



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Disability and Communication Access Board

General Board Meeting

November 20, 2025

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) will be meeting remotely using interactive conference technology. The public is welcome to participate as follows.

Public In-Person Meeting Location

Kamamalu Building
1010 Richards Street, Room 118
Honolulu, HI 96813

Participate Virtually via Zoom

Click on the link below or copy and paste it into your browser window:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83040247301> and enter Meeting ID: 830 4024 7301

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Public Testimony

Testimony or comments presented by members of the public during Board meetings shall be limited to three minutes per agenda item. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a reasonable amount of additional time shall be afforded to persons with a communication disability to present testimony or comments, if needed. Any person who needs additional time to present testimony or comments is encouraged to contact the DCAB office in advance of the meeting. This rule shall be placed at the beginning of all Board meeting agendas.

Members of the public may present comment or testimony during Board meetings on each agenda item. Public comment or testimony, if any, shall be presented on each agenda item before the Board deliberates on the item. After all public comment or testimony is presented, the Board shall deliberate on the agenda item without further comment or

testimony from the public unless further public comment or testimony is requested by the Board.

Written Testimony - To ensure the public as well as Board members are able to review testimony prior to the meeting, written testimony should be submitted 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date and time. Written testimony may be submitted by one of the methods listed below:

- By email to: dcab@doh.hawaii.gov
- By U.S. Postal Mail:
Attention: Executive Director, Disability and Communication Access Board, 1010 Richards Street, Room 118, Honolulu, HI 96813
- By facsimile to: (808) 586-8129

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
Review Remote Meeting Procedures
 - This meeting is being recorded.
 - A quorum of Board members is required to be visible on screen.
 - If quorum is not achieved at the beginning of the meeting or quorum is lost, the meeting will be stopped and cancelled.
 - If a Board member leaves the meeting, the Board member will need to notify the Chairperson.
 - Raise hand to speak unless called upon.
 - Identify yourself before speaking.
- II. Roll Call/Introductions
- III. Statement from Public and Written Testimonies Submitted
- IV. Approval of General Board Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2025.
- V. Executive Director's Report
 - Board member vacancies.
 - Committee Chairpersons appointed.

Personnel

- 1. Vacant Facility Access Unit Office Assistant position number 121818 – Update.
Interviews were completed. In the process of selecting an applicant.
- 2. Report on staff attendance at trainings, conferences, and events.
 - 1. Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind, Deaf Awareness Day, September 26, 2025 – Update.
 - 2. 2025 Deaf Awareness Day, September 27, 2025 – Update.
 - 3. Hawaii Digital Government Summit 2025, September 30, 2025 – Update.
 - 4. 2025 White Cane Walk, Resource Fair, October 17, 2025 – Update.
 - 5. Deaf Safari Day – October 25, 2025 – Update.

6. Communication Access/On-Demand Interpreting for Hawaii Deaf Community presentation to University of Hawaii, American Sign Language students, November 6, 2025 – Update.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee

1. The Committee held a meeting on October 27, 2025.
 - a. Establishment of a Permitted Interaction Committee to review the Programs and Services Manual.
 - b. Status Update on Disability and Communication Access Board's Executive Director.

B. Legislative Committee

1. The Committee held a meeting on November 3, 2025.
 - a. The Committee will meet on Mondays at 12:00 noon starting on January 26, 2026.
 - b. The Committee reviewed and approved the DCAB's position types for bills and resolutions, subject matter categories, and positions statements for the 33rd Legislature, 2026.
 - c. The Committee pre-authorized staff to submit testimony in certain circumstances, such as when a bill is an official companion bill or functionally identical to a bill the Committee already voted on.
 - d. The Committee reviewed four topics for which staff anticipate bills to be introduced:
 - (1) Parking in access aisles.
 - (2) Travel placard.
 - (3) Lengthening of the meter fee exemption for Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permits.
 - (4) Establishment of a Disability Integration Specialist position at the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

C. Standing Committee on Communication Access

1. The Committee held a meeting on October 30, 2025.
 - a. Report on the Deaf Awareness Day event held on September 27, 2025 at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center, Pikake Room.
 - b. Summary of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA) meeting on September 30, 2025.
 - c. Review of quarterly Communication Access statistics.
 - d. Recap of the Deaf Safari Day event held on October 25, 2025.

D. Standing Committee on Facility Access

1. DCAB Facility Access Unit conducted 2025 Basic ADA Trainings on October 22, 29, November 5, 12, and 19, 2025 – Update.

E. Standing Committee on Parking

1. The Committee held a meeting on November 17, 2025.
 - a. Review of Quarterly Parking statistics.
 - b. Concerns with the City and County of Honolulu appointment process for parking permits.
 - c. Review and update of DCAB's Legislative Position Statements for Parking Related Bills and Resolutions.

- d. Draft survey of disability parking permittees on challenges encountered when using their parking permit.
- e. Update of two state legislation 1) Senate Bill 1008 Draft 1 Conference Draft 1 – Relating to Parking. Authorizes the counties to adopt ordinances to enforce the accessible parking space requirements for parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities and electric vehicles. 2) Bill 2026-0016 HB HMSO-1 – Relating to Parking. Prohibits the issuance of a citation for encroachment into an access aisle by a vehicle with a disability parking permit unless an oral complaint is made to a law enforcement officer or 911 dispatcher by a person who also has a valid disability parking permit and whose access was directly impeded.

F. Standing Committee on Transportation

- 1. The Committee held a meeting on November 17, 2025.
 - a. Review of responses from the County of Hawaii Transportation Department regarding public transit.
 - b. City and County of Honolulu Bill 54 (2025) CD2 – Relating to Public Transit.
 - c. Update of Richards Street Loading Zone in Honolulu, Hawaii.
 - d. United States Department of Transportation Final Rule – Ensuring Safe Accommodations for Air Travelers with Disabilities Using Wheelchairs – Delayed Enforcement [2025-18980] – Update.

Link to the United States Department of Transportation Final Rule – Ensuring Safe Accommodations for Air Travelers with Disabilities Using Wheelchairs:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/09/30/2025-18980/ensuring-safe-accommodations-for-air-travelers-with-disabilities-using-wheelchairs>

- e. Uber Sued for Denying Rides to Passengers with Service Dogs, Wheelchairs.

G. Special Parent Information Network (SPIN)

- 1. SPIN Conference Update.

The SPIN Advisory Committee has moved up the date for the 40th Annual SPIN Conference to March 28, 2026, and will receive assistance the University of Hawaii, Center on Disability Studies. The Committee met on November 12, 2025 to select workshop topics and tentative speakers.
- 2. State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) Community Meeting.

SPIN is assisting the Monitoring and Compliance Branch of the Hawaii Department of Education in publicizing and organizing its December 5, 2025 SPP/APR meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to have diverse stakeholders review data from the 2024-25 school year on key special education indicators, adjust targets as needed, and recommend improvement activities in preparation for an accountability report to the U.S. Department of Education.

3. October SPIN News.

The quarterly issue featured three infographics related to bullying, including newly released data on Hawaii middle and high school students with disabilities who completed the Hawaii Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Two additional infographics created for this issue include a description of surrogate decision-making and the special education eligibility category of Speech or Language Disability.

VII. Review and Vote on the Establishment of a Permitted Interaction Committee to review and update the Programs and Services Reference Manual for Persons with Disabilities.

Link to the Programs and Services Reference Manual for Persons with Disabilities:
<https://health.hawaii.gov/dcab/files/2023/08/Approved-Programs-and-Services-Manual-7.20.2023.pdf>

VIII. Update as of November 12, 2025, Status of Executive Director.

IX. Old Business

A. ADA Coordination.

1. Review statistics of ADA technical assistance program. Update.
2. State and County ADA Coordination - Update.

B. Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Report on the Animal Inspection Station and procedures for individuals arriving with animals at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport.

X. New Business

A. Governor's Administrative Directive on Accessibility to State Government by Persons with Disabilities – Update.

- Governor Green signed the Administrative Directive on October 3, 2025. The Administrative Directive is posted on the Department of Budget and Finance website at <https://budget.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/2509036-HTH-Administrative-Directive-No.-25-03.pdf>

B. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Announces Tentative Agenda for November Open Meeting and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Analog TRS Modernization - Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; Speech-to-Speech and Internet Protocol (IP) Speech-to-Speech Telecommunications Relay Services – CG Docket Nos. 03-123, 08-15.

Link to the FCC Tentative Agenda for November Open Meeting:
<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-415185A1.pdf>

Link to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Analog TRS Modernization - Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; Speech-to-Speech and

Internet Protocol (IP) Speech-to-Speech Telecommunications Relay Services
– CG Docket Nos. 03-123, 08-15:
<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-415186A1.pdf>

- XI. Open Forum: Public comment on issues not on the agenda for consideration for the Board's agenda at the next meeting.
- XII. Next Meetings: January 15, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- XIII. Adjournment.

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to disability, contact Cindy Omura or Scott Castor at (808) 586-8121 or email dcab@doh.hawaii.gov as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible have a greater likelihood of being fulfilled.

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The agenda and meeting materials for this meeting are available for inspection at DCAB's office located at 1010 Richards Street, Room 118, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 and on DCAB's website at: <https://health.hawaii.gov/dcab/dcab-agendas-and-minutes/>.