



POLICE COMMISSION

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Meetings of the Police Commission will be conducted as follows until further notice:

- Meetings will be publicly noticed pursuant to HRS Chapter 92.
- Minutes of the meeting will be completed pursuant to HRS Chapter 92 and posted to the Commission's website upon completion and approval.

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Public Comments and Testimony:

- **Written testimony** will be accepted for any agenda item herein.
 - Written testimony indicating your 1) name or pseudonym, and if applicable, your position/title and organization you are representing, 2) the agenda item that you are providing comment on, and 3) contact information (telephone number and email address), may be submitted to mromo@kauai.gov or mailed to the Police Commission, c/o Office of Boards and Commission, 4444 Rice Street, Suite 300, Lihue, Hawaii 96766.
 - Written testimony received by the Police Commission at least 24 hours prior to the meeting will be distributed to all Police Commissioners prior to the meeting.
- **Oral testimony** will be taken during the public testimony portion of the meeting in-person at the public meeting.
 - It is recommended that anyone interested in providing oral testimony register at least 24 hours prior to the meeting by emailing mromo@kauai.gov or calling (808) 241-4920. Any request to register shall include your 1) name or pseudonym, and if applicable, your position/title and organization you are representing, and 2) the agenda item that you are providing comment on, and 3) contact information (telephone number and email address).
 - Per the Police Commission and Chair's practice, there is a three-minute time limit per testifier per agenda item.
 - Individuals who have not registered to provide testimony will be given an opportunity to speak on an agenda item following speakers who have registered.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

IF YOU NEED AN AUXILIARY AID/SERVICE, OTHER ACCOMODATION DUE TO A DISABILITY, OR AN INTERPRETER FOR NON-ENGLISH-SPEAKING PERSONS PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AT (808) 241-4920 OR [MROMO@KAUAI.GOV](mailto:mromo@kauai.gov) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. 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.

REGULAR MONTHLY POLICE COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Friday, December 19, 2025

9:00 a.m. or shortly after

4444 Rice Street, Moikeha Conference Room 2A/2B, Līhu'e, Hawai'i 96766

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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ROLL CALL TO ASCERTAIN QUORUM

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 23, 2026, in the Moikeha Meeting Room 2A/2B, followed by an executive session. This is subject to change.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS

Individuals may testify on any agenda item or wait for the item to come up.

KAUAI POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH for OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, and DECEMBER 2025

- October – Officers Branden Barroga and Kevin Kamakahi.
- November - Public Safety Workers Ernest Ganiron and Ronald Aceret
- December – Officer Desmond Thain

APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES

November 21, 2025, Meeting

CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS FOR OCTOBER and NOVEMBER 2025

- **Office of the Chief** – Notable Highlights, Special Projects, Community Engagement, Significant Meetings, Public Information Officer.
- **Support Services Bureau, Criminal Investigations Division, and Field Operations Division** – Budget Summary Estimate, Personnel Status, Recruitment Status, DARE Classes, KPAL Programs, Training Provided by Outside Agency: Off-Island, Training Provided by Kaua'i Police Department, Training Provided by Outside Agency: On-Island, Firearms Registered, Handgun Applications, Long Gun Applications, Licenses to Carry Applications, Crime Scene and Laboratory Section - Biometric Identification Facial and Ten Print, Crime Scene and Laboratory Section - Call Out Lab Request, YTD Death

Statistics, Person Crimes Section Statistics, Person Crimes Section Enforcement, Property Crimes Section Statistics, Property Crimes Section Enforcement, Property Crimes Section Types, and Vice Section Statistics.

- **Preliminary Point & Time Data** – Crime Summary and Activity Summary
- **Agency Statistics** – Calls for Service/Incident Summary, Citation Summary, Arrest Summary, Legal Services, Warrant Type – All Divisions, and Warrant Tracking – All Divisions.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Correspondence dated November 14, 2025, from Congressman Ed Case, Hawaii-First District, to Chair Walton Hong, Kauai Police Commission, writing to thank the Police Commission for supporting S. 725, the Enhancing First Response Act.
2. Correspondence dated November 24, 2025, from Gary Yabuta, Executive Director, Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, writing to congratulate the Police Commission for selecting Rudolph (Rudy) Tai as the Chief of Police for the Kauai Police Department.
3. Correspondence dated November 26, 2025, from Nicholas R. Schlapak, SHOPO President, to Chair Walton Hong of the Kauai Police Commission, regarding the correction of an official record related to the Police Chief selection process.

BUSINESS:

KPC 2025-31:

Election of Chair and Vice Chair for the 2026 Calendar Year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Under Hawai'i Revised Statutes §§ 92-4, 92-5 (a) (2) and (4) the purpose of this executive session is for the Commission to review and discuss charges brought against an officer in the Kauai Police Department, where consideration of matters affecting privacy will be involved, provided that if the individual requests an open meeting, an open meeting shall be held; and to consult with its attorney on issues related to the Commission's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities as they may relate to these items:

ES KPC 2025-1:

Regular Monthly updates by Interim Police Chief Elliott Ke or his designated representative related to the Office of Professional Standards, Monthly Report on the status and/or Disposition of formal notarized citizen complaints that were filed with the Kauai Police Commission and referred to the Office of the Chief for disposition and/or report back to the Police Commission.

- The notarized complaint numbered KPC 2025-005 was received on August 20, 2025, at the Office of Boards and Commissions. The incident that occurred on July 16, 2025, involved a Kauai Police Department officer. The complainant alleges misconduct, including failing to perform a sobriety test or asking for the individual's license after the person rushed toward the complainant's van and threatened to harm the complainant's dog. *(Referred on September 26, 2025, to the Chief of Police for investigation and to report back to the Commission with findings for disposition.)*

ES KPC 2025-2:

Regular Monthly updates by Interim Police Chief Elliott Ke or his designated representative of any significant adverse incidents/events involving personnel in the Kauai Police Department that could potentially impact the County, the Police Commission, and the Kauai Police Department. **(Nothing to Report)**

ES KPC 2025-23:

Under Hawai'i Revised Statutes §§ 92-4, 92-5(a)(2), (a)(4), and 92-9(b), the purpose of this executive session is for the Commission to approve or amend the Executive Session minutes of the November 21, 2025, meeting, as publication of the executive meeting minutes would defeat the lawful purpose of the meetings they reflect, including the purposes in HRS §§ 92-5(a)(2) and (a)(4).

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION TO RATIFY THE ACTIONS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Executive Session Report by County Attorney Tyler Saito pursuant to HRS § 92-4(b).

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Under HRS § 92-7(a), the Commission may, when deemed necessary, hold an executive session on any agenda item without a written public notice if the executive session was not anticipated in advance. Any such executive session shall be held pursuant to HRS § 92-4 and shall be limited to those items described in HRS § 92-5(a).

ADJOURNMENT

cc: County Attorney Tyler Saito
Chief of Police Elliott Kalani Ke
Deputy Chief of Police Mark Ozaki