

Board of Ethics

"We hold the public's trust"

BOE Establishment



- BOE 43 years old (1983)
- Duties: Complaints, Financial Disclosure Statements, Informal & Formal Advisory Opinions
- Charter Amendment (2024)

BOE Board Meeting in Feb '26, L to R: Member Ching-Johnson, Vice Chair Lilly, Secretary Parker, EDLC Akitake, Chair Sturdevant, Member Leach, & Member Gomes

Department Launch

- STAFFING & OFFICE BLESSING
- FIRST 100 DAYS – VOICES AND VIEWS
- WORKLOAD



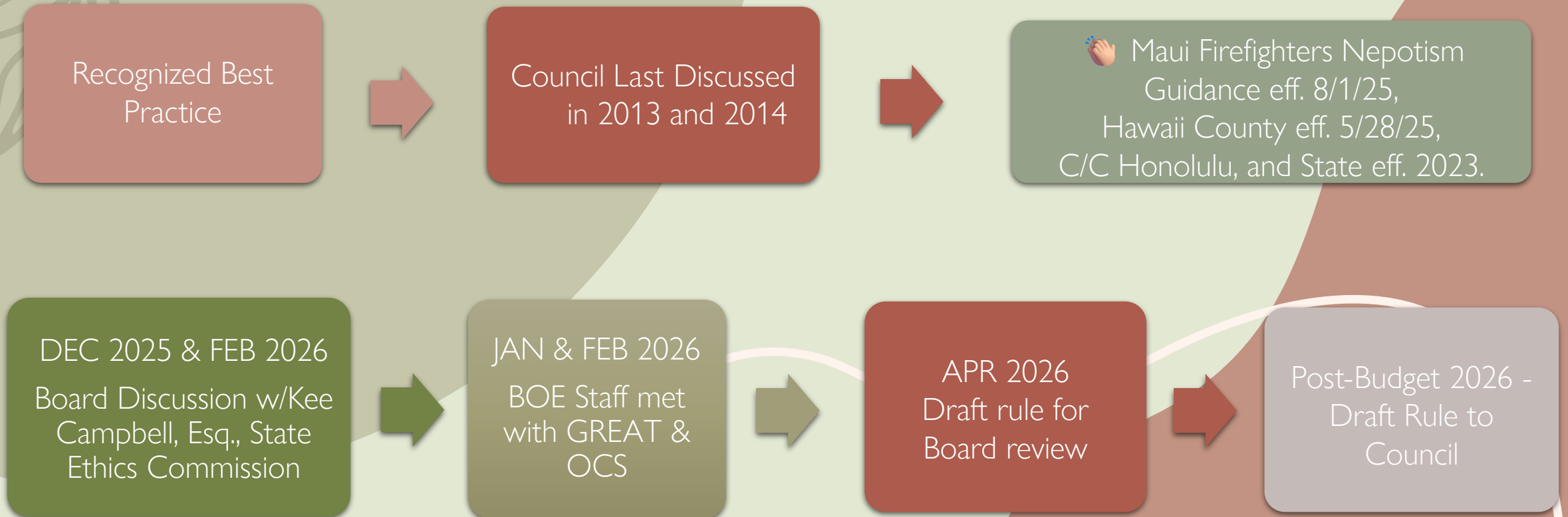
BOE Staff @ Office Blessing: Gail Raikes, Lauren Akitake, & Ryssa Tam Ho

2026 Goals:

WHERE THE RULES ARE MISSING

TOPIC	CURRENT POLICY	Process
Countywide Nepotism Rule	∅	BOE recommendation, MCC amendment via Council
Lobbyists	almost ∅ (Maui is only county without comprehensive rules)	BOE recommendation, MCC amendment via Council
Gifts	(little more than) ∅	BOE Admin Rules
Jurisdiction over former Employees & B/C members	∅	BOE recommendation, MCC amendment via Council

Countywide Nepotism Rule

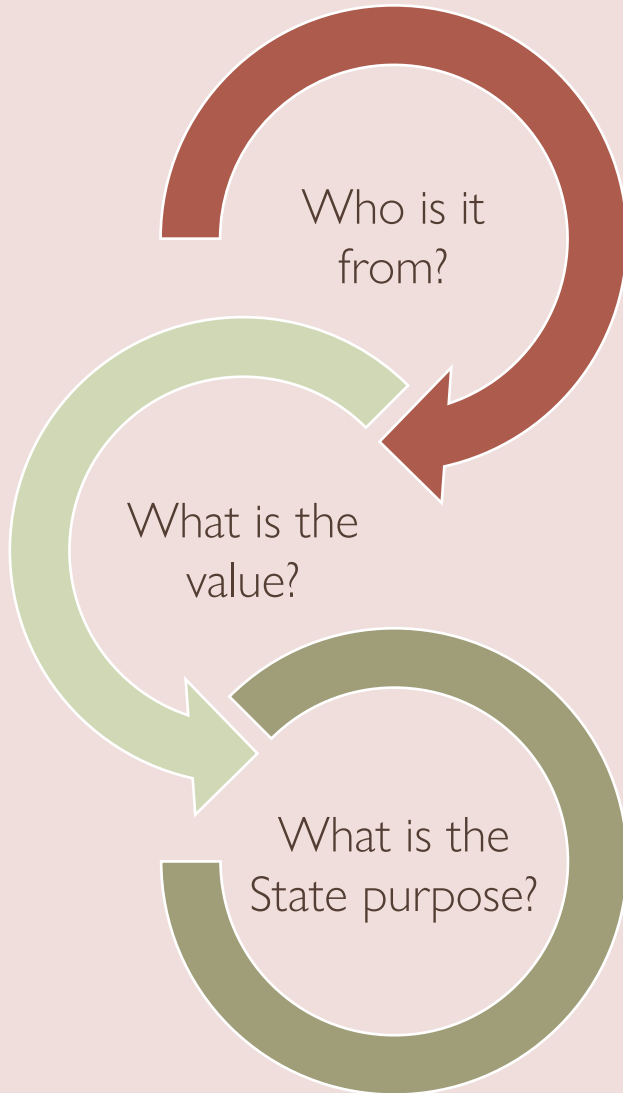


“Lobbyist”

means any person who engages himself or herself for pay or other consideration for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action of the County. Rule §04-101-3



Gifts



Current rule – Charter Article 10, Section 10-4.1.a

Reasonably be inferred .. intended ... to influence .. or reward.

FDS Disclosure – aggregate \$50+ from a single source

MCC § 04-101-142(a)(9)

\$25 “Gifts of Aloha” is not our rule.

State’s experience: set dollar amount leads to abuses.

Gift Permitted Interaction Group formed

Considering adopting the State’s rule – 3-part test (2020)

“You don’t have to bring me manapua to meet with me.”



Additional Priorities

Charter Amendment –
2 terms for BOE
members

Extend BOE Jurisdiction
to 6 Years (mirrors the
State's rule)

Training – after initial
e'ee onboarding, Ø



*BOE Board Meeting in Feb
'26*



*EDLC Akitake presenting to Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows in Council
Chambers*

Statistics

Item	MEASUREMENT	COMP (2024)
Informal Advisory Opinions	100 in 7 months	N/A
Formal Advisory Opinions	15 in 2025, 21 so far in 2026	19
Complaints	34 in 2025, 10 so far in 2026	16
FDSs 2026 Annual	52 public 152 private	same
Staffing	3 to start, 5 approved, currently 4	Ø
Registered lobbyists	Total 143 registered lobbyists, representing 203 organizations	-

Mahalo

for supporting our vision!



BOE Members @ Office Blessing in Feb '26, L to R: Vice Chair Lilly, Member Dodson, Member Swann, EDLC Akitake, & Chair Sturdevant

Available as a resource for questions:

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Great Committee

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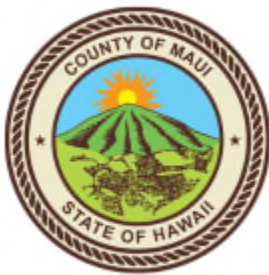
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Hi Kasie,

Attached is our Powerpoint presentation. Please let us know if you need anything additional.

Mahalo,

BOE Staff



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