



## 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](mailto: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 before the meeting will be distributed to all Police Commissioners before 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 before the meeting by emailing [mromo@kauai.gov](mailto:mromo@kauai.gov) or calling (808) 241-4920. Any request to register shall include 1) your name or pseudonym, and, if applicable, your position/title and the organization you are representing, 2) the agenda item you are providing comment on, and 3) your 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.

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**REGULAR MONTHLY POLICE COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Friday, July 24, 2026

9:00 a.m. or shortly after

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

Oath of Office for Commissioner Patrick Higa's first term 01/01/2026 ending 12/31/2028

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL TO ASCERTAIN QUORUM**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The next monthly meeting is scheduled for **Friday, August 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Moikeha Meeting Room 2A/2B, with an Executive Session to follow. This schedule is subject to change.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:**

Individuals may testify on any agenda item now or wait until the item comes up.

**KAUAI POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH FOR JULY 2026:**

- Officer Bobilee K. Silva

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

- June 26, 2026, Open Session Meeting

**CHIEF OF POLICE MONTHLY REPORTS FOR JUNE 2026 AND RECENT SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS AND INVESTIGATIONS TO DATE:**

- **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:**

Email dated June 29, 2026, from Ginny Benbow to Vaughn Nebre, Kevin Gras, Mercedes Omo, KPD Insurance, Rudy Tai, Mayor Mark Ozaki, and KPD PIO. Cc'd: senkouchi@capitol.hawaii.gov, Lyndon Yoshioka, Jade Tanigawa, Housing Agency, dow@kauaiwater.org, board@kauaiwater.org, and publicrelations@kauaiwater.org. Subject: The incident at 4630 Kanahele Road, Kapaa.

#### **BUSINESS:**

##### **OS KPC 2026-6:**

Discussion, deliberation, and possible action on recommendations to revise the Kauai Police Commission Rules on Administrative Practice and Procedure. (Deferred to the July 24, 2026, meeting)

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Under the 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, with consideration of matters affecting privacy, provided that if the individual concerned 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 matters:

##### **ES KPC 2026-1:**

Regular Monthly updates by Chief of Police Rudy Tai 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.

- Discussion and possible action regarding the Notarized Citizen Complaint KPC 2026-02, received by the Office of Boards and Commissions on March 2, 2026. The incident occurred on February 19, 2026. The complainant alleges that an officer threatened to arrest the complainant if the charges were not dropped. (Referred to the Office of the Chief of Police for investigation on March 27, 2026.)

ES KPC 2026-2:

Regular Monthly updates by Chief of Police Rudy Tai 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 2026-17:

Unnotarized complaint dated July 11, 2026, received by the Office of Boards and Commissions on July 14, 2026. The charges: selective enforcement and neighborhood harassment carried out through the Kauai Police Department.

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

- Executive Session Report by Deputy County Attorney Kimberly Torigoe pursuant to HRS § 92-4(b).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Under HRS § 92-7(a), the Commission may, when necessary, hold an executive session on any agenda item without prior written public notice if it was not anticipated in advance. Any executive session shall be conducted in accordance with HRS § 92-4 and will be limited to the items specified in HRS § 92-5(a).

**ADJOURNMENT**

cc: Deputy County Attorney Kimberly Torigoe  
Chief of Police Rudy Tai  
Deputy Chief of Police Mark Ozaki