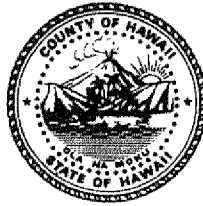


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MEETING NOTICE
Hawai'i County Workforce Development Board (HCWDB) Meeting

DATE: Day, May 14, 2026

TIME: 09:00 AM – 11:00 AM

IN-PERSON: County of Hawai'i – American Job Center Hawai'i
88 Kanoelehua Avenue, Suite A-204
American Job Center Conference Room
Hilo, HI 96720

ONLINE VIA ZOOM:
<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1657792488>

Meeting ID: 165 779 2488

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapters 91 and 92, the following matters will be considered by Hawai'i County's Workforce Development Board (HCWDB).

Meeting Access: This meeting will be conducted via interactive conference technology, with an in-person location available to the public. The HCWDB meeting can be viewed live on Zoom, attended in person at the location listed above, or accessed by telephone. HCWDB board members will participate either via the Zoom interactive video conference platform or in person.

NOTE: The in person location for this meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. If you require an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, please contact Addy Atalig at aatalig@hawaiiicounty.gov or (808) 961-8366 as soon as possible, preferably no later than 9:00am, Tuesday, May 12, 2026. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request. Upon request, this notice is available in alternative formats such as large print, Braille, or electronic copy.

Oral Public Testimony: The public may provide oral testimony at the meeting by calling into the Zoom meeting, attending the meeting in person, or viewing the meeting online via the Zoom link. Pursuant to

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program: The meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons who need special accommodations for this meeting should call 961-8366 a minimum of 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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HRS §92-3, interested people who want to provide oral testimony may do so either at the time the Board takes public statements on items on the agenda, or at the time the specific agenda item is called, prior to any Board action being taken. To register to testify, please contact Addy Atalig at aatalig@hawaiiicounty.gov, preferably no later than 9:00am on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. Public attendees may present written testimony at the meeting without prior registration.

Written Public Testimony: The Board encourages the public to submit thoughts, comments, and input via written testimony. The Board requests that written testimony be submitted by 9:00am on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, to ensure timely delivery to the Board members prior to the meeting time. Testimony may be submitted by (1) mail to: County of Hawai'i, Department of Research and Development, 25 Aupuni Street, Room 1301, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720 or (2) by email to aatalig@hawaiiicounty.gov. Please submit separate testimony for each item. Copies will be distributed by the board secretary at the meeting. All oral and written testimony will be recorded publicly. Public attendees may present written testimony at the meeting without prior registration.

Hawai'i County Workforce Development Board

May 14, 2026

09:00AM – 11:00AM

In-Person and Virtual Public Meeting via Zoom

AGENDA

1. **Call to order** *Chair Rossella Guardascione*

2. **Welcome and introductions**

3. **Call for public testimony or comments on agenda items**

4. **Approval of minutes for board meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2025**

5. **New Business**

- a) Recommendation to the Hawai'i County Workforce Development Board (HCWDB) for approval of extension for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Programs for Program Year 2024
- b) **Executive Director's Update**
 - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding, contracts, and dashboard for Program Year 2024 and 2025
 - Youth employment and workforce needs:
 - DOE legislative funding for internships
 - Hele Imua Summer Youth Internship Program
 - WIOA Year-Round Community Work Experience (ages 14-24) through Goodwill and Alu Like
 - County of Hawai'i internship positions
 - Ongoing islandwide high school outreach and initiatives
 - Participation by the Executive Director, WIOA Service Provider Staff, and One-Stop partners in recent resource and job fairs, hiring events, summits, and career expos. Those events include:
 - Spring Career Expo (Grades 5-8 islandwide)
 - Kea'au High School Spring College and Career Fair
 - State and County Hiring Event
 - Kea'au High School Workforce Fair
 - Job Challenge Academy Job Fair
 - Hawai'i Community College Day
 - 2026 Hawai'i Internship Summit
 - Hawai'i Island Project Pilina 2026 Workforce Summit
 - Eligible Training Provider List update on new and existing training programs – Hawaii Community College
 - Resources and Opportunities for students and alumni - University of Hawai'i at Hilo

6. **Partner Updates**

- a) American Job Center Hawai'i
- b) WIOA Title I partner organizations
- c) Additional partner organizations

- d) Open discussion from board members about their organization opportunities and resources, as well as workforce development challenges

7. Announcements

- a) Attendance of board members and term limits

8. Adjournment

NOTE on ICT: A meeting held by Interactive Conference Technology shall be automatically recessed for up to 30 minutes to restore communication when audiovisual communication cannot be maintained with all members participating in the meeting or with the "in person" location identified in this agenda. The meeting may reconvene when either audiovisual communication is restored, or audio-only communication is established after an unsuccessful attempt to restore audiovisual communication. If it is not possible to reconvene the meeting as provided in this subsection within 30 minutes after an interruption to communication, then the meeting shall be automatically terminated.

Notice to Lobbyists: If you are a lobbyist, you must register with the Hawaii County Clerk within five days of becoming a lobbyist [Article 15, Section 2-91.3(b), Hawaii County Code]. A lobbyist means, "any individual engaged for pay or other consideration who spends more than five hours in any month or \$25 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), Hawaii County Code] Registration forms and expenditure report documents are available at the Office of the County Clerk, 25 Aupuni Street, Room 1402, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720.

Board Packet: Pursuant to HRS §92-7.5, the board packet provided to members of this board for this meeting is available for public inspection forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting date, during regular business hours at 25 Aupuni Street, Room 1301, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720.