

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON SALARIES

Date: November 22, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Department of Human Resources Development
Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building, State Office Tower
Merit Appeals Board Conference Room, 14th Floor, Room 1403
235 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

1. Call to Order [0:00:34]

All commission members are present

Beth Amaro

Susan Arnett (via Teams)

Cathy Betts

Pankaj Bhanot

Margery Bronster (via Teams)

Colleen Hanabusa

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2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 7, 2024 [0:08:42]

3. Public Testimony [0:03:03]

4. Presentations [0:09:42]

a. Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald or Brandon Kimura, Judiciary – Filling judge vacancies [0:10:29]

b. Ronald Kouchi, State Senate President – Experience in getting candidates [0:28:51]

c. Nadine Nakamura, House Speaker – Experience in getting candidates [0:59:23]

d. Brooke Wilson, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office – Recruitment experience [1:10:03]

e. Luis Salaveria, Director of the Department of Budget and Finance – Budget, projections [1:25:05]

f. Scott Saiki, Former House Speaker – Experience in getting candidates [2:07:05]

g. Brenna Hashimoto, Director of the Department of Human Resources Development – Recruitment experience [2:16:20]

h. Dr. Eugene Tian, Economist, Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism – Population trends [2:38:11]

Chair Hanabusa noted that commissioners Beth Amaro and Cathy Betts left the meeting [2:59:56]

5. Overview of Information Regarding Elected/Appointed Judges, Fringe Benefits, and Salary Data [3:00:11]
6. Discussion and Planning of Commission's Task and Next Steps [3:23:36]
7. Agenda Items for Next Meeting [3:49:11]
8. Adjournment [3:49:46]