

# REQUEST FOR LEGAL SERVICES

**Date:** September 24, 2024  
**From:** Nohelani U'u-Hodgins, Chair  
Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee

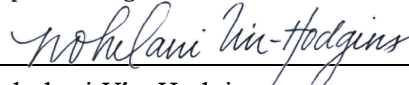
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**Memo to:** DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL  
Attention: Yukari Murakami, Esq.

**Subject:** INDEPENDENT NOMINATION BOARD (GREAT-5(7))

**Background Data:** Please see the attachment. May I please request you transmit your response to [great.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:great.committee@mauicounty.us) with a reference to GREAT-5(7).

**Work Requested:**  FOR APPROVAL AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY  
 OTHER: See above.

Requestor's signature  Nohelani U'u-Hodgins	Contact Person <u>Kasie Apo Takayama or Megan Moniz</u> (Telephone Extension: <u>7665 or 7145, respectively</u> )
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ROUTINE (WITHIN 15 WORKING DAYS)       RUSH (WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS)  
 PRIORITY (WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS)       URGENT (WITHIN 3 WORKING DAYS)

SPECIFY DUE DATE (IF IMPOSED BY SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES): \_\_\_\_\_  
REASON: \_\_\_\_\_

## FOR CORPORATION COUNSEL'S RESPONSE

ASSIGNED TO:	ASSIGNMENT NO.	BY:
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TO REQUESTOR:  APPROVED  DISAPPROVED  OTHER (SEE COMMENTS BELOW)  
 RETURNING--PLEASE EXPAND AND PROVIDE DETAILS REGARDING ITEMS AS NOTED

COMMENTS (NOTE - THIS SECTION NOT TO BE USED FOR LEGAL ADVICE): \_\_\_\_\_  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

Date \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

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Attachment

At its 1:30 p.m. meeting of September 12, 2024, the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee discussed the Independent Nomination Board.

May I please request you provide a legal opinion in response to the following:

1. Please explain the INB's process for convening executive meetings and cite the applicable sections of Chapter 92, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to hold these meetings.
2. What types of information does the Department determine must be discussed in an executive meeting to protect an applicant's privacy?
3. Please identify the types of information the INB has been advised to consider as "sensitive" as listed on a Maui County boards and commissions application form.
4. Please describe the application vetting process for boards and commissions from the INB to the Mayor to the Council.
5. Please explain the inconsistencies with how applicant names are received and handled by the INB and the Council.
6. Please provide a copy of the letter sent by your Department to the Office of Information Practices requesting an opinion on executive meetings to discuss nominees.
7. Please define what the Department considers a "reasonable expectation of privacy" as it relates to a boards and commissions applicant.
8. Until the Department receives a response from OIP, please advise how the GREAT Committee and the Council should proceed with this matter.

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