



# BOARD OF ETHICS

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

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## A G E N D A

Wednesday, November 14, 2007 – 10:00 a.m.  
Ben Franklin Building, County Council Chambers  
333 Kilauea Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the October 10, 2007, Regular Session.  
Minutes of the October 10, 2007, Executive Session.

**4. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Communication No. 2007-111: *The High Road* publication by the State Ethics Commission, October 2007.
- b. Communication No. 2007-113: Memorandum from Lincoln Ashida dated October 26, 2007 (*Reminder on Campaign Restrictions for All County Officers and Employees*).
- c. Informal Advisory Opinion for Petition No. 2007-07, *In the Matter of the Investigation of Rene Siracusa*.
- d. Informal Advisory Opinion for Petition No. 2007-08, *In the Matter of the Petition filed by Ron Whitmore*.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Report on status of *Ethics Guide for Hawai'i County Officers and Employees* booklet (includes Communication Nos. 2007-114 and 2007-119, letter from Lincoln Ashida to Council Chair Pete Hoffmann and Human Resources Director Michael Ben dated 11/5/07, and Mr. Ben's response dated 11/6/07).
- 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:

Marilyn Nicholson, Member of the Board of Ethics  
 Rodney Watanabe, Commissioner with the Planning Commission  
 Ron Whitmore, Planner with the Planning Department

**8. ANNOUNCEMENT**

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Liquor Control 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).*

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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.)

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