environmental services operations for the Kauai Region, including Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital, Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital, Kukuiula Clinic, Kalaheo Clinic, and Eleele Clinic.

**Regional Safety Officer- 09/2019-04/2022**

Oversee the development, monitoring, and implementation of the Kauai Region's environment of care, life safety, and emergency management programs. Chairs the Environment of Care Committee.

**Hawaii Care and Cleaning- Princeville, HI****Assistant Director of Housekeeping 10/2018-01/2020**

Assists in managing a department of 150 total employees. Ensuring that housekeeping functions and staff perform daily tasks to maintain the cleanliness and well-being of the property's guest rooms, public spaces, and employee areas.

**Hanalei Bay Resort- Princeville, HI**

**Assistant General Manager- 4/2018- 10/2018** Responsible for supporting the General Manager in the overall operation of the resort to consistently maintain high standards for all departments and is instrumental in maintaining a superior customer service culture at the resort. Responsible for covering the duties of the General Manager in their absence.

**Wyndham Vacation Ownership Kapaa Shores, Kapaa HI**

**Assistant General Manager- 10/2017- 04/2018**

Responsible for supporting the General Manager in the overall operation of the resort to consistently maintain high standards for all departments, and is instrumental in maintaining a superior customer service culture at the resort. Responsible for covering the duties of the General Manager in their absence.

**Wyndham Vacation Ownership Kauai Coast Resort, Kapaa, HI**

**Housekeeping Manager- 02/2017- 10/2017**

Manages the Housekeeping and Laundry teams to ensure the cleanliness of all guest rooms and public areas.

**Aqua-Aston Kauai Shores, Kapaa, HI**

**Housekeeping Manager- 04/2016- 02/2017**

Manages the Housekeeping and Laundry teams to ensure cleanliness of all guest rooms and public areas.

**Sheraton Kauai, Poipu, HI**

**Guest Service Manager- 09/2015- 04/2016**

Oversee daily activities of all front office staff. Resolve any guest issues or inquiries. Respond promptly to ensure guest satisfaction or full-service recovery. Learn from feedback to create a plan for future improvement.

**The Westin Princeville Ocean Resort Villas – Princeville, HI**

**Safety and Security Supervisor: 07/2011-09/2015**

**Safety and Security Officer 06/2008-07/2011**

Supervise security team members on various shifts. Monitor security policies, programs, and procedures to ensure compliance with internal security policies, licensing requirements, and applicable government security requirements, policies, and directives. Conduct physical examinations of property to ensure compliance with security policies and OSHA regulations.

Education/ Technical Skills/ Certifications

- AS Associate of Science in Business-Columbia Southern University
- BS Bachelor of Science Health Care Administration- Columbia Southern University
- Hawaii state guard certification
- OSHA 511
- OSHA 501

Recognitions

- 2011 Starwood associate development program
- 2011 Malama award winner
- 2012 Na Poe Pa'ahana award nominee
- 2015 Malama award winner

**From:** [Michael Jauch](#)  
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Michael Jauch PE

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**From:** Michael Jauch <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** "elections.commission@hawaii.gov" <elections.commission@hawaii.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 04:45:23 PM HST  
**Subject:** Resume Chair Elections Commission

Michael Jauch PE

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MARCH 16, 2026

**NOTICE OF ANTICIPATED VACANCY  
CHAIR, ELECTIONS COMMISSION, STATE OF HAWAII**

I am:

Michael Jauch,

I am a Registered Professional Engineer in Hawaii and Arizona. I am interested in filling the above referenced position.

I am a registered voter in the State. I believe in open honest elections. The right of the legal residents of the country to vote for their elected representatives is critical to the protection of our inalienable rights.

My resume is attached. If you require further information, please contact me via email or cellular phone.

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*Michael Jauch*

Michael Jauch PE

Michael Jauch PE  
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## EXPERIENCE

Professional Engineer (PE) with thirty-nine years' experience in Project Management, Construction Management in Civil Engineering. Areas with demonstrated expertise include:

- **Program Development/Implementation**
  - City of Phoenix, AZ, Design & Construction Management Group (DCM) - Developed and Implemented 'Cradle to Grave' web based paperless Project Management System. Taking projects from inception thru design to completion of construction.
- **Airport - Automated People Mover (APM) Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport**
  - Responsible Charge as Assistant PM/Senior Resident Engineer for Sky Train Phase 1 and 1A, Phoenix International Airport, project included:
    - Construction of four passenger Terminals (IBC)
    - Bridge structures: Prestressed, ASHTO, post tensioned, prestressed post tension, steel girder, cast-in-place, and falsework, and 186 drilled shafts.
    - Guideway/rail for train.
- **Project/Construction Management**
  - Project Manager for multiple sites simultaneously which adherence to budgets from \$200,000 to \$375 million. Collaboration/managing; designers, contractors, inspection crews, materials labs.
  - Strong engineering and materials background to benefit supervision of multiple fields of engineering within an organization to include but not limited to the departments of design and CADD technicians, construction field office, materials lab and inspection personnel, as well as administrative assistants. Projects have included APM (Automated People Mover), Solar Electric Generating Plant, HAZMAT remediation, freeways, bridge structures, grade and drain, water and wastewater facilities, asphaltic concrete pavement, Portland cement concrete pavement, traffic signals and other miscellaneous items.
- **Develop Multiple Contract Delivery Methods**
  - Design Build (DB), Construction Manager @ Risk (CM@R), Design Bid Build (DBB), and Capital Improvement Districts (CIP) for municipalities. I have both developed contract documents and administer them as a Project Manager, Construction Manager, and Senior Resident Engineer.
- **Vertical (IBC) and Horizontal Heavy Construction Experience.**
  - Projects have included APM (Automated People Mover), Solar Electric Generating Plant, HAZMAT remediation, freeways, bridge structures, grade and drain, water and wastewater facilities, asphaltic concrete pavement, Portland cement concrete pavement, traffic signals and other miscellaneous items.
- **People Development**
  - Introduced Servant Leadership to Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), which was adopted as the preferred philosophy of management practice. Assisted in development of Partnering Program and facilitator from 1991 to present. Assisted in the development of the original Maintenance Training Matrix for ADOT.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Elite Pride Inspection Consulting LLC:** Principal, Senior Resident Engineer

**Civil Solutions Consulting LLC (CSC):** Owner June 2021 December 2023. Sold to AEPAC.

**AEPEC:** Design & Construction Manager A&E Projects.

**Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company, Inc., Goodfellow Bros. Inc. (GBI), Hi'ilawe Construction LLC:** Project Manager.

**Military Contract Project Experience:** Marine Corps Base, Oahu; Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Kauai; Fort Shafter, Oahu.

**Heavy Highway & Vertical Construction: Consultant Engineering Inc., (CEI), Gannett Fleming Inc., AMEC Inc., URS Corp., ENTRANCO, Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)**

**Municipal Experience: City of Phoenix, Design and Construction Management Group (DCM)**

**Wendy's of Tucson** – Tucson, Arizona. Operations Supervisor: Responsible for overseeing development of managers (90), training of employees (800), budget and controllable costs and equipment maintenance for 18 stores throughout 5 cities in Arizona.

**ACCREDITATION AND CERTIFICATES**

Professional Engineer – Hawaii (2019) No. 18838 Exp. April 2026

Professional Engineer – Arizona (1993) No. 27298 Exp. September 2026

Professional Engineer – Connecticut (2014) No. PEN 0030137 Exp. Jan 2016

Certified Trainer: Increasing Human effectiveness II: Managing the Rapids of Change

Construction Quality Management for Contractors NAVFAC- #784

**EDUCATION**

**BS - Civil Engineering;** University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, 1987

**National Highway Institute (NHI), Short Course Highway Materials Engineering,** Arizona State University, 1992

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Society of Civil Engineers  
(ASCE)

**From:** [Judge David Wiseman](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] LETTER OF INTEREST FOR ANTICIPATED CHAIR VACANCY  
**Date:** Monday, April 20, 2026 1:41:47 PM  
**Attachments:** [election commission.docx](#)

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Resume/Bio-Data under following separate email

***JUDGE DAVID A. WISEMAN***  
***(RETIRED)***

***TEL. NO.*** [REDACTED]

***E-MAIL:*** [REDACTED]

April 19, 2026

RE: APPLICATION TO SERVE AS CHAIR AND/OR MEMBER  
ON STATE OF HAWAII ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Election Commission  
State of Hawaii c/o Office of Elections,  
802 Lehua Ave.  
Pearl City, Hi. 96782

I am writing this letter of interest in support of the Commissions' consideration of me to fill the anticipated Chair vacancy on the Commission

I am very interested in continuing to use my decades of experience of working in and assisting the public and government sector, and hence, this letter of interest. In support thereof, I am providing herein a summary of my professional background and involvement in the election arena as well as a more detailed attached bio data.

I have recently retired as a Judge of the Commonwealth Superior Court, in the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) where I served for 15 years, 14 years of which I also served as a Designated Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands

As you will note from the submission of this letter and biodata, island life and participation in government activities, including Hawaii, are no stranger to me. I was a resident of Pahoia in the mid 70's and taught High School and coached a girl's track team there as well. (Made it to the State finals)

Since relocating again to the Hawaiian Islands about 10 years ago, I have served in

the following county and community positions:

**Chairman and Member of the Hawaii County Board of Ethics,**

**Past member of the Hawaii County Board of Appeal.**

**Past member of the Hawaii County Merit Appeals Board.**

**Provided pro bono services to the Kona District Court on behalf of the West Hawaii Mediation Center**

**Member of Kona Community Hospital Committee on Ethics**

**Volunteer Hearing Officer/Disciplinary Board of Hawaii Supreme Court**

With respect to my desire to serve on the Elections Commission, my more than five decades in the legal arena has instilled in me the high degree of principles and ethics that a government entity overseeing elections needs to have, and in particular, of chairing such a Commission.

I have also served as a Parliamentarian at miscellaneous meetings, and consequently, am well versed in procedural rules for the conduct of meetings.

Indeed, as an attorney during a Gubernatorial and Mayoral election there were over a hundred challenges, most of which, I was successful in handling. I also assisted in drafting a revised election law. During my tenure on the bench, I adjudicated a few election disputes that arose more than once, some of which involved complex issues.

I obtained valuable experience and information from the above experiences, which I submit, and am confident, would complement the challenges that face the Elections Commission, and that of a chairman of said Commission.

Don't hesitate to contact me for any discussions or questions.

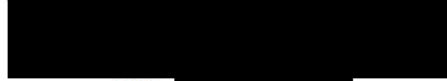
I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience and shall be most appreciative of your favorable consideration of my application.

Truly Yours,

Judge David Wiseman (Ret.)

Election Commission

**JUDGE DAVID A. WISEMAN  
(Retired)**



**Tel:**

**Email:**



## **RESUME/ BIO- DATA**

The Honorable Judge David A. Wiseman ascended to the bench in March of 2001 and was the fifteenth Judge confirmed to sit on the Superior Court of the United States Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) since the inception of the Commonwealth in 1978.

Nominated by Governor Pedro P. Tenorio and confirmed by the Senate in March of 2001 for his first 6-year term. Judge Wiseman retired in May of 2016, during his third six-year term, after having been successfully retained by the voters in two elections for a second and third 6-year term.

Nominated by Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and confirmed by the Senate in 1995 as a Special Judge serving from 1995-2001.

Judge Wiseman arrived in the CNMI in 1977, arriving on July 7, 1977, or 7-7-77, which was during the transition period of the former United Nations Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, in the District of the Northern Mariana Islands, into the United States Commonwealth government. Field enrolled as a Peace Corps Volunteer and assigned to the Pre-Commonwealth, 5<sup>th</sup> Marianas District Legislature and then to the Pre-Commonwealth Mayor and Municipality of Rota, and subsequently, to the island of Rota and their Legislative Delegation of the First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature (NMCL).

### **EDUCATION**

#### ***Juris Doctor***

Suffolk University Law School  
Boston, Massachusetts

#### ***Bachelor of Science in Business Administration***

Suffolk University  
Boston, Massachusetts

#### ***Associate in Science in Business Administration***

Newton Junior College  
Newtonville, Massachusetts

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**HAWAII GOVERNMENT BOARDS**

**HAWAII COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS// PAST MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN**

**HAWAII COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL**

**HAWAII COUNTY MERIT APPEALS BOARD MEMBER**

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**ASSOCIATE JUDGE:** Commonwealth Superior Court - General Jurisdiction 2001- 2016  
Judge in charge of all government agency judicial reviews, administrative appeals, probate cases. Handling of major felony and other criminal and civil cases with full management of them and appeals to conclusion by trial or other disposition. Judge assigned to handle all attorney discipline matters

**SPECIAL JUDGE:** Commonwealth Judiciary 1995-2001  
Served on the Commonwealth Superior Court and on Supreme Court when designated by Commonwealth Presiding Judge or Chief Justice. Handled a variety of cases including government contract litigation.

**CNMI JUDICIAL COUNCIL:** Past Member 2009-2016

**PRO TEMPORE JUDGE**

To serve as a pro tempore judge for major probate cases on Saipan for the Commonwealth Superior Court and ongoing activities.

**GUAM DESIGNATED JUDGE**

Designated Judge handling cases at the Supreme Court of Guam and Superior Court of Guam, which included a jury trial of a person tried for the crime of Terroristic Conduct.

**UNITED STATES APPOINTMENTS**

**Designated judge: United States District Court  
of the Northern Mariana Islands**

Annual appointment by the Chief Judge, United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to serve as a designated judge of this Court. Served fourteen consecutive annual appointments. Presided at the U.S. District Court in times of Judge's absence and in cases where conflict existed

**CHAPTER 7 PANEL OF BANKRUPTCY TRUSTEES FOR THE CNMI**

**Circa 1989**

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL POSITIONS:**

Assistant Legal Counsel - First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature (NMCL)  
House Minority Counsel - Second NMCL  
Senate Committee Legal Counsel - Second and Third NMCL  
Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations - Fifth NMCL  
House Committee Legal Counsel - House Committee on Judiciary And Government Operations  
- Eleventh NMCL

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**BAR MEMBERSHIP**

- Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 1989
- Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 1979
- Supreme Court of the United States of America, 1994
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1987
- United States District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, 1979
- Former member Supreme Court of the Republic of Palau, 1986
- High Court of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, 1979
- (Court dissolved)

**ATTORNEY AT LAW:** Law Offices of David A. Wiseman, Saipan, CNMI 1982-2001  
Handle all phases of litigation in Court and before Administrative Agencies, appeals to the Appellate Division of the District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, the CNMI Supreme Court, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Practice included handling of civil and criminal trials and motion hearings, general client consultations, drafting of court pleadings, motions, a variety of contracts, leases, corporate and other legal documents. Represented many foreign investors, and several government agencies and contractors with the Government.

**AMERICAN PROBATION AND PAROLE ASSOCIATION (APPA)**

Past Member of APPA and its Judicial Roundtable at 4 Annual Meetings of American Probation and Parole Association (APPA).

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**TESTIMONY BEFORE U.S. CONGRESS**

Presented testimony to United States Congressional House Subcommittee on behalf of

Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (Hanmi) in 1991 RE: Immigration Takeover and Minimum Wage Issues.

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Presented testimony to the United States Senate Committee Energy and Natural Resources on behalf of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and HANMI in 1999 RE: Immigration Takeover, and Minimum Wage and other issues.

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**PAST COUNSEL TO THE FOLLOWING CNMI GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:**

- Office of the Mayor of Saipan
- Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan, CNMI
- Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council
- Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (formerly known as MIHA)
- NMI Retirement Fund and Workmen's Compensation
- Civil Service Commission
- Marianas Visitors Bureau
- CNMI Board of Parole
- Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission

***PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS***

- American Bar Association, former Member
- Trial Lawyers Association, former Member
- National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, former Member
- International Association of Gaming Attorneys, former Member
- World Jurist Association, former Member
- International Bar Association, Former member
- Gaming Law Review, Editorial Board, former Member

***MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION***

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- **CERTIFICATE FROM STRAUSS INSTITUTE AT PEPPERDINE SCHOOL OF LAW**

- Certifying completion of a class of 42 hours of training of mediation

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- **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION**

- Mediation Training
- CNMI Supreme Court

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- **ADVANCE MEDIATION PRACTICE**

- Handling Righteously indignant Parties and Lawyers
- Supreme Court of Hawaii

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- **WEST HAWAII MEDIATION**

- Provide pro bono services upon request and assignment

- 2016-2022
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- **ARBITRATION**
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- Court appointed arbitrator for major civil action
- based on a claim for a percentage of a 75 million dollar
- settlement in a probate matter.
- performed arbitration services for miscellaneous civil cases.
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## **NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS**

### **KONA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ETHICS COMMITTEE**

### **PRO BONO SERVICES FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT WITH WEST HAWAIIII MEDIATION SERVICES**

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- **PROJECT EXPEDITE JUSTICE (PEJ)**
- **Past President and Board Member 2018-2021**
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- PEJ is an NGO that uses all available legal options to seek justice for individuals who are inadequately protected under the law, who cannot access legal resources, and who are exploited by governments, corporations, or others.
- The teams of PEJ focus mainly on third world countries, such as the Sudan, Ethiopia, Cambodia, Democratic Republic of Congo and others.
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## **U.S. Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands**

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- CNMI Wage & Salary Review Board, Former Commissioner
- Former Chairman of Traffic Records Coordinating Committee
- Former Saipan Economic Development Council Member, 2015-PresentCNMI Tax Task Force, Former Member

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- Instructor at **Newton Junior College**, Newton, Mass. of Business law and Secretarial Bookkeeping Circa 1969-1970
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- Teacher and Girl's Track Team Coach **Pahoa High School**, circa 1976-1977
- (Made it to State finals)
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- Teacher at Northern Mariana College Circa 1985-86
- Univ. of California extension course: Ethics in Leadership

Substitute teacher at several schools in Hawaii island and in Boston

***CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:***

- Saipan Chamber of Commerce:
  - Member Board of Directors, 1995 - 2001
  - Honorary Member, 2001- present
- Chairman, Armed Forces Committee, Saipan Chamber of Commerce
- United States Coast Guard Auxiliary - Kona Flotilla
- Former member of Rotary Club, Saipan
- Former Chairman and member of Friends of the Saipan Beach Pathway
- Member Advisory Council Salvation Army, Saipan
- Board of Directors of YMCA of Northern Mariana Islands, past Member
- Northern Mariana Islands Football Assn. (soccer)
- Member Appeals Panel
- Estates at Holualoa, Vice President and Board Member, 2016 - present

***PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS - LEGAL COUNSEL AND POSITIONS HELD***

- Co-Founder Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HAMMI) 1984
- Legal Counsel Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands 1984-2001
- Honorary Member Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands 2001- Present
- Former counsel for Chinese Association of Saipan

***PUBLICATIONS***

DAVID A. WISEMAN  
Vol. 1, No. 1: Gaming L.Rev.97 (1997)  
**Gaming Law in America's Newest Commonwealth**

***CNMI OFFICIAL CURRENT/RECENT RECOGNITIONS***

**GOVERNOR'S AWARD OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION**

In honor of his service to the Judiciary Branch as the 15th Associate Judge of the Commonwealth Superior Court 2001–2016 paying tribute to Judge Wiseman's exemplary public service and dedication to the legal system and the community.

Dated May 20, 2016

**SENATE RESOLUTION SR 19-40**

To recognize and commend Honorable David A. Wiseman for his distinguished service as an Associate Judge of the Commonwealth Superior Court and to honor him on his retirement from the Commonwealth Superior Court.

Adopted April 29, 2016

**HOUSE RESOLUTION HR 19-41**

To recognize Honorable David A. Wiseman for his distinguished service to the people of the Commonwealth and honor him on his retirement from the Commonwealth Superior Court.

Adopted March 29, 2016

**MAYOR OF SAIPAN APPRECIATION AWARD**

In honor of years of outstanding dedication and exemplary performance in delivering justice as an Associate Judge of the CNMI Superior Court.

Dated May 20, 2016

**CNMI BAR ASSOCIATION**

Oral Presentation by President of CNMI Bar Association, honoring the services to the community and to the CNMI Bar during his judicial tenure, which was accompanied by a traditional gift.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION No. 6SMC-5RS-19 from Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council.** Mar 16, 2001

Relative to recognizing David A. Wiseman for his several years as legal counsel for the First and subsequent Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Councils, and to congratulate him up to his successful confirmation as CNMI Superior Court Associate Judge.

**CNMI OFFICIAL PAST RECOGNITION RESOLUTIONS**

**House Resolution No. 1-56, 1979**

**First Northern Mariana Commonwealth Legislature**

In recognition and appreciation for services provided to the community of the island of Rota as a Peace Corps Volunteer

**U.S. NAVY BY VICE ADMIRAL FRENCH, COMMANDER JOINT REGION MARIANAS.**

TOKEN OF APPRECIATION PLAQUE “FOR RECOGNITION OF SUPERIOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LIVES OF MEN AND WOMEN OF THE U.S. NAVY ON GUAM”

**From:** [Wendell Elento](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Election Commission Chair Vacancy Response  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2026 6:46:02 PM  
**Attachments:** [Cover Letter.pdf](#)  
[Resume\\_Wendell Elento.pdf](#)

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Hello Elections Commission,

I am submitting this cover sheet and resume to be considered for the subject vacancy.

Mahalo,

Wendell Elento

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April 27, 2026

Wendell A. Elento

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Elections Commission  
Office of Elections, State of Hawaii  
802 Lehua Avenue  
Pearl City, HI 96782

Dear Members of the Hawaii Elections Commission,

I respectfully submit my application for the position of Chair of the Hawaii Elections Commission, as announced on March 16, 2026. I am honored to be considered for a role that carries such significant responsibility in safeguarding the integrity of our democratic process.

Throughout my life and career, I have maintained a consistent commitment to defend and uphold the Constitution of the United States. My service as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy formed the foundation of this commitment, instilling in me a deep respect for accountability, discipline, and the rule of law. That same commitment has guided my professional work and community leadership ever since.

My experience aligns closely with the responsibilities of the Commission. In both military and civilian roles, I have led teams, evaluated performance, managed risk, and upheld high standards of operational integrity. As a Surface Warfare Officer and Safety Officer, I was entrusted with responsibilities where precision, compliance, and accountability were non-negotiable. In my professional career, I have applied these same principles to security systems, records management, and organizational leadership—ensuring that complex systems function reliably and transparently.

In addition, my work in records management and information governance has reinforced the importance of accuracy, documentation, and process integrity—principles that are essential to public confidence in elections.

My leadership roles in community and nonprofit settings have further strengthened my ability to facilitate discussions, build consensus, and communicate clearly with diverse stakeholders.

I understand that the role of Chair requires strict nonpartisanship, sound judgment, and a steady commitment to public trust. I bring a servant leadership approach, shaped by

decades of experience guiding organizations and supporting people from all walks of life. I am committed to ensuring that Hawaii's elections remain fair, transparent, and worthy of the confidence of all citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to serve the people of Hawaii in this important capacity.

Respectfully,

*Wendell A. Elento*

Wendell A. Elento



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**Wendell Elento**

Kaneohe, Hawaii

 | [elentow@gmail.com](mailto:elentow@gmail.com)

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**Objective**

To serve as Chair of the Hawaii Elections Commission with a lifelong commitment to **defending and upholding the Constitution of the United States**, ensuring fair, transparent, and trustworthy elections for the people of Hawaii.

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**Summary of Qualifications**

- Former **U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander** with sworn oath to defend the Constitution
  - Proven **leader of complex organizations**, teams, and mission-critical operations
  - Deep experience in **security, risk assessment, and systems integrity**
  - Background in **records management and information governance**, ensuring accuracy, accountability, and compliance
  - Trusted **community leader and communicator** with decades of public-facing leadership
  - Demonstrated **nonpartisan service and servant leadership philosophy**
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**Core Competencies**

- Election Integrity & Oversight
  - Governance & Public Accountability
  - Investigations & Risk Assessment
  - Records Management & Compliance
  - Leadership & Team Development
  - Public Communication & Trust Building
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**Professional Experience****Island Signal and Sound, Inc. (ISS) – Director of Sales**

Honolulu, HI | 2018-Present

- Commercial fire alarm sales State of Hawaii
  - Interpretation of current building and life safety codes to help buildings meet compliance
  - Communication with myriad of vendors, government officials and customers with life safety concerns
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**Integrated Security Technologies (IST) – Account Manager**

Waipahu, HI | 2016–2017

- Assessed organizational vulnerabilities and designed security solutions for major Hawaii institutions
- Managed complex, high-liability projects requiring strict compliance and coordination

- Interpreted large-scale contractual documents (200–600 pages) and ensured execution integrity
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### **Xerox Hawaii – Account Manager**

Honolulu, HI | 2000–2015

- Led long-term client relationships built on trust, transparency, and performance
  - Delivered systems improving **security, efficiency, and accountability**
  - Mentored professionals and led training initiatives across organizations
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### **Hope Chapel Kaneohe – Associate Pastor**

Kaneohe, HI | 1989–2000

- Recruited, trained, and supervised **275+ volunteers**
  - Led organizational operations, communications, and leadership development
  - Built systems for training, accountability, and organizational effectiveness
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### **United States Navy – Lieutenant Commander**

1980–1987

- Sworn officer committed to **defending the Constitution of the United States**
  - Held critical roles including:
    - **Surface Warfare Officer** – entrusted with command-level decision-making
    - **Nuclear Weapons Officer** – ensured highest levels of security and compliance
    - **Safety Officer** – responsible for operational integrity and risk mitigation
  - Led teams in high-stakes environments requiring discipline, accountability, and trust
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### **Leadership & Community Service**

#### **Volunteer Pastor, Honolulu Community Outreach**

2007–Present

- Provides ongoing leadership, mentoring, and community engagement
- Builds trust across diverse groups in a nonpartisan setting

#### **Election Commission Participant**

2022–Present

- Participation in many Election Commission meetings with personal testimonies.
- For 2022 through 2023 transcribed Election Commission meetings

#### **District 48 Chair, Republican Party**

2021–2023

- Recruitment and training
- Development of new leaders
- Led district level meetings utilizing Robert’s Rules of Order
- No longer active member of Hawaii Republican Party, as of 2024

**Director Legislative, Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA Hawaii)  
2019-2021**

- Assist BOMA with tracking important legislation impacting its membership
- Interact with key lawmakers for strategic alignments and conversations

**President, Association of Records Managers & Administrators (ARMA Hawaii)**

2010-2012

- Led statewide professional organization
- Oversaw governance, budgeting, and program development
- Strategic planning
- Recruitment
- Promotion of education opportunities

**Board Member, ARMA Hawaii**

2003–2010

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## Education

- **Bachelor of Science, Oceanography**  
United States Naval Academy
- Graduate Studies, Biblical Studies  
International College and Graduate School, Honolulu

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## Foundational Commitment

Throughout my career—in military service, professional leadership, and community engagement—I have upheld a consistent commitment to **integrity, accountability, and the principles of the Constitution of the United States.**

I believe free and fair elections are foundational to our republic, and I am dedicated to ensuring those principles are preserved for future generations.

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Elections Commission  
State of Hawaii

via e-mail only to: elections.commission@hawaii.gov



Re: Notice of Anticipated Vacancy Chair

Dear Commissioners:

Attached to this cover letter is my resume in support of my application for the position of Chair of the Elections Commission as set forth in the March 16, 2016, Notice of Anticipated Vacancy Chair, Elections Commission, State of Hawaii.

My professional oath of office requires me to uphold the constitutions and laws of the United States of America and the State of Hawaii. It has been my personal and professional commitment to ensure equal justice and due process for all, particularly to the poor and vulnerable communities. I remain fully committed to that goal of fairness and the impartial application of law to all.

Of course, free and proper elections are the bedrock of this democracy. As a voter, a former candidate for office, a former polling place officer, and an attorney, I am committed to constitutional, lawful and open elections.

The practice of law has afforded me the opportunity to serve the public through volunteer work in a variety of community activities and organizations. My volunteer experience covers a wide area, sports, education, and spiritual leadership. My resume attests to my ability work with people with a diverse backgrounds and wide group of interests.

I trust that my legal expertise, commitment to public service and community engagement are a testament to my ability to provide a balanced, neutral and fair leadership for the Elections Commission.

I appreciate your consideration for this important position.

'O wau nō me ka ha'aha'a,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jo Kim', is written below the Hawaiian phrase.

Jo Kim

Attachment

Jo Kim



Telephone: (808) [REDACTED] mobile [REDACTED]

e-mail: [REDACTED]

### Education

- \* Kailua High School, class of 1969.
- \* University of Hawaii, Manoa, B.A. in Liberal Studies, 1973
- \* University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law, J.D., 1977.

### Employment

- \* Private practice of law since 1977 to the present.
- \* Contract attorney with Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Honolulu, 1980 - 1983.
- \* Contract attorney with Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Hilo, 1994.
- \* Executive Director, Hawaii Lawyers Care (Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii) 1985.
- \* Legal Director, Domestic Violence Legal Hotline (1990 - 1993).
- \* Honoka'a High School, girls varsity soccer coach, 2002 - 2011. The team qualified for the Hawaii High School Athletic Association State soccer tournament in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011. Honored as Big Island Interscholastic Federation coach of the year in 2005 and 2008.
- \* County of Hawaii, precinct worker Honoka'a and Pa'auilo (1995-1998).

### Professional involvement

- \* Member of the Hawaii State Bar Association, 1977 - present.
- \* Member of the Hawaii Bar Association (Hilo) 1995 - present.
- \* Co-Founder, Hawai'i Lawyers Care (pro bono lawyers supplying legal services to the poor). Now known as VLSH (Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i).

- \* Co-Founder, Domestic Violence Action Center. Formerly known as Domestic Violence Legal Hotline. The hotline was incorporated in 1990.
- \* Board of Directors, Hawai'i State Bar Association (1985).
- \* Member, HSBA Committee on Delivery of Legal Services to the Public 2005 - 2010.
- \* Volunteer attorney to the Hamakua/North Hilo Agricultural Cooperative, 2005-2015.
- \* Member, Access to Justice Hui.
- \* Volunteer pro bono attorney, VLSH.
- \* Volunteer attorney to the Hilo Judiciary Self Help Center.
- \* Honored by the Hawai'i County Council for exceptional service to the community as a volunteer lawyer, 2007.
- \* Honored by the Hawai'i State Bar Association for Pro Bono Service, Kīe Kīe Award, 2010.

Community Involvement

- \* Board member of the Honoka'a Honowang!! 2015 - present. President of the Board of Directors 2019.
- \* Candidate for State House of Representatives, 2007, and Hawaii County Council, 2012.
- \* AYSO youth soccer program; former regional commissioner for Region 403, which includes Honoka'a, Pa'aulo, Kohala, Waikoloa, and Waimea.
- \* President, Pa'aulo Elementary & Intermediate School PTSA.
- \* Parent member, Honoka'a High School Community Based Management committee.
- \* Jo Kim and Addison Bowman (deceased spouse) were named "Person(s) of the Year" in the 2005-06 Honoka'a High School Yearbook, "Ka Nani O Honoka'a."

**From:** [Ralph Cushnie \(EC\)](#)  
**To:** [OE.Elections.Commission](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Application for Chair, Elections Commission  
**Date:** Thursday, April 30, 2026 2:31:14 PM

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To the Members of the Elections Commission,

I am submitting this e-mail as my application for the position of Chair of the Hawai'i State Elections Commission. I currently serve as a member of the Commission and have been actively engaged in its work, including oversight of the 2024 General Election and ongoing efforts related to election review and accountability.

During my time on the Commission, I have focused on ensuring that the Commission fulfills its statutory responsibilities under HRS § 11-7.5 and § 11-8.5, including investigating complaints, reviewing election operations, and working toward policies that support the validity and reliability of election results. Through this experience, I have developed a clear understanding of both the authority of the Commission and the areas where stronger oversight and transparency are needed.

The Commission plays a critical role in maintaining public confidence in Hawai'i's elections. That responsibility requires open meetings, complete records, and a commitment to verifying outcomes through objective and documented processes. As Chair, I would work to ensure that Commission matters are brought forward for full consideration, that reports and investigations are heard, and that the Commission operates in a manner consistent with both the letter and intent of the law.

I also believe the Chair has a responsibility to facilitate productive discussion among commissioners, maintain order during meetings, and ensure that all members have access to the information necessary to carry out their duties. The position requires independence, fairness, and a willingness to address difficult issues directly. My approach is straightforward: follow the law, document the process, and make decisions in the open.

The notice for this position outlines the Commission's responsibilities to review elections, advise the Chief Election Officer, and ensure the reliability of election results. I am committed to carrying out those responsibilities in a way that strengthens the Commission and restores confidence in its work.

Thank you for your consideration. I am prepared to continue serving the Commission in this role and to take on the additional responsibilities of Chair.

Sincerely,

Ralph Cushnie  
Elections Commissioner

**COVER LETTER**

**Re - Application to fill Hawaii Elections Commission vacancy  
2026**

**April 30, 2026**

**Sherilyn Wells**



**Our elections are the most basic foundation of our government, in concert with our federal and state Constitutions. If we fail to protect all three, we are in a dangerous decline as a nation and state.**

**To ensure that these elections are independently verifiable, pristinely accurate, and conducted transparently, so that our citizens can trust that the results, whatever they are, truly reflect the will of the People, is the most basic and sacred duty of this Commission.**

- **Given the new posture taken by the federal government regarding the need to “clean up election systems,”**
- **given the revelations of foreign interference with domestic collusion in our elections, arguably an act of war with serious legal ramifications (as per DNI Tulsi Gabbard since 2025 and former DNI Ratcliffe in Jan 2021),**
- **given the repetitive evidence presented, in multiple formal presentations to various courts and state legislatures, of**

- the vulnerability of electronic voting systems to external manipulation, altering election results,**
- **given the federal pursuit in court of state information in order to assist in clearing voter rolls of ineligible names (Asst AG Harmeet Dhillon's lawsuits), and**
  - **given the obvious frustration of citizens testifying before the Hawai'i Elections Commission with both the actions and inactions of Scott Nago and with the Commission's own failures to hold Nago accountable and to take substantive action on citizen complaints...**

**It is time to elect a Chair who is serious about his/her role in helping correct these deficiencies, (1) identifying where the currently implemented systems compromise election results and providing, with the Commission, clear direction to the E.O. re the prompt correction of those compromised procedures, and (2) leading the Commission in cooperating with the federal government in matters related to restoring the integrity and transparency of election systems, identified when the President's Executive Orders and court decisions reveal how Hawai'i is or is not yet in full compliance with restoration of valid election systems.**

**Obviously, these goals are pursued with the participation of the other eight Commissioners and with insightful public input, but Commission leadership that values genuine election integrity is a**

**crucial lynchpin, as we citizens have witnessed the effects of years of overt and covert suppression of Commissioners with valid election system concerns, of the ignoring of reams of evidence presented by concerned citizens, of Commission votes taken to pursue remedies or actions that subsequently lie dormant and unfulfilled.**

**Sherilyn Wells Application to Fill Vacancy in Hawai'i Elections  
Commission**

**My qualifications most relevant to this vacancy are -**

**(1) a history, since 2024 right up to this morning, of being actively involved - bringing the Commission's attention to failures in fulfillment of statutory duties by Election Officer Scott Nago.**

**For example – see the 4/30/26 email\*\* outlining  
(a) the Pennsylvania Supreme Court finding on providing  
Cast Vote Records in response to citizen requests and**

**(b) its relevance to a 2022 refusal by Scott Nago to provide  
Hawai'i County's 2020 CVRs (in which Nago contradicts his  
earlier statements, during Feb 2026 Commission meeting,  
re access to those CVRs).**

***\*\*Regarding my timely request for Hawai'i County's 2020  
Cast Vote Records that Election Officer Scott Nago  
declined to provide, here's a relevant legal development.  
This is a submission to Election Commission for  
discussion/action in next meeting.***

**(2) a demonstrated ability to ascertain reasonable interpretations  
of federal and state law governing elections procedures (partially  
based on my history of more than a decade of pro se public  
interest environmental litigation in Washington State, in which  
determining legislative intent during enactment was crucial to  
statutory interpretation).**

**For example – see the multiple emails provided to the  
Commission re the obvious reading of “preserve and  
maintain” as also referenced in:**

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Federal Law Constraints on Post-Election “Audits”  
Published July 28, 2021**

**(3) a commitment to continue researching and learning about how our election systems are compromised, ergo how best to then protect those systems<sup>1</sup>, as also evidenced in the past by my attendance at trainings such as “data, security, and cyber-expert” Mark Cook’s 2025 presentations in Hawai’i.**

**Mark’s presentation in March 2026 to the Georgia SEB is a clear demonstration of election software vulnerabilities/exploitation:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=on630Nlq98Y>**

**(4) during my residency in Washington State, I co-created a local newspaper (Whatcom Watch) designed to give the public access to a greater body of information on issues that affected them than was available through standard news sources; I co-created a local organization to protect the irreplaceable water supply/watershed for my community, a resource facing multiple threats, via raising public awareness, public education and litigation when necessary; I served on statewide boards such as the Washington Environmental Coalition (and was also co-president for 2 years) and the Washington Toxics Coalition; I was invited to do presentations at Western Washington University and local public schools on both environmental issues and on the importance of citizen involvement (“If you think you’re too small to make a difference, you haven’t been in bed with a mosquito.”); and I testified at countless local and state public hearings, often leading with the statement, “Tonight I represent thousands who could not attend because it’s past their bedtime.”**

**Ultimately, that’s what it’s about – preserving a future of freedom and choices for our children and all the generations to come.**

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**1 <https://www.captaink.us/p/the-ten-points-to-true-election-integrity-82b>**

**The Ten Points to True Election Integrity Revisited for the Trump 47 Era**



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SCOTT T. NAGO  
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER

April 28, 2026

Chair Michael Curtis  
and Members of the Elections Commission  
c/o Office of Elections  
802 Lehua Avenue  
Pearl City, Hawaii 96782

Dear Chair Curtis and Members of the Elections Commission:

This is written in response to a motion adopted by the Elections Commission at its meeting on March 11, 2026, directing this office to amend the state's Help America Vote Act (HAVA) plan, due to an assertion by an Elections Commissioner, according to the minutes, "that the state lacks a compliant grievance procedure as required under federal law." However, this assertion appears to be incorrect.

To expand on this and in order to provide context for understanding the motion that was adopted, below is an excerpt from the draft minutes of the motion, what immediately preceded it, and what occurred immediately subsequent to it.

Commissioner Cushnie stated that prior HAVA complaints had been dismissed and asserted that the state lacks a compliant grievance procedure as required under federal law.

Commissioner Sabas noted that the Chief Election Officer had recently issued a written response to related complaints and questioned the need for further action. Commissioner Cushnie responded that the complaints were dismissed without addressing their merits.

Discussion continued regarding whether the state's HAVA plan reflects noncompliance. Commissioners questioned whether this had been established, while others referenced language in the existing plan.

Commissioner Cushnie moved that the Elections Commission direct the Chief Election Officer to prepare and amend a HAVA state plan that fully complies with all current HAVA requirements within 60 days. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Papalimu and **carried** noting the excused absence of Commissioner Apana. [4:21 PM]

YES: Andrion, Cushnie, Kamm, Papalimu, Curtis

NO: Osterkamp

ABSTAIN: Dalton, Sabas

Draft Minutes (March 11, 2026).

This office has reviewed the circumstances surrounding the motion, the motion itself, and the law concerning the Help America Vote Act. In the end, respectfully, this office has determined that our state HAVA plan is in fact compliant with the law. Having said that, we will take this opportunity to explain how we came to this conclusion and why we respectfully disagree with the contention that our “state lacks a compliant grievance procedure as required under federal law.”

Publication of Hawaii’s HAVA Plan by the EAC in the Federal Register (March 24, 2004)

As a starting point, HAVA was initially enacted on October 29, 2002. It established a variety of things, but for purposes of this letter, we will initially highlight its establishment of a grant program and the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to provide assistance with the administration of elections.

HAVA provided that states were to file a state HAVA plan with the EAC, which would then publish them in the Federal Register. HAVA § 255(b). The state plan, among other things, was required to contain “[a] description of the uniform, nondiscriminatory State-based administrative complaint procedures in effect under section 402.” HAVA § 254(a)(9). HAVA § 402 outlines the requirements related to establishing and maintaining a State-based administrative complaint process.

On March 24, 2004, our state HAVA plan, along with those of the rest of the states, the District of Columbia, and certain territories were published in the Federal Register by the EAC. 69 Fed. Reg. 14002 (March 24, 2004).

Most of the state HAVA plans, including our own, followed a consistent structure: a narrative report detailing their overall strategy, paired with a specific compliance table. In this table, jurisdictions listed various HAVA requirements alongside their current

status (e.g. Meets, Partially Meets, Does Not Meet, or N/A) and then explained the steps they intended to take to bridge any gaps.

The narrative portion of our state HAVA plan stated, in part, the following concerning the state-based administrative complaint process requirement:

The State **will develop and establish** a State based administrative complaints program. The program will include provisions for alternative dispute resolution and appropriate remedy. Appropriate remedy must be in conformance with state elections law and will not include financial payments to complainants or civil penalties for election officials, even if it is determined that a violation of Title III has occurred. Remedies may include written findings that a violation of Title III has occurred, strategies for ensuring that that the violation does not re-occur, and if it appears that the complaint is systemic, possible actions by the Office of Elections to eliminate or prevent future incidences.

*Id.* at 14320 (Emphasis added).

Consistent with this, the table in Attachment A regarding HAVA § 402 noted that Hawaii “Does Not Meet” the “Act Requirements,” but the “Plan Action” was that “Hawaii **will institute** a grievance process to reflect the federal requirements.” *Id.* at 14320 (emphasis added).

This approach of indicating what was planned was taken by several jurisdictions who filed with the EAC, which subsequently published those plans on March 24, 2004, in the Federal Register as required by HAVA. *Id.*

Publication of Hawaii’s State-based Administrative Complaint Process by the EAC in the Federal Register (September 1, 2005)

As it relates to the receipt of the federal funds, HAVA provided that a requirement, in part, was the following:

Subject to subparagraph (B), **the State has filed with the Commission a plan for the implementation of the uniform, nondiscriminatory administrative complaint procedures required under section 21112 of this title (or has included such a plan in the State plan filed under paragraph (1))**, and has such procedures in place for purposes of meeting the requirements of such section. If the State does not include such an implementation plan in the State plan filed under paragraph (1), the requirements of sections 21005(b) and 21006 of this title shall apply to the implementation plan in the same manner as such requirements apply to the State plan.

HAVA § 253(b)(2)(A) (Emphasis added).

In accordance with this and what was previously stated about Hawaii indicating in its state HAVA plan that it would “develop and establish a State based administrative complaints program,” Hawaii was one of **thirty-one jurisdictions** that had their State-based administrative complaint process published in the Federal Register on September 1, 2005, by the EAC. 70 Fed. Reg. 52160 (September 1, 2005). In other words, Hawaii conducted itself in the same manner that a majority of the jurisdictions handled the publication of their HAVA plan and the subsequent publication of their State-based administrative complaint process.

With the above in mind and as the EAC has not indicated any issue with our current HAVA plan or State-based administrative complaints process, we believe our plan is in compliance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Nago', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

SCOTT T. NAGO  
Chief Election Officer



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

*Hale o nā Luna Makaʻāinana*

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Michael Curtis  
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RE: Response to Elections Commission Correspondence Dated April 6, 2026

Aloha Chair Curtis and Election Commission,

I am responding to your April 6, 2026 letter.

At the referenced December 3, 2025 meeting I attended, there was discussion to obtain the state auditor's services. I agreed to a subsequent verbal request to personally act as a sponsor to pursue legislation requesting this, with the understanding that I was working together with the voiced support from the Chair and Commissioner Sabas.

My initial steps to move on this was to get a better understanding of the operating structure and standing of the Elections Commission. From my examination, the Commission's hierarchy and accountability was not clear. As a new legislator still learning proper protocol, I subsequently inquired with the Speaker regarding this. Similar to the November 18, 2025, and subsequent March 9, 2026, letters from the Speaker responding to Chair Curtis' inquiry requests, the Speaker's response to me reflected no apparent interest or support for this effort.

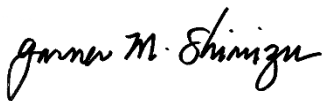
Based on this interaction from Speaker's office, and the political protocols and considerations of introducing a bill and moving it forward, it did not appear practical at that point for me to move forward with this. I also did not receive any communication from the Chair or Commissioner, which contributed to this conclusion.

It is notable that the Chair's requests to both chamber leaders, on a matter formally affirmed by the Commission, did not result in any leadership action. Given Commissioner Sabas's appointment by the Senate President, this established relationship, and his experience in the legislative process, I encourage Commissioner Sabas to take the lead in engaging the Senate President directly utilizing that connection to move this effort forward. I believe this step is logical and hope this can be done.

I am disappointed that the volume and intensity of the session duties prevented me from continued attendance of the Commission meetings and the related connection and communication. It is still my desire to reengage with the Commission and such issues, which I believe are valid questions that still need to be answered, after our session concludes.

Thank you for your good commitment and service to our state on election integrity issues that are paramount to our democratic foundation.

Ke Akua Pū,



**GARNER SHIMIZU**  
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Meeting Date	Movant	Motion	Outcome	Keywords
1/7/2026	Cushnie	Motion to Commissioner Cushnie moved to amend the motion, to approve the written minutes from the December 3, 2025 meeting, by including the announcement of Commissioner McAdam's resignation, that Chair Curtis committed to putting Scott Nago's reevaluation on the next agenda, formation of a PIG on signature verification, status of motions from the last meeting to refer Doug Pasnik's complaint referenced in Agenda Item VII, request for the Office of Election's legislative agenda including lawmakers Scott Nago is working with to pass legislation, and review of the 2025 Elections by Mail report to the Legislature in compliance with Act 136 reporting compliance.	Passed	Meeting Minutes
1/7/2026	Kamm	Motion to hand count the Hawaii County ballot return envelopes to determine the actual total of 2024 General Election ballots received. The motion was further amended to include sorting the ballot envelopes into two piles, one pile that was returned through the mail and one pile that was not returned through the mail that came in drop boxes.	Passed	Hand Count, Hawaii County
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1/7/2026	Cushnie	Motion to have Commissioner Kamm and Commissioner Sabas chair, set up, and oversee the audit of the Hawaii County ballot return envelopes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Apana and carried noting the excused absence of Commissioner Papalimu.	Passed	Audit, Hawaii County
1/7/2026	Sabas	Motion that we send a letter to the different county auditors, the auditors for Honolulu County, Maui County, Hawaii County, and Kauai County, and suggest that they do an audit of the 2024 General Election as recommended by State Auditor Les Kondo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kamm and carried noting the excused absence of Commissioner Papalimu.	Passed	County Auditors
1/7/2026	Cushnie	Motion to have the Elections Commission request that the Postal Service send a representative to answer the Commission's questions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kamm and carried noting the excused absence of Commissioner Papalimu.	Passed	USPS
1/7/2026	Dalton	Motion to amend the agenda by replacing Agenda Item VII d) S Appeal 26-17 with S Appeal 26-12 which was included in the meeting packet.	Passed	Sunshine Appeals
1/7/2026	Apana	Motion to approve Deputy Attorney General Ching's response to S Appeal 26-12.	Passed	Sunshine Appeals
2/4/2026	Dalton	Motion to approve the written minutes from the January 7, 2026 meeting. The motion was further amended to include on page 15 paragraph 5, Robert's Rules of Order would apply if the Commission by majority agree to adopt. As an example, Deputy Attorney General Ching referenced that there is nothing in our Administrative Rules that dictate procedure for appealing the ruling of the Chair.	Passed	Meeting Minutes
2/4/2026	Andrion	Motion to amend the motion, to approve the written minutes from the January 7, 2026 meeting, by including on page 15 paragraph 5, Robert's Rules of Order would apply if the Commission by majority agree to adopt. As an example, Deputy Attorney General Ching referenced that there is nothing in our Administrative Rules that dictate procedure for appealing the ruling of the Chair.	Passed	Meeting Minutes
2/4/2026	Andrion	Motion to amend the agenda to add the consideration of Robert's Rules of Order as our operating system under Agenda Item IV.	Passed	Roberts Rules of Order
2/4/2026	Andrion	Motion that the Elections Commission adopt Robert's Rules of Order as our parliamentary authority for conducting meetings, except where superseded by our Administrative Rules or Sunshine Law.	Passed	Roberts Rules of Order
2/4/2026	Cushnie	Motion that the Chief Election Officer produce the transfer logs used when the County of Hawaii delivered the 2024 General Election ballots to the State Counting Center before the next meeting.	Passed	Transfer Logs
2/4/2026	Apana	Motion that the Elections Commission send a letter to the Legislature requesting funding to conduct an audit of the County of Hawaii and management.	Passed	Audit, Hawaii County
2/4/2026	Papalimu	Motion to include unfinished business on all future agendas.	Passed	Meeting Agenda
2/4/2026	Cushnie	Motion to get Deputy Attorney General Ching's opinion reading Agenda Item V in writing within two weeks.	Passed	Deputy Attorney General
2/4/2026	Cushnie	Motion to request an opinion from the Attorney General's on whether the Elections Commission can count envelopes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kamm. During discussion, Commissioner Cushnie moved to request an opinion from the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General on whether the Elections Commission has the authority to unseal the records within the 22-month period to conduct an audit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Papalimu. During discussion, Commissioner Papalimu stated she would like a written opinion from the Attorney General clarifying whether the Elections Commission, who oversees the Office of Elections for the State of Hawaii, is designated under Hawaii Administrative Rule §3-177-757 as one of the entities that can conduct an audit. Chair Curtis clarified that the motion is to ask the Attorney General if the Elections Commission is designated to access the ballots.	Passed	Attorney General, Unsealing Records, Audit
2/4/2026	Cushnie	Motion to advise the Chief Election Officer to retain and preserve the records from the 2020, 2022, and 2024 Elections that remain.	Passed	Preserving Records

Meeting Date	Movant	Motion	Outcome	Keywords
2/4/2026	Apana	Motion to have Deputy Attorney General Ching prepare a letter responding to S Appeal 26-17, including the events that occurred during the meeting, an apology from the Elections Commission, and that the Commission will improve moving forward.	Passed	Sunshine Appeals
3/11/2026	Dalton	Motion to approve the written minutes from the February 4, 2026 meeting. The motion was further amended to include the written opinion that Deputy Attorney General Ching sent to the Elections Commission.	Passed	Meeting Minutes
3/11/2026	Cushnie	Motion to amend the motion, to approve the written minutes from the February 4, 2026 meeting, to include the written opinion that Deputy Attorney General Ching sent to the Elections Commission.	Passed	Meeting Minutes
3/11/2026	Andrion	Motion that the Elections Commission take public testimony after the PIG report is presented.	Passed	Meeting Agenda
3/11/2026	Papalimu	Motion that Scott Nago designate the Elections Commission as an interested party so they can legally audit the County of Hawaii votes. The motion was further amended to change the term from interested party to designated representative.	Passed	Audit, Hawaii County
3/11/2026	Kamm	Motion to amend the motion, that Scott Nago designate the Elections Commission as an interested party so they can legally audit the County of Hawaii votes, to change the term from interested party to designated representative.	Passed	Audit, Hawaii County
3/11/2026	Cushnie	Motion to that the Office of Elections immediately publish the advertisement for the anticipated Elections Commission Chair vacancy, with the term beginning July 1, 2026, and for the Commission to begin accepting applications and conduct the selection process over the next several meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrion. The motion was further amended by Commissioner Papalimu to include an application deadline of April 30, 2026.	Passed	Commission Chair
3/11/2026	Cushnie	Motion to request that Scott Nago and a team of observers conduct a hand count of the Hawaii 2024 Election ballot return envelopes to determine the total number of envelopes received. The ballot envelopes are to be sorted into two groups: (1) envelopes returned through the mail and (2) envelopes returned through drop boxes. The removal from storage, unsealing, and counting of envelopes shall be done in the presence of official observers and any Commissioners who would like to attend.	Passed	Audit, Hawaii County
3/11/2026	Cushnie	Motion to request a written opinion from Attorney General Anne Lopez regarding the 22-month rule and whether the Elections Commission, Scott Nago, or anyone can inspect the records within the 22-month period.	Passed	Unsealing Records
3/11/2026	Cushnie	Motion that the Elections Commission direct the Chief Election Officer to prepare and amend a HAVA state plan that fully complies with all current HAVA requirements within 60 days.	Passed	HAVA
3/11/2026	Dalton	Motion to return Elections Commission meetings to in person with a remote hybrid option.	Passed	In-Person Meetings
4/1/2026	Dalton	Motion to approve the written minutes from the March 11, 2026 meeting. The motion was further amended to include in the comments of Jennifer Hunt that the intelligent mail barcode allows mail processing equipment to automatically count returned mail pieces and transmit counts to USPS systems for reporting.	Passed	Meeting Minutes
4/1/2026	Andrion	Motion to amend the motion, to approve the written minutes from the March 11, 2026 meeting, to include in the comments of Jennifer Hunt that the intelligent mail barcode allows mail processing equipment to automatically count returned mail pieces and transmit counts to USPS systems for reporting.	Passed	Meeting Minutes
4/1/2026	Cushnie	Motion that the Election Commission direct the Chair to provide any written documentation, rule, or formal Commission action that grants the Chair the specific powers and privileges he has asserted, and to distribute that documentation to all Commissioners and post it on the website.	Passed	Commission Chair
4/1/2026	Sabas	Motion to request that Representative Shimizu report to the Commission on his legislative efforts regarding the audit, as previously discussed during the December 3, 2025 meeting, and to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting.	Passed	Audit
4/1/2026	Cushnie	Motion that the Elections Commission invite the Hawaii County Clerk Jon Henricks to attend the next Elections Commission meeting.	Passed	Hawaii County Clerk
4/1/2026	Apana	Motion to adopt a change from the Robert's Rules of Order that the maker of the motion can withdraw their motion at any time prior to the vote thus taking the motion off the table.	Passed	Roberts Rules of Order
4/1/2026	Andrion	Motion that Elections Commission formally document that the required ballot accounting records demonstrating compliance with HAR §3-177-453 were not provided for the 2024 General Election.	Passed	Ballot Accounting Records
4/1/2026	Dalton	Motion to adjourn the meeting	Passed	Adjourn

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**Cc:** [karlslegalstuff@gmail.com](#); [Shaena Hoohuli](#); [robsantil50@gmail.com](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD — Elections Commission Meeting, May 2026 | Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM | Ohana Unity Party  
**Date:** Friday, May 1, 2026 7:20:09 AM

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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

Hawaii Elections Commission — Regular Meeting, May 2026

Submitted via email with confirmed receipt per HRS §92-3 and HRS Chapter 92 (Sunshine Law)

Aloha kākahiāka nui, Honorable Chair and Members of the Hawaii Elections Commission.

My name is Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM

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Chairman, Ohana Unity Party

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I submit this testimony for the official record pursuant to HRS §92-3. I formally demand this testimony be entered IN ITS ENTIRETY into the minutes and posted on the state website as required by law — not paraphrased, not summarized, not omitted. My prior testimonies have been confirmed received by email and still do not appear fully in the official record. That ends today.

I will address every item on today's agenda.

### AGENDA ITEM III — APPROVAL OF APRIL 1, 2026 MINUTES

I OBJECT to approval of these minutes as drafted. The April 1 minutes are deficient in the following specific, documented ways:

1. MY TESTIMONY WAS PARAPHRASED AND STRIPPED. The minutes reduce my testimony under Agenda Item III to: "Shelby Billionaire provided testimony requesting that specific DOJ report numbers be included in the minutes and expressing concern that prior testimony was overly paraphrased." This AGAIN omits critical content — including my references to DOJ Records #739659-VGJ and #739662-ZFX, my documented chain-of-custody findings, and my formal demands. Paraphrasing public testimony to remove its legal content is itself a Sunshine Law violation under HRS §92-9.

2. THE MOTION TO REFER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FAILED 5-3 — AND THAT VOTE MUST BE EXPLAINED. The minutes record that Commissioner Cushnie moved to refer the Hawaii County ballot audit to the DOJ, seconded by Commissioner Andrion, and it FAILED. The votes against referral were: Apana, Dalton, Osterkamp, Sabas, and Chair Curtis. The public deserves a full explanation. By voting NO on a DOJ referral, five commissioners chose to protect a process with 19,042 unaccounted ballots over independent federal oversight. That is the story the minutes tell — and it must be clearly reflected.

3. THE FORCED ADJOURNMENT WAS IMPROPER AND SHOULD BE FLAGGED. Commissioner Dalton moved to adjourn at 3:02 PM. Four commissioners — Andrion, Cushnie, Kamm, and Papalimu — voted NO and stated on the record they wanted to discuss the Chair election. The Chair proceeded with adjournment anyway. The minutes note this objection but do not characterize it for what it is: a Chair using procedural power to prevent a vote that might remove him. This must be entered on the record explicitly.

4. THE COMMISSION FORMALLY DOCUMENTED THAT HAR §3-177-453 BALLOT ACCOUNTING RECORDS WERE NOT PROVIDED FOR THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION. This is one of the most significant votes in the Commission's history — and it passed 5-4. The minutes record it, but bury it. I am placing it here in capital letters so the public understands: THE COMMISSION ITSELF VOTED TO FORMALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT REQUIRED BALLOT RECORDS DO NOT EXIST FOR THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION. This is not an allegation anymore. This is the Commission's own documented finding.

5. COMMISSIONER SABAS' CONFLICT OF INTEREST IS MISSING FROM THE RECORD. Commissioner John Sabas is employed as Director of Public and Governmental Affairs at Carlsmith Ball, where he lobbies and advises clients. This conflict was identified and communicated to Commissioners including Ralph Cushnie. Sabas voted NO on the DOJ referral, NO on adopting the PIG report, and NO on independent verifiability of elections. His votes on election integrity matters while holding a lobbying position at a firm with state government clients is a textbook conflict of interest under HRS §84-14. This conflict must be placed on the official record.

6. THE MOTION THAT ELECTION RESULTS SHOULD BE INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIABLE FAILED 3-6. Commissioners Andrion, Cushnie, and Kamm voted YES. Apana, Dalton, Osterkamp, and Papalimu voted NO. Sabas and Curtis abstained. For the record: a majority of this Commission voted that the public does NOT have the right to independently verify election results. That should be headline news across Hawaii.

#### AGENDA ITEM IV — DISCUSSION WITH HAWAII COUNTY CLERK JON HENRICKS

I welcome the appearance of County Clerk Jon Henricks. This discussion is long overdue. I submit the following formal questions that must be answered on the record:

QUESTION 1: Hawaii County reported 76,595 ballots counted versus 57,553 ballot return envelopes received — a discrepancy of 19,042 ballots. Where did those 19,042 ballots come from? Please provide the USPS receipts, transfer logs, and reconciliation documentation for each batch.

QUESTION 2: Formal complaint ECC-25-016, filed by Ralph Cushnie on December 25, 2025, documents this discrepancy in detail and cites violations of HAR §3-170-6/7, HRS §11-7.5, HAVA (52 U.S.C. §§20901 et seq.), and 52 U.S.C. §20701 (federal 22-month record retention requirement). Has the County Clerk preserved all ballot records as required by federal law?

QUESTION 3: The USPS Intelligent Mail Barcode system automatically counts and reports

returned mail pieces. Has Hawaii County produced the USPS IMb tracking reports for the 2024 General Election? If those reports show fewer returned ballots than the county counted, that is prima facie evidence of mail fraud under 18 U.S.C. §1341.

QUESTION 4: The Commission's own motion — passed April 1 — formally documents that HAR §3-177-453 ballot accounting records were NOT provided for the 2024 General Election. How does the County Clerk explain this failure to provide legally required documentation?

For the record, the laws at issue are:

- HAR §3-177-453 — ballot accounting and reconciliation requirements
- HAR §3-170-6/7 — complaint and documentation procedures
- HRS §11-154 — preservation of and access to election records
- 52 U.S.C. §20701 — federal 22-month record retention mandate
- 18 U.S.C. §1341 — federal mail fraud statute
- 18 U.S.C. §20702 — prohibition on destruction of election records

I also note that the Kauai 2024 election data showed 1,450 MORE mail ballots counted than envelopes received. The Hawaii Supreme Court itself determined that records submitted by Kauai County were NOT sufficient under HRS §11-96. This is not isolated to Hawaii County — it is statewide.

#### AGENDA ITEM V — ELECTION OF A NEW ELECTIONS COMMISSION CHAIR

I formally go on record: Chair Michael Curtis must not be re-elected as Chair, and I respectfully urge the Commission to elect a Chair who will run this body with transparency, pono, and full legal compliance.

Here is the documented record of Chair Curtis's conduct:

1. OBSTRUCTION OF THE DOJ REFERRAL — Chair Curtis voted NO on referring the 19,042 ballot discrepancy to the Department of Justice. He joined a 5-3 majority to block independent federal oversight.
2. BLOCKING INDEPENDENT VERIFIABILITY — Chair Curtis abstained on the motion that election results should be independently verifiable. Abstention on this question is itself a statement: he would not go on record supporting the public's right to verify their own elections.
3. FORCING ADJOURNMENT OVER COMMISSIONER OBJECTION — On April 1, four commissioners explicitly objected to adjournment because they needed to address the Chair election. Chair Curtis adjourned anyway. This is a documented abuse of procedural authority.
4. RULING LEGITIMATE CONCERNS "OUT OF ORDER" — The minutes record Chair Curtis ruling Commissioner Cushnie's concerns about staff omissions out of order as "unrelated to the amendment." Concerns about staff compliance with previously approved Commission directives are directly related to governance. That ruling was improper.

5. CLAIMING UNWRITTEN AUTHORITY — Commissioner Cushnie's motion — which PASSED 6-3 — directed Chair Curtis to provide written documentation of the authority and privileges he has claimed. He has apparently been asserting powers he cannot document. The Commission passed a motion requiring him to produce that documentation. Has he done so? If not, that is a violation of a direct Commission order.

6. THE HAVA PLAN HAS NOT BEEN UPDATED IN 22 YEARS — This has occurred under multiple administrations, but the Commission under Chair Curtis acknowledged this violation and voted to direct CEO Nago to correct it within 60 days. If that 60-day directive has not been fulfilled, Chair Curtis must account for it today.

The new Chair must be someone who will: enforce full transparency, support independent auditing, not obstruct DOJ referrals, and uphold HRS Chapter 92 in its entirety. I support Commissioner Ralph Cushnie for Chair based on his consistent, documented record of fighting for accountability.

#### AGENDA ITEM VI(a) — CEO NAGO'S HAVA PLAN LETTER

The Commission's own record confirms: the Hawaii HAVA State Plan has NOT been updated in approximately 22 years. The Commission voted to direct CEO Scott Nago to prepare an amended HAVA plan within 60 days. Today's meeting is the accountability checkpoint.

Formal questions for the record:

1. Has CEO Nago produced the amended HAVA plan as directed? If not — why not, and what consequences will the Commission impose for non-compliance with its own binding directive?

2. HAVA (52 U.S.C. §§20901 et seq.) requires states to maintain uniform, nondiscriminatory administrative complaint handling procedures. The Commission's own finding — that five formal complaints (ECC-25-013 through ECC-25-017) were improperly handled or dismissed — confirms Hawaii is currently OUT OF COMPLIANCE with federal law. This is not an allegation. This is the Commission's own finding.

3. CEO Nago has repeatedly submitted responses that contradict the Commission's own investigative findings. He refused to participate in investigative meetings. He defined chain-of-custody as beginning ONLY after a ballot is voted and sealed — a definition specifically designed to exclude the pre-vote ballot inventory period where discrepancies were found. This is not a good-faith interpretation of the law. It is a legal loophole being used to avoid accountability.

4. For the record, the federal violations implicated by the HAVA non-compliance include:

- 52 U.S.C. §20901 — HAVA administrative complaint procedures
- 52 U.S.C. §20507 — NVRA voter list maintenance requirements
- 18 U.S.C. §595 — official interference with federal elections
- 52 U.S.C. §20511 — NVRA criminal provisions for knowing/willful fraud

CEO Nago's continued presence as Chief Election Officer while being the subject of multiple

formal complaints, while contradicting Commission findings, and while presiding over a HAVA plan 22 years out of compliance, is untenable. I formally renew the call for his removal or suspension pending investigation.

#### AGENDA ITEM VI(b) — REPRESENTATIVE SHIMIZU'S LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

I welcome Representative Shimizu's report and ask the Commission to press him on the following:

1. Has any legislative funding mechanism for an independent audit been secured? House Speaker Nadine Nakamura's letter was cited in the April 1 meeting — what was actually committed and what is the timeline?
2. The legislature closes May 8, 2026. The 2026 Primary is August 8. The General is November 3. If audit funding is not secured this session, we are heading into another election cycle on the same broken foundation. What is the fallback plan?
3. The budget bill HB1800 is currently in conference committee. This Commission or its legislative allies should have formally requested an allocation for independent election auditing. Was that request made? If not, why not?
4. The legislature has the power to compel records production, fund independent audits, and amend HAR and HRS provisions governing chain-of-custody. What specific bills, if any, did Representative Shimizu advance this session to address these compliance failures?

#### COMPREHENSIVE RECORD OF LAWS BEING VIOLATED

For the permanent public record, I am entering the following complete list of laws that the documented evidence shows are being violated:

##### FEDERAL LAW VIOLATIONS:

- 52 U.S.C. §20701 — Federal 22-month election record retention requirement. VIOLATED: Required documentation for 2024 General Election not provided. Commission formally acknowledged this on April 1, 2026.
- 18 U.S.C. §20702 — Prohibition on destruction/non-preservation of election records. IMPLICATED: Missing USPS receipts, transfer logs, and chain-of-custody records.
- 52 U.S.C. §§20501–20511 (NVRA) — National Voter Registration Act. VIOLATED: Voter roll maintenance failures, disclosure denials, and failure to maintain accurate registration records.
- 52 U.S.C. §20511 — NVRA criminal provisions for knowing/willful fraud or coercion. IMPLICATED by documented pattern of knowing certification without required records.
- 52 U.S.C. §§20901 et seq. (HAVA) — Help America Vote Act complaint handling. VIOLATED: State HAVA plan not updated in 22 years; complaint handling procedures non-compliant with federal requirements. Commission's own finding.
- 18 U.S.C. §595 — Official interference with federal elections. IMPLICATED: Use of official position to suppress testimony, block oversight, and obstruct independent review.

- 18 U.S.C. §1341 — Federal mail fraud. IMPLICATED: 19,042 ballots counted without corresponding USPS envelope receipts.
- 18 U.S.C. §1961 et seq. (RICO) — Racketeering. IMPLICATED: Pattern of predicate acts including false filings, fraudulent certifications, mail fraud, and obstruction across multiple election cycles.
- U.S. Constitution, 14th Amendment — Equal protection and due process. VIOLATED: Primary system requiring party declaration denies equal access to all voters.
- 52 U.S.C. §10301 (Voting Rights Act §2) — Disparate impact on protected groups including Native Hawaiians.

#### STATE LAW VIOLATIONS:

- Hawaii Constitution, Article II, Section 4 (1978) — "No person shall be required to declare a party preference or nonpartisanship as a condition of voting in any primary." VIOLATED: Current primary ballot system requires voters to select a single party ballot, effectively mandating a party declaration as a condition of accessing partisan candidates. This unconstitutional practice directly suppresses independent voters, third parties like the Ohana Unity Party, and non-affiliated Hawaiians.
- HRS §92-3 (Sunshine Law) — Public testimony must be included in the official record. VIOLATED: Multiple testimonies confirmed received via email do not appear in full in the official minutes.
- HRS Chapter 92 — Open Meetings Law. VIOLATED: Written testimony not fully attached to minutes; OIP Appeal 26-17 confirms Sunshine Law violations on record.
- HRS §11-7.5 — Commission oversight powers. VIOLATED: Commission's own oversight functions have been obstructed by the Chair and CEO.
- HRS §11-154 — Preservation of and public access to election records. VIOLATED: Records not produced for 2024 General Election across multiple counties.
- HRS §11-96 — Hawaii Supreme Court itself found Kauai County's submitted records insufficient under this statute.
- HRS §19-3 — Election fraud and malfeasance. IMPLICATED: Knowing certification of election results without required documentation.
- HRS §84-14 — Conflicts of interest for state employees and officials. IMPLICATED: Commissioner Sabas' lobbying role at Carlsmith Ball creates an unresolved conflict of interest.
- HAR §3-177-453 — Ballot accounting records. VIOLATED: Commission formally voted April 1, 2026 to document that required records under this rule were NOT provided for the 2024 General Election.
- HAR §3-170-6/7 — Complaint procedures. VIOLATED: Formal complaints ECC-25-013 through ECC-25-017 were improperly handled or dismissed without proper investigation.

#### FORMAL DEMANDS — REPEATED AND ESCALATED

1. ENTER THIS TESTIMONY IN FULL into the official minutes — not paraphrased, not summarized. This is my third formal demand. Non-compliance is a continuing violation of HRS §92-3.

2. FIX THE PORTAL. My online submission access has been blocked for months. This must be investigated and resolved before the next meeting. If it is not, I will file a formal complaint with the Office of Information Practices (OIP) under HRS Chapter 92F.

3. REFER THE BALLOT DISCREPANCY TO THE DOJ. The motion failed 5-3 on April 1. The public now knows exactly who voted to protect this process from federal scrutiny. I am asking the Commission to reconsider. With DOJ Records #739659-VGJ and #739662-ZFX already filed, federal attention is coming regardless — the only question is whether this Commission gets ahead of it or gets caught behind it.

4. REMOVE OR SUSPEND CEO NAGO pending investigation. His continued control of election operations while being the subject of five formal complaints and while overseeing a 22-year HAVA non-compliance is a structural conflict of interest.

5. FILL THE MAUI AND OAHU COMMISSION VACANCIES immediately. Two commissioners resigned simultaneously, removing Maui representation at the exact moment Maui's missing ballot records are under scrutiny. If vacancies are not filled within 15 days of notice, the Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court must be notified per statute.

6. PRODUCE OR FORMALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE ABSENCE OF chain-of-custody records for Maui County and the City and County of Honolulu for the 2022 AND 2024 general elections. Zero records have been provided for the largest population center in the state.

7. HALT CERTIFICATION of 2026 election results until a full independent audit of chain-of-custody compliance is completed across all four counties.

8. PRODUCE CEO NAGO'S AMENDED HAVA PLAN within the Commission's own 60-day directive — or formally document on the record that he has failed to comply.

## CLOSING

The 2026 Primary is August 8. The General is November 3. You have time to fix this. But every meeting that ends with nothing resolved is another meeting that makes the next election less credible.

Five formal complaints on your docket. Nineteen thousand unaccounted ballots. A HAVA plan 22 years out of compliance. A Chair who forced adjournment when commissioners wanted to vote him out. Minutes that strip public testimony of its legal content. An online portal that blocks my submissions.

The DOJ is watching. The public is watching. I am watching.

You cannot build fair elections on missing records.  
You cannot build community trust on a foundation of stonewalling.  
You cannot block the truth forever.

He ali'i ka 'āina, he kauwā ke kanaka.  
The land is the chief. We are its servants.  
Serve it with pono. Or answer for why you didn't.

Mahalo nui loa.

Respectfully and relentlessly submitted,

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CC: U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi

CC: All four County Police Departments

CC: Office of Information Practices (OIP)

A hui hou — Until we meet again in lokāhi and justice.