

COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2026
[Virtual Meeting Recording](#)

Hybrid Meeting via Microsoft Teams & Finance Conference Room, Kalana o Maui Building

PRESENT: Heidi Drahn, Chair
Ericka Chavez, Vice Chair
Monique Bolo, Member
Cayla Kutaka, Member
Catherine “Momi” Medeiros, Member
Paul Tonnessen, Member

ABSENT: Tonata Lolesio, Member
Brian McCafferty, Member

VACANCIES: 1

STAFF: Yukari Murakami, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Adrian Reifsnnyder, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Vanessa Joy Domingo, Secretary, Department of Human Concerns

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

Chair Drahn called the Commission on Children and Youth (“Commission” or “CCY”) meeting to order at 2:37 p.m. Secretary Domingo conducted roll call. Chair Drahn, Vice Chair Chavez, and Commissioners Bolo and Medeiros attended remotely. Commissioners Kutaka and Tonnessen attended in person. Commissioners Lolesio and McCafferty were not in attendance. There is currently 1 vacancy on the Commission.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public testimony received.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [DECEMBER 15, 2025](#)

There was no public testimony received.

Commissioner Tonnessen moved to approve the December 15, 2025 meeting minutes as drafted, and Commissioner Medeiros seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the motion (6-0, 1 vacancy).

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Maui County Programs and Policies Regarding the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Among Youth

There was no public testimony received.

1. [State of Hawaii Department of Education – AI](#)

Chair Drahn shared the drafting of bills proposing safeguards regarding restricting and monitoring AI usage for minors.

2. [AI & Maui County](#)

There was no discussion.

Chair Drahn expressed that further discussion or action by the Commission was not needed at this time with no objections.

B. Consideration of Including Youth Members on the Commission

There was no public testimony received.

1. Further discussion with Mr. Axel Beers from councilmember Gabe Johnson’s office

Chair Drahn provided an overview of her discussion with Mr. Beers, highlighting sequenced actions such as obtaining public high school support, meeting with student government, revisiting the application process and CCY webpage, and correspondences.

The Commission discussed the possibility and methods of contacting all high schools (public and private) regarding this opportunity, available Commission seats and term limits, the application process and providing education to youth on how to provide public testimony.

Chair Drahn and Commissioner Kutaka expressed their intent to move forward with the drafted timeline of events with no objections.

C. Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) Preschool and After School Childcare – Relevant Data from Maui County Early Childhood Resource Center 2025 Data Walk

Chair Drahn deferred the agenda item to a subsequent scheduled meeting with no objections.

V. NEW BUSINESS

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A. Child Abuse Mandated Reporting: Information on Reporters, Training, and Expectations - Presentation by Commissioner Kutaka

There was no public testimony received.

1. [State of Hawaii’s Mandated Reporter Training Platform](#)

Commissioner Kutaka provided an overview of the newly released platform, detailing contributors in its creation, the general training process and outcome, and the platform’s release and statewide dissemination.

Commissioners discussed the opportunity for the Commission to assist with information dissemination in various ways once the platform is officially released and coordinating with the Department to draft a press release.

2. [Hawaii Department of Human Services Guide for Mandated Reporters](#)

Commissioner Kutaka shared that the Guide for Mandated Reporters provides robust information regarding the definition and roles of mandated reporters.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of providing information to the County Council, Committees and the Mayor’s office regarding the Commission’s support and education on the State of Hawaii’s Mandated Reporter Training Platform.

Commissioner Tonnessen moved to have Commissioner Kutaka present information regarding the State of Hawaii’s Mandated Reporter Training Platform to the County Council and the Mayor’s office on behalf of the Commission. Vice Chair Chavez seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the motion (6-0, 1 vacancy).

B. CCY goals for 2026

There was no public testimony received.

1. [CCY Vision and Mission Statements](#)

Chair Drahn reviewed the statements for the Commission.

2. [Maui County Early Childhood Resource Center 2025 Data Walk](#) - Presentation by Ex Officio Ka’ina Bonacorsi

Chair Drahn deferred the agenda item to a subsequent scheduled meeting with no objections.

3. [Honolulu Youth Commission](#) (HYC) – Chair Drahn’s attendance and review of December 19, 2025 meeting

i. [12/19/25 Agenda](#)

Chair Drahn shared that she was unable to attend the meeting and complimented HYC's agenda, noting their adherence to their vision and mission statements and participation in the State legislative process.

4. [2025 Legislative Projects](#)

Chair Drahn explained that she shared previously considered legislation for the Commission's review.

5. [2026 Legislative Projects](#)

Chair Drahn listed a sample of current, proposed legislation for the Commission's review and consideration for support.

6. Keiki Caucus 2026 Legislative Package Final List of Measures

Chair Drahn shared the final list of measures for the Commission's review and consideration for support.

Commissioners discussed tracking legislation that impacts Maui County, collecting relevant data and submitting testimony on behalf of CCY. Chair Drahn expressed that she will provide an update to Ex Officio Bonacorsi, who may provide further information and procedural clarity.

7. Budget Acquisition

Chair Drahn deferred the agenda item to a subsequent scheduled meeting with no objections.

VI. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN CONCERNS (DHC) UPDATE

A. DHC Director Position

There was no public testimony received.

Secretary Domingo shared that no official announcement of the new Director has been made. Jessica Crouse is serving as the Acting Director.

VII. NEXT MEETING & AGENDA SETTING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026

There was no public testimony received.

Vice Chair Chavez inquired if a list of possible legislation to consider will be added to the next agenda.

Chair Drahn clarified her recommendation for the Commission to focus on one bill at a time to completion.

The Commission confirmed the addition of the follow-up items:

- Child Abuse Mandated Reporting – Update by Commissioner Kutaka
- Update - EOEL and After School Care
- Solidify 2026 CCY Goals
- Bill 118 – Cost of Government Commission Survey Findings
- Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- Public Testimony to County Council for Budget Season
- CCY Community Survey

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Drahn adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.