



BOARD OF ETHICS

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

A G E N D A

Wednesday, December 12, 2007 – 10:00 a.m.
101 Aupuni Street, Suite 230
(Conference Room at Liquor Control Department)
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the November 14, 2007, Regular Session.
Minutes of the November 14, 2007, Executive Session.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Communication No. 2007-124: Hawai'i County Police Department's *Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2005-2006*.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Report and discussion on the possible entry of an informal advisory opinion based on Mr. Ashida's research into whether elected incumbents in the County are able to utilize County funds for mail-outs within six months of an election and whether doing so would constitute an advantage as defined by Section 2-83 of the Ethics Code.
- b. Election of Officers for 2008 (Chair and Vice Chair).

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Report on status of *Ethics Guide for Hawai'i County Officers and Employees* booklet.
- b. 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.

- c. Report on status of Board's request for authority from the Council to fine officials and employees who violate the Code of Ethics.
- d. Further review and discussion on the *Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Board of Ethics*, including:
 - (1) Further discussion on updating or developing a special code of conduct for Board of Ethics members.
- e. 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:

Takashi Domingo, member of the Planning Commission
 Paulette Pavao, member of the Environmental Management Commission
 Alvin Rho, member of the Planning Commission
 Rene Siracusa, member of the Planning Commission

8. ANNOUNCEMENT

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Liquor Control's conference room at 101 Aupuni Street, Suite 230, Hilo.

9. ADJOURNMENT



NOTE: *If you require an accommodation or auxiliary aid and/or services to participate in this meeting (i.e., sign language, interpreter, large print), please call 961-8304, ext. 101).*

NOTICE TO LOBBYISTS

If you are a lobbyist, you must register with the Hawai'i County Clerk within five days of becoming a lobbyist (Article 15, Section 2-91.3(b), Hawai'i County Code).

A lobbyist means "any individual engaged for pay or other consideration who spends more than five hours in any month or \$275 in any six-month period for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action by communicating or urging others to communicate with public officials."

(Article 15, Section 2-91.3(a)(6), Hawai'i County Code.)

Registration forms and expenditure report documents are available at the Office of the County Clerk-Council, Ben Franklin Building, 333 Kilauea Ave., 2nd Floor, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720.