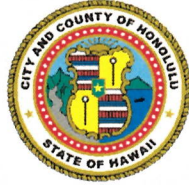


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March 25, 2025

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

Pursuant to Section 13-103(b) of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, I hereby appoint, subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, Ms. Linda Martell as a member of the Ethics Commission. Ms. Martell will fill the position previously occupied by Allene Suemori and serve for a term to expire on December 31, 2029. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of Ms. Martell's appointment and request adoption by the City Council in the most expedient manner possible.

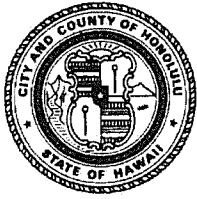
I have enclosed a draft resolution and Martell's personal information form for your review. For any general inquiries you may have regarding this appointment, please contact my executive assistant, Kevan Wong, at 768-6608.

Sincerely,


Rick Blangiardi
Mayor

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Linda Martell
Department of the Corporation Counsel
Ethics Commission



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. _____

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LINDA MARTELL TO SERVE ON THE ETHICS COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 11-107 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, 1973 ("Charter"), as amended, establishes an Ethics Commission ("Commission") comprised of seven members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council to five-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has the basic duties of rendering advisory opinions and conducting investigations concerning the application of the standards of ethical conduct of the City and recommending appropriate disciplinary action against city officers and employees who violate the standards; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-107 of the Charter prohibits members of the Commission from taking an active part in political management or in political campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-103 of the Charter requires a Commission member to be a registered voter of the City; and

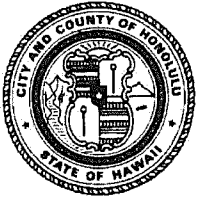
WHEREAS, by Mayor's letter, dated March 25, 2025, the Mayor has appointed Ms. Linda Martell to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Ms. Martell will fill a vacancy and serve a term expiring on December 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed Ms. Martell's qualifications and character and finds that Ms. Martell qualifies to serve on the Commission; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that this body confirms the appointment of Ms. Linda Martell to the Ethics Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2029; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Martell for her willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in city government; and



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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. _____

RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Chair of the Ethics Commission, and Ms. Linda Martell.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

Linda S. Martell

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Employment

- February 2022-
September 2023 **Pro Bono Attorney**-represented an indigent client in a complicated divorce case.
- July 2022-July 2023 **Facilitator**- Part-time independent contractor with the Hawai'i Department of Health on the development of vision and hearing screening program protocol for young children.
- January 2005-
December 2021 **Judge (Per Diem), Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, State of Hawai'i**- Presided over all Family Court calendars, including the following cases: adult criminal domestic violence cases, juvenile criminal cases, child abuse, paternity, custody, divorce, child support, restraining orders, adoptions, guardianships, and involuntary mental health commitments. Presided for an average of two to three days per week. Former back up judge for Zero to Three Court; also have presided over Juvenile Drug Court and Family Drug Court. Dually appointed to Honolulu District Court, January 2011-September 2011. *Retired December 23, 2021*
- 2006-2010 **Punahou School**-Assistant, Punahou Admissions (seasonal/part-time).
- January 2005-
2004 **Project Coordinator, Judicial Pretrial Assistant Program** (now "Child Welfare Mediation Project")-Part time independent contractor to Judiciary Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution. Coordinated project using alternative dispute resolution for HRS Chapter 587 cases. Promoted project, scheduled volunteers, interfaced with lead judge and court personnel, conducted research.
- January 2005-
December 2001 **Custody Evaluator**. Self-employed. Appointed by Hawai'i Family Court judges to conduct custody investigations to assist court in decision making of disputed custody/visitation cases (divorce, post-divorce, paternity). Gathered facts, interviewed parties, children, and others, including professionals, wrote reports, and attended hearings. Traveled to mainland to perform home studies in relocation cases.
- March 2004-
March 2003 **Supervisor, Custody Investigation Unit, Hawai'i Family Court**- Full-time position. Planned and developed the custody evaluation unit for the First Judicial Circuit. Supervised a staff of three. Assisted in the hiring of staff/permanent supervisor and the training of the position. Trained staff to conduct custody assessments. Handled public concerns about custody evaluations. Served as liaison with community and Family Law Section, Hawai'i State Bar Association. Planned and presented training conference for custody evaluators (August 2003). Made presentations to the Family Law Section, Hawai'i State Bar Association (June 2003), and Family Court Judges' Symposium (August 2003).
- December 2001-
December 2000 **Project Coordinator, Family Court-Part-time**, independent contractor to the Hawai'i Judiciary under a grant from the Hawai'i Justice Foundation. Coordinated pilot project ("CARE Project") working with Family Court judges and self-represented custody litigants with alternative dispute resolution, referrals to mental health professionals and other programs.

Employment Prior to Law School

- 1984 - 1980 **Department of Education, State of Hawai'i, Speech/Language Pathologist**
Windward District. Multidisciplinary team member and case manager for learning assessments. Conducted speech/language evaluations, hearing screenings, and speech/language therapy for students from preschool-high school. Developed and taught workshops to teachers. Supervised a speech/language assistant.
- 1980 - 1975 **Kapiolani Medical Center, Communication Disorders Clinic, Speech/Language Pathologist.** Multidisciplinary team member for learning assessments (psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, pediatricians)/case manager. Conducted speech/language evaluations (newborns to high schoolers). Interpreted assessment results to parents/teachers. Taught speech/language development to pediatricians/teachers. Conducted speech and language therapy, hearing screenings. Trained pediatric residents in speech/language development. Supervised graduate students in clinical practice.
- 1975 **State of Hawai'i, Department of Health, Crippled Children's Branch. Speech & Language Pathologist.** Now called Children with Special Health Needs Branch. Conducted speech/ language evaluations (preschool to elementary age children), speech/language therapy, and hearing screenings.

Current Community Service

- **Judiciary, State of Hawai'i, Board of [Bar] Examiners-Member,** 1989-present; Grading Committee, 1989-present; Chair, Liaison Committee, 2004-present; Chair, Structural Changes Committee, 1990-present; Member, Rules Committee, 1999-present.
- **Crimestoppers-Board Member,** August 2024-present.
- **Hawaii Housing Development Corporation-Current Vice Chair** (since 1997). Member, Board of Directors, 1993 to present (non-profit developer of affordable rental housing in Honolulu).
- **Liljestrand House-Docent,** 2021-present.
- **Jarrett Middle School Foundation-Board member** 2023-present.
- **Iwakuni Odori Aiko Kai Bon Dance Club-Vice-President** 2017-present, President, 2013-2017, Board Member, 2010-present. Drummer, 2009-present; Singer, 2015-2023.
- **Hawaii Community Foundation-Jeanette Levine Fund Advisory Committee,** 1995-present; Advising grant distributions to needy Jewish seniors.
- **Oahu College Band-percussionist** for alumni/parent pep band, playing at Punahou sporting, alumni events, and community service events. OCB also plays as Kukui High School Alumni Marching Band for community service events and parades. 2012-present.
- **Boston University-Admission Event Volunteer,** 1990-present. Hawai'i Alumni Association President, 1990-1996; Vice President, 1988-1990. Organize and host Summer Send Off for Hawai'i students attending Boston University, 1990-present.
- **Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation--President,** 1997, Vice President, 1995-1996; Member, Board of Directors, 1991-2021; Nominating Committee Chair, 1998-2009, Currently serving on the Grant Distribution Committee, 1993-present.

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
NOMINEE/APPOINTEE FORM

1. Position Nominated to: City Ethics Commission
2. Name: Linda Susan Martell
(First) (Middle) (Last)
3. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes
Are you a resident of the City and County of Honolulu? Yes If yes, how long >20 years
Are you a registered voter in the City and County of Honolulu? Yes
4. Occupation: retired Family Court Per Diem Judge/retired attorney/community volunteer
5. Name and address of employer or firm:
Not applicable
6. Does your employer do any business with the City and County of Honolulu? No
If yes, state the nature of business and approximate dollar amount in the last five years:
7. Do you or does any member of your immediate family hold office or own stock in any firm?
No
8. Does the firm do business with the City and County of Honolulu? No
If yes, provide details including the name(s) of the firm:
9. Do you have any part-time employment, professional activity, or financial interests other than those indicated in the previous question? No
If yes, provide details:
10. Do you foresee any possible conflict between your present work, financial investments, business transactions or any other activity which would be incompatible with the proper discharge of your official duties or hinder you from effectively carrying out the duties for which you have been appointed? No
11. Are any members of your family employed by the City and County of Honolulu or any attached agency? No
If yes, please specify the department and division:
Nothing I am aware of.
12. Are there any incidents in your past that may jeopardize your nomination? No
13. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No If yes, provide details:

14. Education

Boston University, B.S., 1973 (Speech Pathology/Audiology)

University of Hawaii at Manoa, M.S., 1975 (Speech Pathology/Audiology)

University of Hawaii at Manoa, J.D., 1984 (William S. Richardson School of Law)

15. Provide a summary of major work experience for the last ten (10) years. Begin with your present job including military (attach additional sheets if necessary or resume):

I served as a Family Court Per Diem Judge from 2005-2021. In 2022, I represented an indigent client pro bono in a complicated divorce action. From July 2022 to July 2023, I worked as a facilitator/consultant to the Hawai'i Department of Health in (continued)

16. Community activities, etc. (also list any service on any other board or commission Federal, State or County):

1) Liljestrand House, Docent; 2) Jarrett Middle School Foundation, Board Member;

3) Crimestoppers, Board Member; 4) State of Hawaii Judiciary, Board of [Bar]

Examiners, Board Member; 5) Hawaii Housing Development Corporation (continued)

17. Have you ever been a member of a board or commission with the City and County of Honolulu?

Yes ☒

If yes, provide name(s) of board/commission:

Downtown Neighborhood Board, 1991-1996 (Chair 1992-1994)

Crimestoppers, 2024-present

18. Will you be able to commit to the full term of this appointment? Yes ☒

19. Will you be able to commit to meeting dates and times? Yes ☒

20. Are you regularly away from Honolulu? No ☒ If yes, please explain:

21. Are you willing to make a confidential financial disclosure to the city Ethics Commission upon appointment and yearly thereafter? Yes ☒

22. What do you understand to be the prime duties of your county appointment?

As described by the City Ethics Commission website, the prime duties are to advise and make recommendations to city employees, officials, and the public about gifts, conflict of interests, representation before city agencies, political activities, and post-employment restrictions. The Commission also enforces city ethics laws and can impose fines.

The above statements made by me are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.


(Signature)

12/29/2024

(Date)

The above statements made by me are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. *The completed form and any attachment(s) will be posted by the City Clerk and available on the City's DocuShare Website.*

City and County of Honolulu
Nominee/Appointee Form
Continuation Page

Question 15, Page 2, Employment in the last 10 years

their development of vision and hearing screening protocols for young children.

Question 16, Page 2, Community Activities

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Office of the City Clerk
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STATE OF HAWAII

Voter Certificate

I, Glen I. Takahashi, City Clerk of the City & County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii do hereby certify that,

LINDA S. MARTELL

a resident of the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii is a duly registered elector (voter) of

Precinct, 01 Representative District, 21 State of Hawaii

Voter ID No: 1675207 Registration Date: 07/26/2000

Date of Birth

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of Honolulu to be affixed on February 6, 2025.

Signature Block

Signature of Elector

Glen I. Takahashi, City Clerk
City and County of Honolulu
State of Hawaii