



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Disability and Communication Access Board

Standing Committee on Communication Access Meeting

June 4, 2026

11:00 a.m.

The public is welcome to participate as follows:

Physical Meeting Location

Kamamalu Building
1010 Richards Street, Room 111A and 111B
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/87630040740> and enter Meeting ID: 876 3004 0740

To join by phone

Dial 1-646-568-7788 and enter Meeting ID: 876 3004 0740

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HOW TO TESTIFY:

Written testimony – There is no deadline for submission of testimony, however, to ensure the public as well as Committee members are able to review testimony prior to the meeting, we request written testimony be submitted no later than 9:00 a.m. one business day prior to the scheduled meeting date and time.

- **To Submit by Email:** Email the Standing Committee on Communication Access at dcab@doh.hawaii.gov. Please include TESTIMONY in the subject line.
- **To Submit by U.S. Postal Mail or Hand-Delivery:**

Attention: Standing Committee on Communication Access – Testimony
Disability and Communication Access Board
1010 Richards Street, Room 118
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

- **To Submit via facsimile:** (808) 586-8129

Oral testimony will be accepted via the remote testimony link or in-person at 1010 Richards Street, Room 111A and 111B, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

Testimony or comments presented by members of the public during the Committee meetings shall be limited to three (3) 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 Committee meeting agendas.

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

HOW TO REQUEST ACCOMMODATION:

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

Upon request, this notice is available in alternate/accessible formats.

MEETING MATERIALS AND OTHER INFORMATION:

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/>.

If the remote connection (via Zoom) is lost, the meeting will be recessed for up to thirty (30) minutes to restore communication. If the connection is lost, we will attempt to restart the meeting again with the same link. If the Committee is unable to reconvene the meeting because neither audiovisual communication nor audio communication can be reestablished within thirty (30) minutes, the meeting will be automatically terminated.

If you have trouble entering the meeting, please contact Cindy Omura or Scott Castor at (808) 586-8121.

AGENDA

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.
- If quorum is not achieved at the beginning of the meeting, the meeting will be cancelled within fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start time and update any posted notices or calendar accordingly.

- If a Committee member leaves the meeting permanently at any time, the Committee member shall notify the Chairperson. If this results in a lack of quorum, the meeting will adjourn at that time.
- If a Committee member leaves the meeting temporarily, the Committee member shall notify the Chairperson. If this results in a lack of quorum, the Chair shall call a recess. If the Committee member does not return within ten (10) minutes, the meeting will be adjourned.
- Raise hand to speak unless called upon.
- Identify yourself before speaking however public testifiers may use an alias to maintain anonymity.

II. Roll Call/Introductions

III. Statement from Public and Written Testimonies Submitted

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 30, 2026.

V. Old Business

- A. Review and approval of revisions to the description of the Disability and Communication Access Board purpose statement in Section 1 of the Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Workshop Funding Application Form, including clarification of application requirements and submission deadline language.
- B. Continuing discussion and planning for the 2026 Communication Access Conference, including announcement of the conference venue, establishment of admission fees, and identification of workshop topics.

VI. New Business

- A. Section 3 of the Plan of Action - Communication Access
The plan of action purpose is to formalize the Board's philosophy that underlies its policy statements, and to set forth the goals and objectives that guide its actions for the fiscal year (FY).
 1. Review and discussion of the current FY 2025-2026 Plan of Action goals and objectives.
 2. Discussion including staff recommendations for the FY 2026-2027 goals and objectives and approval of FY 2026-2027 Plan of Action goals and objectives.

Staff recommendations for the FY2026-2027 objectives are:

3.1.4 Update and maintain a registry of current communication access providers (for Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and other persons with communication access disabilities) and their credentials and post it on the Disability and Communication Access Board's website. ~~[(Priority 2)]~~ (Priority 3)

3.2.3 ~~[Collaborate effort or organize a celebration for a Deaf Awareness event. (Priority 4)]~~ Amend objective to read: Facilitate an annual State Communication Access Conference. (Priority 2)

3.4.3 ~~Follow up on the report on the status of American Sign Language Services in Hawaii, pursuant to Act 2024-24, by proposing funding to support efforts to~~

~~increase the number of ASL interpreters in the State. (Priority 1)~~ Amend objective to read: Advocate for an Interpreter Training Program legislation to support efforts to increase the number of American Sign Language interpreters in the State. (Priority 1)

Add new objective 3.4.4 Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 63 Senate Draft 1, conduct a study on the health care communication needs of patients who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind, and submit findings and recommendations to the Legislature. (Priority 1)

- VII. Open Forum: Public comment on issues not on the agenda for consideration for the Board's agenda at the next meeting.
- VIII. Next Meeting
- IX. Adjournment