



BOARD OF ETHICS

101 Aupuni Street, Suite 325, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

A G E N D A

Wednesday, October 10, 2007 – 10:00 a.m.
Ben Franklin Building, County Council Chambers
333 Kilauea Avenue, 2nd Floor
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the September 12, 2007, Regular Session.
Minutes of the September 12, 2007, Executive Session.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Petition No. 2007-08: Ron Whitmore is seeking an informal advisory opinion regarding whether he can be a planner with the Planning Department while he is currently engaged as a consultant for a non-profit organization on a matter involving the County's Department of Research and Development.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Resolution authorizing the County of Hawai'i Board of Ethics to conduct a hearing and/or investigation into possible misconduct by Planning Commissioner Rene Siracusa, pursuant to Rule 5.2(a) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Board of Ethics (Petition No. 2007-07). Included are the following communications:
- (1) Communication No. 2007-100: Lincoln Ashida letter to Laurie Ann Lloyd-Roberts dated September 24, 2007.
 - (2) Communication No. 2007-101: Lincoln Ashida letter to Linda Berry dated September 24, 2007.
 - (3) Communication No. 2007-102: Lincoln Ashida letter to Gregory Henderson dated September 24, 2007.
 - (4) Communication No. 2007-103: Lincoln Ashida letter to William Graham dated September 24, 2007.
- b. Report on status of *Ethics Guide for Hawai'i County Officers and Employees* booklet.

- c. Report on status of Board's request to amend Hawai'i County Code Section 2-91.1(c), regarding disclosures of financial interest, by increasing the amount of information provided and reflecting current salaries and market values of assets.
- d. Report on status of Board's request for a time limit for incumbents who are seeking reelection in an election year on sending campaign literature using County funds.
- e. Report on status of Board's request for authority from the Council to fine officials and employees who violate the Code of Ethics (includes Communication No. 2007-98: letter to Chair Wayne Joseph from Lincoln Ashida re State Ethics Commission statutes and administrative rules, dated September 18, 2007).
- f. Further review and discussion on the *Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Board of Ethics*.
 - (1) Further discussion on updating or developing a special code of conduct for Board of Ethics members.
- g. Ongoing discussion on the Sunshine Law.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Review of *Confidential Financial Disclosure Forms* filed pursuant to Section 2-91.1(d), Hawai'i County Code, where personal matters will be reviewed:

Myles Miyasato, Transportation Commission
 Christian Kimo Alameda, Planning Commission

8. ANNOUNCEMENT

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ben Franklin Building, 333 Kilauea Avenue, 2nd Floor, Hilo, Hawai'i.

9. ADJOURNMENT



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