



## **Hawai'i Regional Economic Stewardship and Advancement Policy Board**

### **Meeting No. 1**

### **NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA**

**May 26, 2026**

**1PM – 3PM**

#### **In-person meeting location:**

Boardroom A  
Hawai'i Convention Center  
1801 Kalākaua Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

#### **Virtual meeting information:**

Zoom Link:

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#### **1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Quorum**

#### **2. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

*[Not an action item]*

- a. James Kunane Tokioka, Director, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (HIRESA Policy Board Chair)
- b. Chris Cox, Administrative Director, U.S. Economic Development Administration Seattle Regional Office
- c. Joe McKinney, Executive Director, National Association of Development Organizations

#### **3. Policy Board Charter**

*Hawai'i Regional Economic Stewardship and Advancement (HIRESA) staff will provide a brief overview of the draft HIRESA Policy Board Charter, which outlines the Board's purpose, responsibilities, composition, and procedures. The Board will consider the proposed Charter for adoption. [Action item]*

- a. Review of draft HIRESA Policy Board Charter
- b. Vote on the adoption of the Charter

**4. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**

*Discussion on the implementation of the 2023 State and County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies and next steps. [Not an action item]*

- a. CEDS implementation and statewide highlights
- b. County-specific highlights
- c. Other highlights
- d. Next steps

**5. Federal Funding Landscape for Economic Development Initiatives**

*Keoki Noji and Wes Cochran, Economic Development Representatives from the U.S. Economic Development Administration, will present on the Department of Commerce budget and programs updates. [Not an action item]*

**6. Opportunity Zones 2.0 Program Updates**

*HIRESA staff will present updates on Opportunity Zone 2.0 and the selection process. [Not an action item]*

**7. Announcements**

- a. Opportunity Zone 2.0 Market Activation Summit
- b. 2026 NADO Annual Training Conference
- c. Future meeting topics

**8. Public Comments**

**9. Adjournment**

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