

DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Disability and Communication Access Board

Standing Committee on Parking Meeting

January 13, 2025
12:00 p.m.

AGENDA

The Disability and Communication Access Board 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, Hawaii 96813

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Oral testimony - Members of the public may present comment or testimony on each agenda item.

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- By email to: dcab@doh.hawaii.gov
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Kirby Shaw, Disability and Communication Access Board, 1010 Richards Street,
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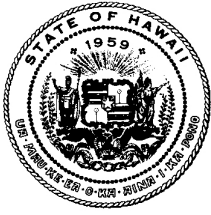
- I. Call to Order
Review Remote Meeting Procedures
 - This meeting is being recorded.
 - A quorum of Committee members is required to be visible on screen.
 - Raise hand to speak unless called upon.
 - Identify yourself before speaking.
- II. Roll Call/Introductions
- III. Written Public Testimonies Submitted - Review
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 24, 2024, and November 15, 2024.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Disability Parking Placard Issuance Statistics for Quarter 2 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 – Update.
 - B. Email Notification to Permittees of Pending Parking Permit Expirations for Quarter 2 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 – Update.
 - C. Procurement of Disability Parking Placards and Month/Year Decals – Update.
 - D. Death Records Crossmatch and Disability Parking Permit Retrieval – Update.
 - E. Public Education Efforts
 1. Webpage for Reporting Placard or Access Aisle Abuse - Number of Submissions - Update.
 2. Webpage for Reporting Non-Design Compliant Accessible Spaces - Number of Submissions – Update.
 3. Television Public Service Announcements.
 4. Updated Posters for Issuing Locations.
 - F. Van Accessible Spaces
 1. Public Education Options: “Park with Aloha” Theme.
 - A. Voluntary Informational Signs for Van Accessible Spaces at Places of Public Accommodation – Update.
 - (1) Draft Press Release.
 - (2) Letter to Retail Merchants Association and Chamber of Commerce.
 - G. State Capitol Building, Parking, and Accessibility Concerns - Update.

- H. United States Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board Notice of Proposed Rulemaking - [Accessibility of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations](#). – Update
 - I. Possible State Legislation
 - 1. Sharing fines for accessible parking space violations using [Hawaii Revised Statutes §291C-111 \(c\)](#) state highway enforcement program surcharge as a model.
 - 2. Authorizing the Counties to enforce design guidelines for accessible parking spaces.
 - 3. Establishing a disability parking travel placard for Hawaii residents to use when traveling off island.
 - J. Concern with medical facilities that only accept parking payment via smartphone and public transportation systems considering eliminating cash.
- VI. New Business
- A. Meetings with Parking Enforcement Agency Officials
 - 1. New Corporal in charge of City and County of Honolulu Volunteer Special Enforcement Officer Program (VSEO)
 - 2. City and County of Honolulu Police Chief Joe Logan (pending)
 - 3. City and County of Honolulu Council Chair Tommy Waters (pending)
 - B. Proposed procedure to send warning letters to vehicle owners who use fraudulently manufactured or altered placards.
- VII. Open Forum: Public comment on issues not on the agenda for consideration on a future Committee agenda.
- VIII. Next Meeting
- IX. Adjournment

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MINUTES

Standing Committee on Parking Meeting

Location: Virtual via Zoom and 1010 Richards Street, Room 118
Date: January 13, 2025
Time: 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Summer Kozai, Chairperson; Violet Horvath, Charlotte Townsend, Board Members; Kirby Shaw, Bryan Mick; Staff

ABSENT: Gerald Ohta, Board Member

- I. Chairperson Summer Kozai called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.
- II. The committee members and staff introduced themselves.
- III. Bryan Mick reported DCAB received written testimony from a Disabled Paid Parking Exemption permittee who thinks the two and a half (2-1/2) hour exemption time limit is not long enough. Bryan Mick explained that back when the meter fee exemption was first passed into law, most parking meters were two (2) hours maximum and the extra thirty (30) minutes was deemed long enough to provide equivalency for the permittees. Board member Charlotte Townsend commented that she thinks thirty (30) minutes is not adequate and the Committee should explore asking the State Legislature to increase it. Bryan Mick replied he could gather information on what the time limit is in other states which have a meter fee exemption but would caution against increasing it to the point where employees can legally park all day.
- IV. The Committee approved the November 15, 2024 meeting minutes as circulated (M/S/P Horvath/Townsend).
- V. Old Business
 - A. Parking Placard Issuance Statistics

Bryan Mick reported in the second quarter of fiscal year 2024-2025, around eight thousand (8,000) placards were issued. Three hundred fifty (350) special license plates were reauthorized or issued. Of the placards, about two thousand two hundred (2,200) were temporary and five thousand six hundred (5,600) were long term. DCAB issued two thousand four hundred (2,400) long term placards and twenty three (23) Disabled Paid Parking Exemption Permits (DPPEP). The placard renewal rate was sixty eight percent (68%).
 - B. Email Notification to Permittees of Pending Parking Permit Expirations

For the second quarter of fiscal year 2024-2025, DCAB emailed two thousand eighty four (2,084) permittees to notify them of their pending permit expirations.

C. Procurement of Parking Placards and Decals

Procurement was started for twenty three thousand (23,000) parking placards.

D. Death Records Crossmatch and Parking Permit Retrieval

Three thousand seven hundred (3,700) permittees were flagged by the Department of Health's Vital Records section as deceased. DCAB updated the database and will mail retrieval letters with pre-paid envelopes to the estates of deceased permittees to retrieve the placards.

E. Public Education Efforts

Webpage for Reporting Placard or Access Aisle Abuse

Three (3) inquiries were submitted through the webpage to report abuse of a disability parking permit. Two (2) letters were sent to permittees.

Webpage for Reporting Non-Design Compliant Accessible Spaces

Seven (7) submissions were made to the webpage on a non-design compliant parking space. One follow up with a business was conducted and the presence of an accessible parking space confirmed.

Meeting with Television Public Service Announcement Providers

Staff has met with several television stations about the possibility of producing and airing a public service announcement (PSA) on accessible parking.

Updating Posters for Issuing Locations

Staff updated the poster design with information on how to apply for a parking permit and distributed it to the issuing locations. Extra posters were printed should other types of locations like senior centers would like to display it.

F. Van Accessible Spaces

Voluntary Informational Sign for Van Accessible Spaces at Places of Public Accommodation

The press release is ready to be sent to the Department of Health's Communications team for approval and dissemination.

Letter to Retail Merchants of Hawaii

The letter was sent to the Retail Merchants Association and Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii requesting their members provide additional accessible and van accessible parking spaces that exceed the ADA minimums requirements, voluntarily install the priority for side ramp or lift signage, and perform a self-inspection to verify their current accessible parking spaces are in compliance with federal and state design requirements.

G. State Capitol Building, Parking, and Accessibility Concerns

The letter was submitted to the Governor and Legislative leadership. Staff has already noticed hearing notices with language that does not seem to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

H. United States Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – Accessibility of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – Update Draft Legislation

Staff submitted testimony on behalf of the Board, the deadline was November 4, 2024. About one hundred forty (140) total testimonies were submitted, but the final rule has not yet been issued.

I. Possible State Legislation

Counties to enforce accessible parking space design

This bill will allow the counties to enforce accessible parking space design requirements at places of public accommodation and will provide a local enforcement mechanism when people observe non-compliant accessible parking spaces. The bill is included as part of the Governor's package.

Travel Placard

This bill will allow someone with an existing parking permit to obtain a second parking permit for travel and the parking permit would expire the last day of the month following their return travel date. DCAB has asked members of the House and Senate to introduce it.

Related to Parking for Disabled Persons

This bill would impose an additional surcharge or fine for violations of Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Chapter 291, Part III and remit fifty percent (50%) to the police department in the county where the violation occurred. Staff has decided to not pursue this bill as the Attorney General's Office had concerns with the language in it. Staff will be meeting with the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) soon to discuss enforcement and will ask if sharing citation money would lead to increased enforcement by HPD.

J. Medical Facilities Parking Lots and Public Transportation Systems Elimination of Cash Payment Options

Bryan Mick reported that staff met with representatives from the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services about proposed

revisions to the City's parking ordinance. One of the revisions would be new parking meters which can be paid via the City's HOLO card currently used only on public transit. This will allow the City to offer a subsidized parking rate for low income residents. The City is also contemplating eliminating cash as a payment option in the next few years as fewer and fewer people are paying in cash. Staff relayed to the City that the disability and elderly community have expressed concerns with private parking lots eliminating cash as a payment option.

VI. New Business

A. Meeting with Parking Enforcement Agencies

In efforts to increase enforcement of accessible parking laws, Kirby Shaw and Bryan Mick met with the Corporal who has took over HPD's Volunteer Special Enforcement Officer (VSEO) program. Staff is still trying to meet with the HPD Deputy Chief and with City and County of Honolulu Council Chair Tommy Waters.

B. Proposed procedure to send warning letters to vehicle owners who use fraudulently manufactured or altered placards

Staff explained that when the public submits photos, DCAB has no way of contacting a vehicle owner as we do not have access to the motor vehicle database. The counties are constrained by federal law on who may access the database. However, its might be possible that on a request basis, they are able to provide DCAB with a motor vehicle owner name and mailing address. If so, DCAB would be able to mail warning letters. The counties are still analyzing this possibility.

VII. Open Forum

Chairperson Summer Kozai reiterated the Committee would like the issue of the meter fee exemption time limit to be on the next agenda.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

BRYAN K. MICK