



# HAWAI'I CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

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## MINUTES

Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission Office

March 20, 2019

3:30 p.m.

Present: Linda Krieger, Liann Ebesugawa, and Joan Lewis, Commissioners; Robin Wurtzel, Bill Hoshijo, Staff.

Excused: Joakim Peter, Commissioner.

Chair Linda Krieger called the meeting to order.

### Approval of Minutes

The Commissioners deferred review and approval of the minutes of the March 6, 2019, meeting.

### Executive Director's Report

In Deputy Executive Director (DED) Marcus Kawatachi's absence, a written data and production report showing caseload data through March 18, 2019, was presented.

As of, March 18, 2019, the report showed 229 open cases, an increase of 12 cases from the number reported as of March 5, 2019. Of those, 1 (0.4%) was filed in 2016, 29 (12.7%) in 2017, 148 (64.6%) in 2018, and 51 (22.3%) in 2019.

The report also showed a breakdown of the status of the open cases by type of case and investigation stage.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Housing Cases	0	6	13	2	22
Response Monitoring	1	6	79	43	129
Mediation	0	1	3	3	7

Pending Assignment	0	8	28	0	36
Active Investigation	0	8	25	2	35
<b>TOTAL</b>	1	29	148	51	229

The written report noted that in one employment case and one housing case an enforcement attorney was pursuing subpoena enforcement to compel a response to a complaint.

The written report included year-to-date data for the past five fiscal years:

<b>Category</b>	<b>7/1/14 – 3/18/15</b>	<b>7/1/15 – 3/18/16</b>	<b>7/1/16 – 3/18/17</b>	<b>7/1/17 – 3/18/18</b>	<b>7/1/18 – 3/18/19</b>
PCQ Received	481	480	445	419	463
Intake Decision	484	538	459	390	361
Complaint Filed	224	298	254	203	204
Investigation Closed	231	342	309	190	213
Notice of Cause	9	14	12	24	9
Enforcement Closure	7	20	9	14	13

### **Request for Extension of Time to Investigate**

The Executive Director requested an extension of time to investigate all cases from March 31, 2019, through March 31, 2020.

**The Commission approved the request for extension of time to investigate all cases, from March 31, 2019, through March 31, 2020. (m/s/p Lewis/Ebesugawa; 3-0).**

### **2019 Legislation**

The Commissioners reviewed Legislative Summary 3, reporting on the status of bills which the HCRC had reviewed and taken positions on, or was tracking.

It was reported that the Governor had submitted the names of three nominees to serve as HCRC Commissioners: William Puette, Joakim Peter (reappointment), and Jon Matsuoka. All to serve terms starting July 1, 2019, subject to Senate confirmation.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Commission was scheduled for April 3, 2019, at 11:30 a.m., subject to polling and confirmation by the Commissioners.

**Adjournment.**