



HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Komikina Ho'opono Kulekele o Hawai'i Moku'āina

NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND ORDER

TO (RESPONDENT): Marvin Moniz ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1289 Wailuku, Hawaii 96793	CASE No. REQ-2026-0347 RE: Prohibited Use of State Email on February 6, 2026
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This Notice of Violation and Order ("Notice and Order") is an administrative enforcement action initiated by the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes ("Haw. Rev. Stat.") Chapters 84 and 91, and Hawai'i Administrative Rules ("HAR") Title 21, in accordance with the Commission's authority to investigate and adjudicate violations of the State Ethics Code.

This Notice and Order is issued to you for alleged violations of the State Ethics Code described below.

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

On or around February 6, 2026, you filed your candidate filing report with the Office of Elections using your State of Hawai'i email address. Under Haw. Rev. Stat. § 84-13(a)(3), state legislators and employees are expressly prohibited from using state resources for political campaign activities. HAR § 21-7-10(a)(4)(A).

By using a state email address in your filing report with the Office of Elections, you used state resources for your political campaign in violation of Haw. Rev. Stat. § 84-13(a)(3).

You subsequently removed your state email address and used a personal email address before the Commission instituted enforcement proceedings. We appreciate your remedial action. Nonetheless, a "hawaii.gov" email address was publicly connected to your candidacy through an official filing with the Office of Elections. As a result, members of the public reviewing those filings could reasonably have perceived a connection between your state position and your campaign activities.

The prohibition on using state resources for political campaign purposes serves not only to prevent the expenditure of public resources, but also to preserve public confidence

that governmental resources and positions are not being used to advance electoral interests. Although the violation was corrected, the public association of a state email address with your candidacy blurred the distinction between official government resources and campaign activity, thereby creating a risk of diminished public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of state government.

ORDER

RESPONDENT IS HEREBY ORDERED TO PAY THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY:

Count	Law Section	Description	Fine
1	84-13(a)(3)	<i>Use of State Email for a Political Campaign</i>	\$50.00
		Total Administrative Penalty	\$50.00

This Notice of Violation and Order will become final and enforceable, and the administrative penalty specified above will become due and payable twenty (20) days after your receipt of it, unless you submit a written request for a contested case hearing as described in the "REQUEST FOR HEARING" section below.

Payment shall be made by check or money order made payable to the "State of Hawai'i," and must reference the case number. Payment shall be mailed to:

Hawai'i State Ethics Commission
1001 Bishop Street, Suite 970
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Upon receipt of full payment, the Commission will publish this Notice and Order on its website and indicate that this matter has been closed due to payment of the administrative penalty.

REQUEST FOR HEARING:

This Notice and Order becomes final and enforceable, and the penalty becomes due and payable twenty (20) days after your receipt of it, unless you submit a written request for a hearing to the:

Executive Director
Hawai'i State Ethics Commission
1001 Bishop Street, Suite 970
Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96813

This hearing will be limited to determining whether your conduct described above violated the State Ethics Code under Haw. Rev. Stat. § 84-13(a). Any defenses or justifications unrelated to the facts and issues outlined in this Notice will be considered outside the scope of the hearing.

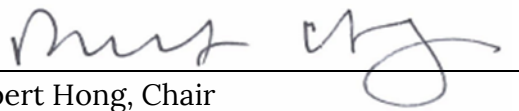
Any Request for Hearing must include:

- (1) A reference to the relevant case number and your name.
- (2) A concise summary of the arguments you intend to make at the hearing.
- (3) A copy of any evidence you intend to rely on at the hearing.
- (4) The names and contact information of any witnesses you intend to call at the hearing.
- (5) A summary description of the testimony you intend to introduce from each witness you intend to call.
- (6) The anticipated amount of time you intend to examine each witness.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes chapters 84 and 91, and title 21, Chapter 5 of the Hawai'i Administrative Rules. Pursuant to Haw. Under Rev. Stat. § 91-9(c), the hearing may be held via Zoom or other remote hearing technology at a time to be announced by the Commission after the Commission reviews your request for a hearing.

If you do not request a hearing in accordance with the instructions above within twenty days of receipt of this Notice and Order, this Order will become final and enforceable, and you will owe the administrative penalty above. If you do not pay the administrative penalty, the Commission may refer this matter to the Attorney General's office for collection proceedings.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawai'i, June 17, 2026.


Robert Hong, Chair