
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETINGS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read
3 as follows:

4 **"PART . NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD**

5 **§92- Neighborhood board; notice and agenda; public input;**
6 **quorum.** (a) Any contrary provision in this chapter
7 notwithstanding, the provisions of this part shall apply to
8 neighborhood boards overseen by a neighborhood commission of the
9 city and county of Honolulu, and such other neighborhood boards
10 as may be created in other counties and overseen by a county-
11 based commission.

12 (b) The agenda required to be included in written public
13 notice of a neighborhood board meeting may include an
14 opportunity for the board to receive public input on issues not
15 specifically noticed for consideration at the forthcoming
16 meeting.

17 (c) Any matter raised as part of the public input agenda
18 allowed under subsection (b) may be discussed and information on



1 the matter may be received by the board at the meeting; provided
2 that the board shall not make a decision relating to the matter.
3 The board may make decisions on matters originally raised as
4 part of a public input agenda only at a later meeting, where the
5 agenda for the meeting shall give notice of decision-making on
6 the matter.

7 (d) A quorum for a meeting of a neighborhood board shall
8 be required for:

9 (1) Conducting official board business; and

10 (2) Voting required to validate an act of the board as
11 part of official board business.

12 A neighborhood board may receive information or testimony on a
13 matter of official board business without a quorum; provided
14 that the board shall not make a decision on the issue. The
15 board members, at the next meeting of the neighborhood board,
16 shall report the matters presented as information or testimony.

17 **§92- Permitted interactions of neighborhood board**
18 **members.** (a) Two or more members of a neighborhood board, but
19 fewer than the number of members necessary to constitute a
20 quorum for the board, may attend informational meetings or
21 presentations on matters relating to official board business,
22 including meetings of another entity, seminars, and community



1 meetings; provided that the presentation is not specifically and
2 exclusively organized for or directed toward members of the
3 board.

4 (b) Neighborhood board members may participate in
5 discussions, including discussions among themselves; provided
6 that the discussions occur during and as part of the
7 informational meeting or presentation allowed by subsection (a);
8 and provided further that there is no commitment made relating
9 to a vote on the issue. The board members, at the next duly
10 noticed meeting of the neighborhood board, shall report their
11 attendance and the matters presented and discussed that related
12 to official board business at the informational meeting or
13 presentation.

14 **§92- Neighborhood board meeting; unanticipated events;**
15 **public interest.** An unanticipated event that occurs after
16 public notice of a neighborhood board meeting has been issued,
17 but before the scheduled meeting, may be the subject of
18 discussion at the scheduled meeting if timely action on the
19 matter is necessary for public health, welfare, and safety. At
20 a duly noticed meeting, a board may take action on an
21 unanticipated event in the public interest that is not on the



1 agenda in the same manner as if the board had held an emergency
2 meeting to take action on the issue, pursuant to section 92-8."

3 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Procedure; Public Meetings

Description:

Prescribes the procedure to be followed at certain neighborhood board meetings, such as the information that may be included in the written public notice, the information that the board may receive on a matter, and the discussion and decision-making process. (SD1)

