



# HAWAI‘I CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION KOMIKINA PONO KIWILA O HAWAI‘I

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## MINUTES

Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission Office  
via Zoom  
October 10, 2023  
1:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Liann Ebesugawa, Commissioner William Puette, Commissioner Jon Matsuoka, Commissioner Arsima Muller  
Excused: Commissioner Joan Lewis (not present)  
Staff: Chief Counsel Constance Yonashiro, Deputy AG Chelsea Maja, Adjudications Secretary, Sandy Yoshimura  
Observers: April Wilson-South, Enforcement Attorney; Joey Badua, Enforcement Attorney

Chair Ebesugawa called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

### Chief Counsel Report

- As reported last month, the two cases on the agenda have been docketed and consolidated for hearing and discovery. Chief Counsel normally advises the commission on docketed cases, however, Chief Counsel is recused from these matters, as is Commissioner Lewis.
- The docketing of these cases are public and extensions are largely procedural. We do not anticipate that the Commissioners will have to discuss the substance of the cases in granting an extension, which is why an executive session is not on the agenda.
- Chief Counsel gave a brief overview of the adjudications process, the case is heard by the Hearings examiner who issues proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law/recommended decision to the Commissioners who then issue a final decision and order. Extensions of time to hold a contested case hearing is granted by the Commission and not the hearings examiner.
- Deputy AG Chelsea Maja, with the Labor Division of the Attorney General’s office, has been assigned to advise the Commission in these matters.

### Deputy AG’s request for action:

- Deputy AG Maja requested Motion, to extend the time for hearing in the consolidated cases for good cause, pursuant to HAR section 12-46-46 until the week of April 1, 2024.

Chair asked if Commissioners had any questions for the Deputy AG. No questions from the Commissioners.

Pursuant to the request, Commissioner Puette moved for a vote, which was seconded by Commissioner Matsuoka. With there being no objection, the motion was approved. With the motion passed, the time to hear the consolidated cases is extended to the week of April 1, 2024.

Next meeting: Skip November and December, meet in January. Chief Counsel to send a calendar for when the legislative session starts and/or if anything comes up.

1:10 p.m. – Meeting Adjourned.

**Approved by Commission, with corrections, on January 25, 2024.**