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**To:** [Kaaa, Iwalani HR](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Boards and Commissions Application [#13558]  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025 7:34:21 AM  
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**From:** Boards and Commissions Application <noreply@ehawaii.gov>  
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| <b>Legal Name</b>                                       | Edward Chung Cashman                                   |
| <b>Please check preferred title:</b>                    | Mr.                                                    |
| <b>U.S. Citizen</b>                                     | Yes                                                    |
| <b>Residential Address</b>                              | [REDACTED]<br>Kaneone, Hawaii Kaneone<br>United States |
| <b>Mailing Address (if other than your residence)</b>   | United States                                          |
| <b>Island of Residence</b>                              | O'ahu                                                  |
| <b>Residency in Hawai'i (Years)</b>                     | 57                                                     |
| <b>Have You Lived in Hawaii For the Past 12 Months?</b> | Yes                                                    |
| <b>Name of Spouse</b>                                   | [REDACTED]                                             |
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| <b>Current Profession/Occupation</b>                    | UH Manoa Director Kanewai Lo'i                         |

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| Are you a member of a union?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                              |
| If yes, please state the name of the union and union number                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | HGEA                                             |
| Have you been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | No                                               |
| Have you ever been convicted of any act, attempt or conspiracy to overthrow the state or the federal government by force or violence?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No                                               |
| Please attach Letter of Interest:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | [REDACTED]                                       |
| Please attach Resume:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | [REDACTED]                                       |
| First choice board name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Commission on Water Resource Management          |
| <b>For Applications Completed With Assistance</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                  |
| The following individual read the foregoing Application Form, and the Acknowledgment and the Authorization, to me, and assisted me in completing this application.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Edward Cashman                                   |
| <p><b>Acknowledgement of the State Ethics Commission Annual Disclosure of Financial Interests Under the State Ethics Law, Hawaii Revised Statutes Ch. 84, members of state boards and commissions who are appointed to terms of more than one year and whose functions are not "solely advisory" must file a financial disclosure statement with the State Ethics Commission. Statements, other than those of members of boards that head a state department as well as 15 boards and commissions affected by <a href="#">Act 230, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014 (Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Board of Agriculture, State Ethics Commission, Hawaii Community Development Authority, Hawaiian Homes Commission, Board of Directors of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Board of Land and Natural Resources, Land Use</a></b></p> |                                                  |
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In conjunction with the background check being conducted by the Office of the Governor for my possible appointment to a state board or commission, I hereby authorize the representative of the Office of the Governor, State of Hawaii, bearing this release, or copy thereof, to obtain information about me that you may have pertaining to my employment, military service, or education, including but not limited to academic, achievement, attendance, personal history, disciplinary actions, awards, and request of the bearer. This authorization to release is executed with my full knowledge and understanding that the information will be used in connection with my application for possible appointment to a state board or commission. **Name**

Edward Cashman

**Signature (Type Your Name in Below)**

Edward Cashman Jr

**Date**

Mar 30, 2025

**Edward “Makahiapo” Chung Cashman, Jr.**  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] **Kāne‘ohe Hawai‘i 96744**  
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**ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA HAWAI‘INUIĀKEA SCHOOL OF HAWAIIAN KNOWLEDGE** – Honolulu, HI  
*Director, Ka Papa Lo‘i o Kānewai and Ka Papa Lo‘i o Punalu‘u*, 2006 – Present

Design and teach courses, community outreach, cultural education, and other workshops and trainings for Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies within Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge. Manage all aspects of traditional lo‘i kalo in Mānoa and Punalu‘u, including waterways, related natural and cultural resources, and Native Hawaiian irrigation systems, as well as the largest collection of Native Hawaiian varieties of kalo (63 of 69 indigenous varieties). Lead Kānewai Cultural Resource Center, including research and scholarship in ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i. Other responsibilities include: program and curriculum development and administration; mentoring and advising students and graduates; community outreach; and development work.

**THE KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS** – Honolulu, HI

*Boarding Program Dorm Advisor*, 1992 – 2021 (Retired)

Supervise and manage students in a boys’ dormitory on Kamehameha Schools’ Kapālama Campus.

**EDUCATION:**

**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA** – Honolulu, HI

Master’s Degree in Curriculum Studies, May : College of Education

Bachelor’s Degree in Traditional Studies, May 1991: Kamakakūokalani Center  
for Hawaiian Studies

**RECENT REPRESENTATIVE LECTURES, FORA, AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**Natural and Cultural Resource Management at Kānewai**, Invited Conference  
Presentation, Pacific Judicial Conference, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, June 21, 2023.

**Papakū no Kāmeha‘ikana Punalu‘u Lo‘i**. Conference Presentation, Punalu‘u, O‘ahu,  
October 15, 2022.

**Ka Papa Lo‘i o Kānewai as a Holder of ‘Ike**. Conference Presentation, Native Hawaiian  
and Pacific Islander Museum Institute, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, July 5, 2022.

**Curriculum and Place-Based Knowledge.** Conference Presentation, United Nations Framework on Climate Change Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples' Platform, Virtual Event, December 8, 2021.

**Iwi Kūpuna Protocol and Burial Laws Training.** Conference Presentations, Hāmoa, Maui, April 23-25, 2021.

**SELECT GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND AWARDS:**

Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Service, 2014

Alaka'iana Foundation, 2021 to present

Hawai'i Bowl 2013-2022

Princess Abigail Kawanākoa Foundation 2013

**Via Electronic Transmittal**

January 10, 2024

Commission on Water Resource Management  
Attn: Nominating Committee  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Room 227  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813  
<http://boards.hawaii.gov/apply/apply-for-a-board/>

**Re: Application for the Commission on Water Resource Management**

Aloha kākou,

I respectfully ask to be considered for a position on Hawai'i's Commission on Water Resource Management ("Water Commission"). As detailed in my curriculum vitae, my educational and professional backgrounds have provided a myriad of opportunities for me to develop significant experience in water resource management. Moreover, my cultural background and work have also yielded substantial experience and expertise in traditional Hawaiian water resource management techniques and riparian usage, such as those preserved by section 101 of the Water Code, Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 174C.

I have a bachelor's degree in Hawaiian Studies and a master's degree in Curriculum Studies, both from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa ("UH Mānoa"). Perhaps more relevant for this application, for the last 17 years, I have been the Director of Ka Papa Lo'i o Kānewai at UH Mānoa. I also manage Ka Papa Lo'i o Punalu'u the University's traditional lo'i kalo in Punalu'u which in and of itself services over 3,000 people each year. I mālama thriving traditional lo'i kalo, including our collection of 63 of the 69 known indigenous varieties of kalo (taro, or *Colocasia esculenta*). In this capacity, I interface with students, farmers, Native Hawaiian practitioners, large landowners, businesses, decisionmakers, and others across Hawai'i pae 'āina on a range of land and water management practices and issues.

For approximately 15 years now, I have taught Papa Mahi'ai Kalo I and II (Hawaiian Studies 351 and 352). These interdisciplinary courses for Kamakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies introduce and reinforce student learning in the realm of the traditional and customary Native Hawaiian practice of kalo farming. They overview Native Hawaiian resource management from ma uka to ma kai; stream, riparian and estuarine systems; land management principles and practices; traditional ecological knowledge; Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices; and more. They include doctrinal and clinical work, including for example supervising and directing the production of pōhaku ku'i 'ai and papa ku'i 'ai, traditional poi pounders and poi boards. In this sense, my educational approach is grounded in Native Hawaiian

knowledge, values, and practices, including ma ka hana ka 'ike (the knowing is in the doing).

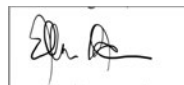
In addition to those classes, I supervise research and scholarship regarding a range of 'Ōiwi resource management techniques and riparian usage, including in 'ōlelo Hawai'i the Hawaiian language. I am familiar with the Māhele process, which provides invaluable context for Hawai'i's unique property system and appurtenant rights in particular. Above and beyond my courses and research, as Kānewai's Director, I facilitate a range of cultural and other education and outreach for our Center for Hawaiian Studies and UH Mānoa, which can provide helpful context and background for this Commission and its work.

In addition to my professional qualifications and academic and community work, as a Native Hawaiian cultural practitioner, I am familiar with a range of traditional and customary rights and practices that are relevant to the Water Commission's kuleana and decisionmaking, especially with respect to Ka Pa'akai analysis. As one example, my 'ohana and I mālama iwi kūpuna (Native Hawaiian burials) and have been engaged in a range of repatriation efforts. In this capacity, I am knowledgeable about these protocols and practices, including for example hina'i lauhala, kaula hau, and kapa, all of which are implicated in the management of our riparian corridors.

Given my academic and personal interests, I have worked in or visited all of the major kalo growing areas across our pae 'āina. To the degree that issues come before the Water Commission, I have some familiarity with these places and communities, which provide important context for our decisionmaking. At bottom, given the significant challenges facing Hawai'i today, I would be honored to put my experience to work for this Commission.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my interests and qualifications in greater detail.

Me ka ha'aha'a,



E. Makahiapo Cashman

Enclosures:

Application (online)

Curriculum vitae (appended)