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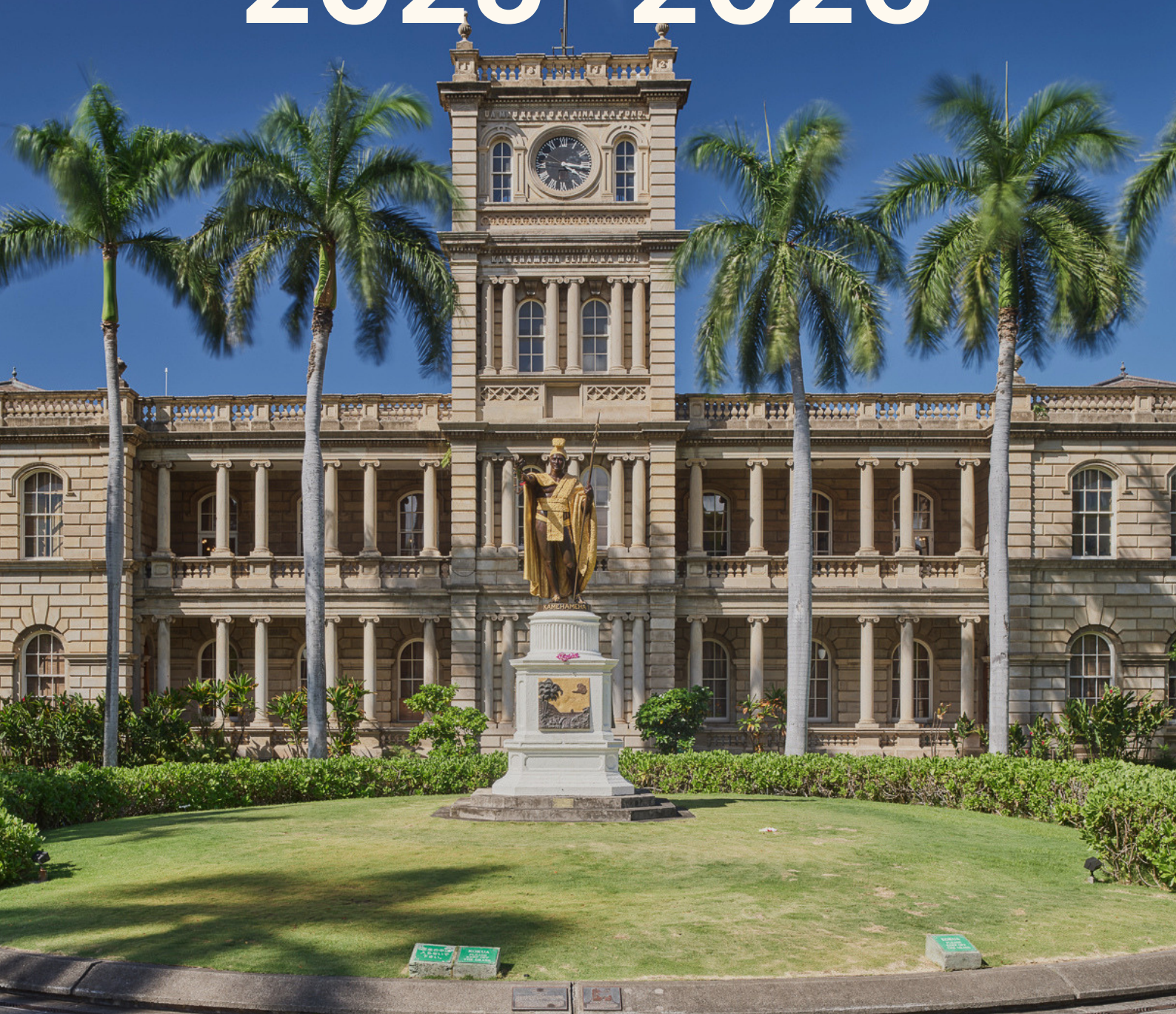


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Five Years and Growing

In its fifth year, the PACE Commission has continued to develop new civics projects and expand support for existing programs, aiming to fulfill the goals outlined in Rule 23. The Commission has strengthened its partnerships with other organizations such as the American Judicature Society (AJS), the Department of Education (DOE), the Hawai'i State Bar Association (HSBA), the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawai'i, the Davis Democracy Initiative, the King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center, the Center for Civic Education, the YMCA – Honolulu, and additional groups. Additionally, more attorneys, judges, and community members have contributed to the Commission's efforts or sought collaboration on civics initiatives. The Commission takes pride in its work and the positive influence it has had on thousands of students and community members over the past five years.

Summary of the Commission

In January 2021, the Hawai'i Supreme Court adopted Rule 23 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i, establishing the Commission to Promote and Advance Civic Education (PACE Commission or Commission). According to Rule 23, the purpose of the Commission is to promote and advance civic education for students and citizens across Hawai'i. The Commission's responsibilities include providing leadership, oversight, and initiatives to boost civic education in the community and schools; increasing public knowledge about government; encouraging informed participation in government and democracy in Hawai'i; offering educational resources to the public about the importance of civic education; optimizing resource use through improved collaboration and coordination among organizations promoting civic education; encourage attorneys, judges, government officials, and other public and private leaders in Hawai'i to take leadership roles in expanding civic education; reducing barriers to civic education by developing resources to address language, cultural, and other obstacles; and increasing pro bono contributions from Hawai'i attorneys to civic education.

"To create, implement, and amplify sustainable programs, resources, and practices that improve place-based, constitutionally informed, and culturally sensitive civic education and engagement in Hawai'i schools and communities."



Commissioners



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Commissioners

Papa Komikina

Commissioners are appointed by the following appointing authorities: the Chief Justice of the Hawai'i Supreme Court, the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Superintendent of the DOE, the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawai'i, the President of the University of Hawai'i, the Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law, the Hawai'i State Bar Association, the Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools, and two members chosen by the other appointed members.

Name	Appointing Authority
Hon. Lisa M. Ginoza (Chair)	Chief Justice of the Hawai'i Supreme Court
Rep. Amy A. Perruso (Vice-Chair)	Speaker of the Hawai'i House of Representatives
Matt M. Mattice	Chief Justice of the Hawai'i Supreme Court
David D. Day, Esq.	Governor of the State of Hawai'i
Sen. Dru M. Kanuha	President of the Hawai'i Senate
Ku'u'leianuhea Aw-Chun	Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Rosanna Fukuda, MA.Ed.	Superintendent of the Hawai'i Department of Education
Hon. Wes Porter	Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawai'i
Debora Halbert, Ph.D.	President of the University of Hawai'i
Troy J. H. Andrade, Ph.D.	Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law
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Colin Moore, Ph.D.	PACE Commission



Keahe Davis serves as Program Specialist for the PACE Commission, providing staff support to the 14-member body and coordinating the Commission's programs and partnerships across the state.

PACE Committees

Nā Kōmike

The Commission does much of its work through two committees. The Committee on Civic Education in Schools focuses on school-related projects. The Civic Engagement Committee works to create and coordinate civics initiatives more broadly to include the community as well as students. These committees have their own regular meetings, separate from the Commission's meetings.



Civic Education

Ho'ona'auao Kīwila

Civic Engagement

Komo Hana Kīwila



The Commission would like to express its gratitude to those who consistently participate in our meetings and provide valuable input and service. We would like to recognize Iokepa Command from the Office of Senator Dru Kanuha, Yvonne Yoro from the Office of Representative Amy Perruso, and Alicia Fung, Esq., who prepares the minutes for each Commission meeting. Additionally, we extend our thanks to Nadine Grace who provides administrative support to the Commission.

Civic Education Committee

Empowering Students

Ho'ona'auao Kīwila



- Develop Fundamental Knowledge
- Foster Critical Thinking
- Build Communication Skills

- Promote Civic Participation
- Instill Civic Responsibility



Civic Education Committee

Ho‘ona‘auao Kīwila

The Civic Education Committee convenes monthly to create resources and engagement opportunities that empower both students and educators to comprehend and actively engage with our civic institutions, while collaboratively addressing community challenges. The Committee on Civic Education aims to achieve this through the following initiatives:

- Evaluating current civic education practices and identifying the needs of educators.
- Fostering opportunities for students to engage in civic activities.
- Developing professional development programs that enhance educators' capacity to teach civic skills and values.

The committee is co-chaired by Prof. Colin Moore and Rosanna Fukuda. Its membership consists of:

Ku‘uleianuheia Awo-Chun	Debora Halbert	Ethan Porter
David Ball	Senantor Dru Mamo Kanuha	Judge Wes Porter
Iokepa Comman	Matt Mattice	Michael Press
Keahe Davis	Colin Moore	Pamela Sakamoto
David Day	Ruth Oh	Aiko Yamashiro
Deanna D’Olier	Rep. Amy Perruso	
Rosanna Fukuda	Manuwai Peters	

This year, the Civic Education Committee has concentrated on the following initiatives:

Hawai‘i
Schools of
Democracy

America
250
Calendar
Contest

American History
and Civics
Education
National Grant
Activities

Resources for
Hawai‘i's
Classrooms

Hawai'i Schools of Democracy



'Ewa Makai Middle School and Waialua High and Intermediate school celebrarte Schools of Democracy designation

The Hawai'i Schools of Democracy (HiSoD) program recognizes schools that demonstrate a strong and sustained commitment to preparing students for college, career, and civic life. In September 2025, Justice Ginoza, along with PACE Commissioners Representative Amy Perruso and Rosanna Fukuda, attended a meeting in Chicago, hosted by Mary Ellen Daneels, Director of the Illinois Democracy Schools Network and Illinois Civics Hub.

For 2025–2026, the program expanded to the middle school level for the first time. On January 27, 2026, 'Ewa Makai Middle School and Waialua High & Intermediate School were celebrated as the state's first middle school level Hawai'i Schools of Democracy. Recognition ceremonies were held on each campus, attended by area lawmakers, Hawai'i State Board of Education members, Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE) leadership, school administrators, teachers, and students.

American History and Civics Education National Activities Grant



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MĀNOA

In October 2025, Commissioners Deborah Halbert and Colin Moore learned that their proposal for a grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the University of Hawai'i was favorably reviewed. The University was awarded a \$1.8 million grant to support programs that promote instruction, learning strategies, and professional development in American history, civics, and geography. UH was one of several institutions of higher learning awarded grants under this program. PACE supported the grant application.

America 250 Calendar Contest

AMERICA 250: *Our History, Our Voice*



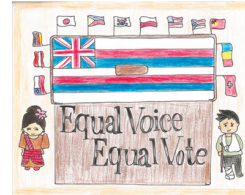
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Maunawili Elementary School Grade 3



Amadea Roos
Pukalani Elementary School Grade 5



Archer Rickardsson
Enchanted Lake Elementary School Grade 5



Brianna Lexie Viola
Moanalua Middle School Grade 8



Ellen Pimentel
Ka'ū High & Pāhala Elementary School Grade 9



Jahan Bimbo
Kailua Intermediate School Grade 8



Jaiden Samuel Villena
'Ewa Makai Middle School Grade 7



Jayceline Barangay
Wa'ianae Intermediate School Grade 7



Lily Weng
Millilani High School Grade 10



Mia Matsuura
Henry J. Kaiser High School Grade 10



Niema Leilua
Millilani High School Grade 12



Kā'eua Kahalewai
Millilani 'Ike Elementary School Grade 5

HSBA
Hawaii State Bar Association
This project was made possible through
a partnership with the Hawai'i State Bar Association
Civic Education Committee

Hawai'i State Department of Education
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On February 19, 2026, twelve students from across the state were honored at the virtual awards ceremony for the 2026 America 250: Our History, Our Voice Calendar Contest. The contest invited K–12 students to engage with U.S. history and civic themes as the nation approaches its 250th anniversary.

Each winning student received a recognition certificate, a copy of the published calendar and a \$25 gift card contributed by the PACE Commission.

The contest was a collaboration between the PACE Commission, the Civic Education Committee of the Hawai'i State Bar Association, and the Hawai'i State Department of Education's Social Studies Program.

Civic Education Resources for Hawai'i's Classrooms

Elementary (K-5)

Project-based learning experiences that build civic knowledge and skills

Grade K

A Classroom Constitution

Students learn about rules, fairness, and democracy by creating their own classroom constitution. This hands-on project introduces young learners to civic concepts through familiar classroom experiences.

● 3-4 days ● Ready to use

Social Studies ELA

View Full Lesson

Grade 1

Community Treasure Map

Students explore their local community by creating treasure maps that highlight important places, people, and services. This project connects geography skills with civic awareness.

● 4-5 days ● Ready to use

Social Studies Geography

View Full Lesson

Grade 2

Community Leaders Showcase

Students research and create exhibits about community leaders and helpers. This project develops research skills while teaching students about civic roles and responsibilities.

● 5 days ● Ready to use

Social Studies Research

View Full Lesson

Grade 3

Rights and Responsibilities

Students become "super citizens" as they learn about civic virtues, rights, and responsibilities through engaging activities. This unit makes citizenship concepts accessible and fun.

● 4-5 days ● Ready to use

Social Studies Character Ed

View Full Lesson

Grade 4

Ancient Hawaiian Rules: Protecting Land and People

Students explore ancient Hawaiian governance systems and environmental stewardship practices. This culturally-grounded unit connects Hawaiian values with modern civic concepts.

● 5-6 days ● Ready to use

Social Studies Hawaiian Culture

View Full Lesson

Grade 5

Our Rights, Our Future

Students examine the Bill of Rights and explore how constitutional protections apply to their daily lives. This unit connects historical documents with contemporary civic issues.

● 5 days ● Ready to use

Social Studies US Government

View Full Lesson

Elementary-level educational materials from the PACE website.

In December 2025, the PACE Commission expanded its support for civic learning by publishing a collection of free lesson plans on the PACE website, making them available to public and private K-12 educators across the state. Developed in partnership with the **American Judicature Society**, these resources were created by Hawai'i-based teachers who bring direct classroom experience to each lesson — ensuring the materials are practical, grounded in local context, and ready to use. All lessons are aligned to Hawai'i Department of Education Core Standards, making them easy to integrate into existing curricula.

The lesson plans cover essential civics topics tailored to specific grade levels, from the foundations of democratic participation to the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. By equipping teachers with practitioner-developed, standards-aligned resources, the Commission continues to advance its mission of strengthening civic knowledge and engagement throughout our kaiāulu. Educators are encouraged to explore, adapt, and build upon these materials as part of their ongoing civic education efforts.

Komo Hana Kīwila

- Advocating for the Common Good
- Promoting Transparency and Shared Accountability



Civic Engagement Committee

Komo Hana Kīwila

The Common Good, in Action

The Civic Engagement Committee convenes monthly, dedicating its efforts to planning and executing various program ideas while fostering collaboration with other community stakeholders. This Committee is co-chaired by Troy Andrade and Steven Uejio. The membership includes:

Troy Andrade
Lynda Arakawa
David Ball
Keahe Davis
David Day
Linda Lee Farm
Kaliko D. Fernandes
Justice Lisa Ginoza

Tommy Grant
Donna Kalama
Nathan Kam
Patricia Kickland
Judge Sonja McCullen
Judge Gregory Meyers
Robert Nakatsuji
Ruth Oh

Judge Wes Porter
Jane Robinson
Pamela Sakamoto
Jenny Silbiger
Judge Betsy Strance
Steven Uejio

This year, the Civic Engagement Committee has concentrated on the following initiatives:

Constitution &
Citizenship Day

YMCA Model
Youth Legislature

PACE Website

Library
Partnership

Kaua'i Law &
Justice Academy

Street Law
Program

Civic Learning
Week

Governor Green Proclaims Constitution and Citizenship Day

On September 16, 2025, the Hawai'i State Judiciary, together with the PACE Commission, proudly recognized Governor Josh Green's proclamation of September 17, 2025, as Constitution and Citizenship Day in Hawai'i. This special day commemorates the signing of the United States Constitution in 1787 and highlights the enduring importance of constitutional governance throughout Hawai'i's history. As stated in the Governor's proclamation, Constitution and Citizenship Day offers a unique opportunity for everyone in Hawai'i to reflect on our shared commitment to democratic values, civic participation, and the protection of individual rights. The Judiciary and PACE Commission encouraged schools statewide to mark Constitution and Citizenship Day with special lessons, events, and programs that foster civic engagement and celebrate our constitutional heritage.

Kaua'i Law & Justice Academy



Students of the Kaua'i Law & Justice Academy with PACE Commissioners and volunteers.

From October 7 to 9, 2025, sixteen high school students from across Kaua'i gathered at Pu'uhoonua Kaulike, the Kaua'i courthouse, to take part in the Kaua'i Law and Justice Academy. The intensive, hands-on program was designed to build understanding of the legal system, sharpen advocacy and analytical skills, and inspire civic participation. The Academy was hosted by the PACE Commission in partnership with the Hawai'i State Judiciary, the United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i, the Hawai'i Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, the William S. Richardson School of Law, and the Kaua'i Bar Association.

Students from Kapa'a High School, Kaua'i High School, Waimea High School, Hawai'i Technology Academy, Island School, and Kamehameha Schools Kapālama participated. Like the earlier academies on Maui and Hawai'i Island, the Kaua'i program emphasized the PACE Commission's mission to create place-based, culturally informed civic education opportunities throughout the islands. At the heart of the program was a mock trial exercise—a cornerstone of every Law and Justice Academy. Students were introduced to courtroom roles and procedures, learned how to analyze a case file, and formed theories and arguments for trial. The program culminated in a mock trial held in the Līhu'e courthouse, with students presenting their cases before volunteer judges from the Fifth Circuit.

Key organizers included Donna Kalama, Cissy Farm, Steven Uejio, Prof. Andrade, U.S. Magistrate Wes Porter, and Keahe Davis. U.S. District Court Judge Micah Smith, Hawai'i Supreme Court Justice Lisa Ginoza, and Intermediate Court of Appeals Judge Sonja McCullen were among the contributors who made presentations and supported the students.

YMCA Youth & Government Model Youth Legislature



Model Youth Legislature students meet with former Governor Neil Abercrombie.

The YMCA of Honolulu's Model Youth Legislature gave O'ahu high school students a hands-on look at how laws are made — and how they can be part of that process. The 2026 program ran from March through April, welcoming aspiring student leaders in grades 9–12 at the Nu'uuanu YMCA regardless of prior civics experience.

Over four workshops, participants worked through the building blocks of the legislative process: a civics foundation session on March 21, media literacy on April 4, and debate skills on April 18, before coming together for a student-led Legislature on April 25. Students drafted, debated, and voted on bills at the State

Capitol while also preparing for different aspects of serving as delegates, including interviews and campaign speeches during student elections. This led to the election of a Youth Governor who will represent Hawai'i at the YMCA National Youth Governors Conference in Washington, D.C.

The program builds real skills — public speaking, critical thinking, and the kind of civic confidence that doesn't come from a textbook. It also connects students with peers from across the state and with mentors who work in law, government, and public service.

Commissioner David Day helped organize PACE's participation in the program. The final program event on April 25 was attended by PACE Chair Justice Lisa M. Ginoza and Vice Chair Representative Amy Perruso, underscoring the Commission's commitment to supporting meaningful civic learning opportunities for Hawai'i's young people.

Street Law Program



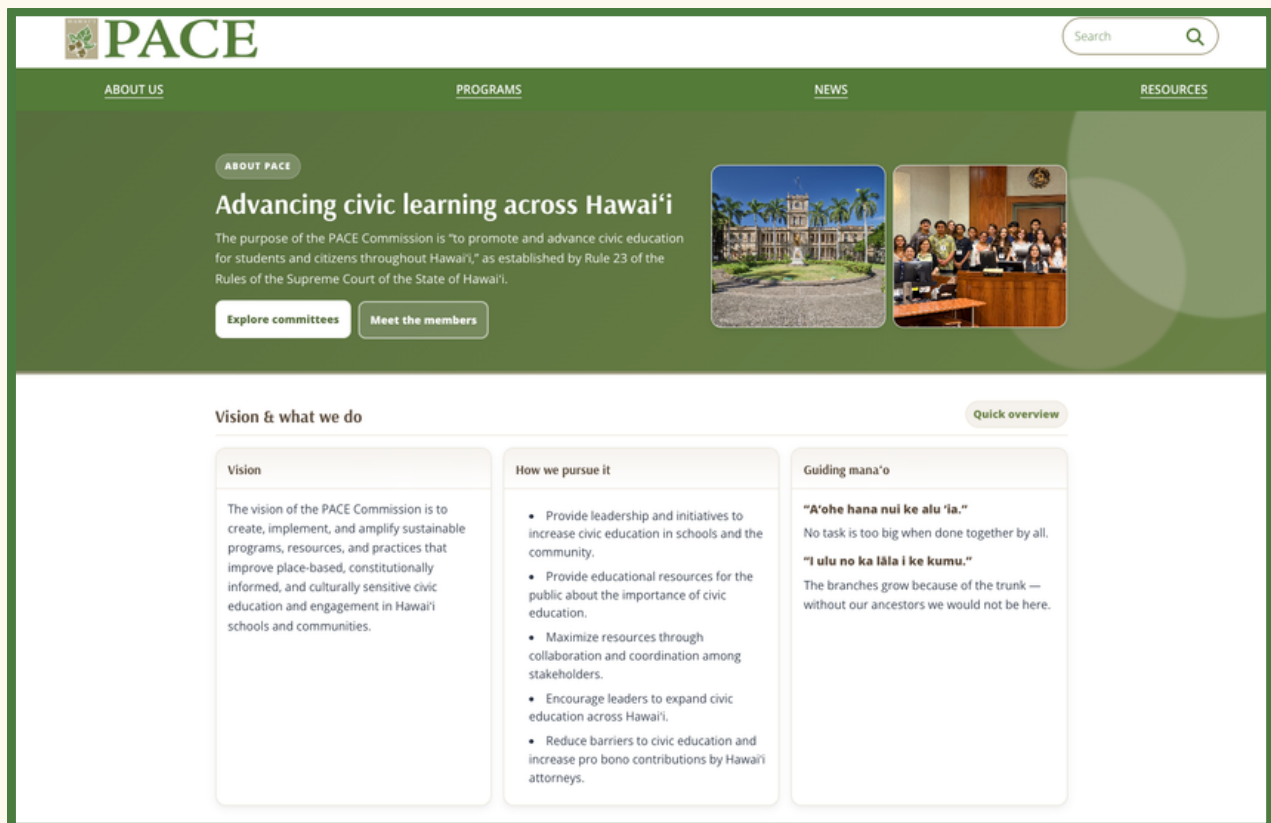
Enjoying the Street Law event, from left to right, Vonn Ramos, Executive Director, Hale 'Ōpio, Ati Waldman, Senior Education and Training Specialist at Street Law, Justice Lisa M. Ginoza, Judge Gregory Meyers, and Bianca Rizzio, Program Coordinator at Street Law.

On February 19, 2026, the PACE Commission joined as a sponsoring organization for Real-World Readiness: Street Law, Inc.'s Legal Life Skills Workshop, hosted by the 5th Circuit Court on Kaua'i and organized by Judge Gregory Meyers. The day-and-a-half training brought together youth-serving staff, educators, mentors, and community program leaders from across Hawai'i to build capacity for delivering practical legal and financial literacy education to Hawai'i's young people.

Participants were equipped with Street Law, Inc.'s learner-centered curriculum and hands-on facilitation strategies covering four core areas: housing and employment law, financial literacy, personal and public safety, and the court system and civic engagement.

The workshop reflects the kind of community-rooted civic education the PACE Commission actively seeks to support. By empowering local practitioners to bring these lessons directly into their programs and classrooms, the training extends the reach of law-related education beyond formal school settings — meeting youth where they are and equipping them with the real-world knowledge and confidence to advocate for themselves and participate meaningfully in civic life.

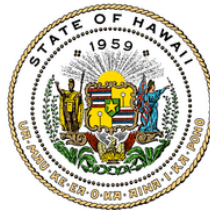
The PACE Website



In 2023, the Committee assumed responsibility for developing the Commission's website. In conjunction with Nathan Kam and his extraordinary team of web designers and technology experts at FINN Partners/Anthology Marketing Group, the Committee continued to develop the website's content and design to serve as a hub for the Commission's work and public outreach. The website launched in 2024 and is being updated by partners at the Judiciary. In June 2025, the Hawai'i State Judiciary and PACE Commission recognized Anthology/FINN Partners with a Certificate of Recognition for their work in creating the PACE Commission logo and website. From June of 2025 through June of 2026, the site was viewed by users more than 10,000 times.

Governor Green Proclaims Civic Learning Week in Hawai'i

Governor Josh Green proclaimed March 9–13, 2026, as Civic Learning Week in Hawai'i. The week celebrated the importance of civic education and active participation in democratic life. The PACE Commission collaborated with partner organizations to support activities and programs recognizing Civic Learning Week across the state.



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Aloha Spirit, as enshrined in our state law, calls upon us to embody akahai (kindness), lōkahi (unity), 'olu'olu (agreeableness), ha'aha'a (humility) and ahonui (patience), values that form the foundation of meaningful civic engagement and collective action in our island communities; and

WHEREAS, civic learning is not merely the study of government structures and processes, but the cultivation of skills, knowledge and dispositions that enable us to work together across differences toward the common good; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's history teaches us that governance rooted in community wellbeing and mutual responsibility depends on each generation learning anew how to participate thoughtfully and effectively in shaping our shared future; and

WHEREAS, our island home, where diverse peoples and cultures come together in the spirit of 'ohana, demonstrates daily that democracy thrives when we listen deeply to one another, honor multiple perspectives and commit ourselves to decisions that benefit the collective, rather than the individual; and

WHEREAS, educators across our state engage in the essential work of nurturing young people's sense of belonging, agency and responsibility within their communities, helping them understand that civic participation extends far beyond voting to include community service, collaborative problem-solving and the daily practice of respectful dialogue; and

WHEREAS, as we approach the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we are called to reflect not only on the ideals of self-governance but on our ongoing responsibility to ensure that all voices in our communities are heard, valued and empowered to contribute to our collective wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, civic learning strengthens the bonds within our state by teaching us to see ourselves not as isolated individuals but as interconnected members of a larger whole, each with unique gifts to offer and a shared stake in Hawai'i's future; and

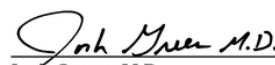
WHEREAS, the challenges facing our state and nation require engaged, informed residents who can work collaboratively across lines of difference to seek solutions that serve the common good.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Green, M.D., Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 9-13, 2026, to be

"CIVIC LEARNING WEEK"

in Hawai'i and call upon all residents of the Aloha State to recognize that civic learning is not confined to classrooms, and to renew our commitment to carrying forward civic ideals and the aloha spirit that makes Hawai'i truly special.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this third day of March 2026.


Josh Green, M.D.
 Governor, State of Hawai'i

Laws Make a Difference, and So Can You" Comes to Kaua'i



Law Librarian Jenny Silbiger, acting as moderator with panelists Mason Chock, Judge Kathleen N.A. Watanabe (Ret.) and Hawai'i Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald (Ret.)

On May 5, 2026, the PACE Commission and the Hawai'i Library Association brought the "Laws Make a Difference, and So Can You" speaking series to Kaua'i Community College. The forum, held in the KCC Library, drew community members for a candid panel discussion on civic participation and the ways individuals shape their communities through civic life.

Panelists included former Hawai'i Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald, former Circuit Court Judge Kathleen N.A. Watanabe, and former Kaua'i County Council member Mason Chock. Questions were submitted by KCC students and moderated by state law librarian Jenny Silbiger — a format that centered student voice and made the conversation feel immediate and community-rooted.

The Kaua'i event was the second in the series, which launched in 2025 with a forum at the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu. Originally scheduled during Civic Learning Week (March 9–13), the event was postponed due to inclement weather. The event was recorded and broadcast on Hō'ike TV and is available on Hō'ike's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@hoikekctv>.

Commission Meetings

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Commission Meetings

Hui pū e ho'ololi i ka pono

With the exception of September 2025, the Commission met every month between May 2025 and May 2026. The Commission typically meets via Zoom on the third Tuesday of the month. Over the past year, the Commission held meetings on the following dates:

June 17, 2025	November 18, 2025	March 17, 2026
July 15, 2025	December 16, 2025	April 21, 2026
August 19, 2025	January 20, 2026	May 19, 2026
October 21, 2025	February 17, 2026	



June 17, 2025

Held in the State of Hawai'i Supreme Court Conference Room, the meeting was attended by commissioners Andrade, Day, Ginoza, Halbert, Kam, Moore, Oh, and Perruso, as well as David Ball, Keahe Davis, Alicia Fung, and Steven Uejio. Chief Justice Recktenwald presented Certificates of Recognition to Anthology/FINN Partners for designing the Commission's logo and website, and to Andrade and Uejio for their leadership in developing the website. The Commission received updates on the 'Ōlelo Video Contest, the Library Partnership, and the Kaua'i Law & Justice Academy. Members also authorized a draft proclamation for Constitution and Citizenship Day on September 17 and discussed a potential social media presence and methods to increase student participation.



July 15, 2025

The meeting was held via Zoom. Members present included Deanna D'Olier, Rosanna Fukuda, Lisa Ginoza, Debora Halbert, Matt Mattice, Colin Moore, Ruth Oh, and Wesley Porter. Also attending were Keahe Davis, Alicia Fung, and Steven Uejio. Committee updates were provided on the Kaua'i Law & Justice Academy, Fall Library Event, and Pocket Constitutions. The Education Committee reported on America 250 plans, Schools of Democracy, and lessons from the AJS collaboration, and uploaded them to the PACE Commission Google Drive. The Commission unanimously approved a letter of support for a U.S. Department of Education grant application. Additional discussions covered the distribution of the 2024–2025 Annual Report, a revised social media proposal, a draft proposal to restructure the Commission into a project-based structure, and an update on Civic Learning Week (March 9–13, 2026).



August 19, 2025

The Commission convened via Zoom video conference with a quorum including Commissioners Rosanna Fukuda, Lisa Ginoza, Amy Perruso, Ku'uleianuhea Awo-Chun, Matt Mattice, Colin Moore, Ruth Oh, Troy Andrade, Nathan Kam, and Wesley Porter. Staff and Keahe Davis, Alicia Fung, and Steven Uejio were also in attendance. Key updates regarding the Kaua'i Law & Justice Academy included approval of the academy's budget and funding for a CookieBot website expense. Due to scheduling overlaps with the Academy, the Fall Library Event at UH-Hilo was moved to spring 2026. The Education Committee provided progress reports on America 250 and on instructional lessons developed through the AJS collaboration, and detailed a transition to a project-focused committee model, including the upcoming Civic Sense event. Furthermore, the Commission unanimously approved a social media policy and framework for PACE that integrates the Aloha statute.



October 21, 2025

The Commission met via Zoom with members Andrade, Day, Fukuda, Ginoza, Porter, Mattice, Oh, and Perruso. The Civic Engagement Committee reviewed the October 7–9 Kaua'i Law & Justice Academy, which hosted 16 students and received positive feedback suggesting the addition of courtroom observations. The Library Program was rescheduled for 2026.

The Education Committee announced a \$1.8 million U.S. Department of Education grant for the University of Hawai'i to support civics and history instruction. New website materials are expected by mid-November.

The Commission accepted a \$15,000 donation from the U.S. District Court and approved \$1,394.76 for 3,000 Constitution bookmarks. Patricia Kickland presented on PACE's potential role in educating about a possible 2028 Constitutional Convention.



November 18, 2025

The meeting, held via Zoom, was attended by Troy Andrade, David Day, Deanna D'Olier, Rosanna Fukuda, Lisa Ginoza, Nathan Kam, Wesley Porter, Matt Mattice, and Ruth Oh.

The Education Committee confirmed the Calendar Contest evaluation is complete, with a student recognition event planned for January. They also announced that civics lessons will be published on the PACE website in December. Keahe Davis proposed restructuring the Education Committee into project-based subcommittees, a matter deferred for a future vote.

Administratively, the Commission unanimously approved a \$324.94 reimbursement for domain costs and decided to utilize a dedicated HostGator account for future registrations.

In new business, Representative Perruso shared updates on AI and media literacy legislation. The Commission was also briefed on an upcoming December presentation to the House Good Government Caucus by Professor Andrade and Justice Ginoza.



December 16, 2025

Convened via Zoom, the meeting included Commissioners Andrade, Day, Ginoza, Oh, D'Olier, Perruso, and Porter. Andy Ball of the YMCA of Honolulu presented the Model Youth Legislature program; the Commission endorsed its goals and appointed Dave Day as its representative for the collaboration. The Civic Engagement Committee announced the "Laws Make a Difference (And So Can You!)" library program for March 12, 2026, at Kaua'i Community College. The Education Committee shared that Civic Sense 2026 is scheduled for March 28, the We the People Competition for February 7, and Calendar Contest certificates are ready. Representative Perruso discussed a revised bill to fund civic education in middle schools, while Justice Ginoza reported positive feedback from the House Good Government Caucus, which had requested information about PACE.



January 20, 2026

Meeting via Zoom, commissioners Andrade, D'Olier, Fukuda, Ginoza, Halbert, Kam, Mattice, Moore, and Perruso celebrated the publication of civic lesson plans on the PACE website, with Grade 7 and 8 materials in development.

The Civic Engagement Committee confirmed panelists for the March 12 Library Program and authorized up to \$2,000 for Judge Meyers' Street Law program on Kaua'i. The Education Committee reported that the We the People Competition is fully organized, Hawai'i Schools of Democracy ceremonies are scheduled for January 27, and nine civic scholars have been appointed.

Finally, the Commission established a Constitutional Literacy 2028 subcommittee for public education on constitutional amendments. Representative Perruso noted the active involvement of Law & Justice Academy alumni in the Keiki Caucus.



February 17, 2026

The Commission met via Zoom with Dave Day, Rosanna Fukuda, Lisa Ginoza, Nathan Kam, Matt Mattice, Colin Moore, Ruth Oh, and Wesley Porter.

Updates included the February 19, 2026, Street Law program on Kaua'i and the virtual Calendar Contest Awards Ceremony. Mililani High School was named Hawai'i's We the People national representative. Plans for Civic Sense 2026 on March 28 were finalized, and the Commission ratified \$960 for the March 12 Library Program at Kaua'i Community College.

Legislatively, members reviewed bills HB 2127, SB 2754, and SB 2827 regarding a middle school Civic Education Grant Program. The Constitutional Literacy 2028 subcommittee held its inaugural meeting, and initial planning began for Law & Justice Academy sessions in Maui or West Hawai'i.



March 17, 2026

Conducted via Zoom, the meeting included commissioners Troy Andrade, Dave Day, Rosanna Fukuda, Matt Mattice, Wesley Porter, and Ruth Oh. The Civic Engagement Committee noted that the March 12 library event at Kaua'i Community College was postponed because of bad weather; the Commission had previously authorized \$570 via email for Hō'ike to record the rescheduled forum. The Street Law program on Kaua'i was reported as a success, and the YMCA Youth & Government program was scheduled to launch on March 21. Additionally, the

ConCon committee was renamed the Constitutional Literacy Working Group, with an expanded mission to educate the public on constitutional amendment processes.

The Education Committee shared that Civic Sense 2026 was canceled for retooling, representatives attended a symposium at Georgetown University, and three civic education bills had stalled in committee. In other business, commissioners reviewed a draft comment on the NAEP Civics Assessment Framework and approved a \$201.05 payment for the PACE website's cookie bot subscription.



April 21, 2026

Presided over by Troy Andrade via Zoom, the meeting focused on several key initiatives. The Civic Engagement Committee reported that the Kaua'i Community College library event was rescheduled to May 5 and that the YMCA Youth & Government program currently has six participants. Planning continues for a Youth ConCon and a cross-branch constitutional literacy program.

The Education Committee noted that America250 webinars narrated by various Justices should be completed by the fall. Superintendent Hayashi will join a national reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 8. Future events include a Law & Justice Academy in Kona and a Courts in the Community program at Punahou School in October 2026, which will also include public school students. A proposal for the Civic Futures event is also under review.

The Commission reviewed a term tracker for appointments ending in 2026 and discussed maintaining inclusive civic discourse. The next meeting is May 19, 2026.



May 19, 2026

The PACE Commission held its meeting via Zoom. Commissioners Troy Andrade, Dave Day, Lisa Ginoza, Debora Halbert, Matt Mattice, Amy Perruso, and Wes Porter were present, along with guests Dave Ball, Iokepa Command, Keahe Davis, Alicia Fung, Ethan Porter, and Steven Uejio.

The Civic Engagement Committee reported on a successful library event at Kaua'i Community College, completion of the YMCA Model Youth Legislature program, and ongoing constitutional literacy resource development — with a working group report expected in July. The Law & Justice Academy at the William S. Richardson School of Law is set to run June 1–5, with Kona anticipated as the fall site. The Education Committee shared progress on America250 programming, including a July 8 reading of the Declaration of Independence with participation from Governor Green and DOE Superintendent Hayashi, and a fall series of webinars featuring Hawai'i Supreme Court Justices Ginoza, McKenna, and Eddins.

Commissioners also discussed Courts in the Community (November 9), the Civic Futures research project, and the Our Kaiaulu Votes initiative's development of a teacher professional development course on the Makawalu model of civics education. The Commission unanimously approved a letter of support for a Center for Civic Education grant proposal.

Speakers Bureau



Speakers Bureau

Ka ho'okomo 'ana i ka lehulehu i ke kūkā kūkā ho'ohui lehulehu

The PACE Commission recognizes and supports the Judiciary History Center Speakers Bureau, which provides a vital civics program. Below is a list of the schools and groups that requested presentations this past year, along with the judges who served as speakers.

Schools & Organizations

ACLU of Hawaii	HPD SIS	Myron B. Thompson Academy
Aina Haina School	Iao Intermediate School	National Defense University
Ala Wai Elementary	International Midpac College	Ngā Puna o Waiōrea Western Springs
August Ahrens Elementary School	Iolani School	Ninth Circuit Opportunity & Equality Committee
Barbers Point Elementary	KA MAKANI KAILI KOA	Oahu Visitors
Ben Parker Elementary School	Ka'a'awa Elementary School	Office of Rep. Julie Reyes Oda
Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii	Ka'imiloa Elementary School	Office of the Governor Constituent Services
Brigham Young University Hawaii	Ka'ohao Elementary School	Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 8TSC
BYU Hawaii	Kaimukī Middle School	Pearl Ridge Elementary
Classical Conversation Honolulu campus	Kaiser High School	Princess Ruth Ke'elikōlani Middle School
East-West Center	Kamiloiki Elementary	Punahou School PUEO
Ewa Beach Elementary School	Kapi'olani Community College	Radford High School
Fern Elementary	Kapi'olani CC (Univ. of the Ryūkyūs)	Red Hill Elementary
Halau Ku Mana PCS	Kekaha Elementary School	Senior Citizen Club/Parks & Recreation
Hale Keiki	King David Kalakaua Middle School	Shafter Elementary School
Harvard Law School	Koko Head Elementary	Solomon Elementary
Hau'ula Elementary	KS Ke'ena Uluwelo	Trinity Christian School
Hawai'i Baptist Academy	Lā'ie Elementary School	UH College of Social Sciences
Hawai'i English Language Program	Law Office SongYul, Korea	Univ. of California, Berkeley School of Law
Hawai'i Mission Houses Historic Site & Archives	Le Jardin Academy	University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Hawai'i Pacific University	Lunalilo Elementary School	Voyager Public Charter School
Hawai'i Technology Academy	Lyman Museum Road Scholar	Wai'anae Elementary School
Hawaiian Mission Academy	Mid-Pacific Institute	Waipahu Intermediate School
Homeschool	Mililani Uka Elementary	WATRRS GROUP
Honowai School	Moanalua Middle	YMCA of Honolulu

Speakers

Brian Wild LC	Judge John Tonaki	Judge Thomas Haia
Justice Sabrina McKenna	Judge Jordon Kimura	Justice Lisa Ginoza
JHC Staff	Judge Keith Hiraoka	Justice Todd Eddins
Judge Alvin Nishimura	Judge Kimberly Guidry	Justice Vladimir Devens
Judge Clarissa Malinao	Judge Melanie May	Kermit Rodriguez LC
Judge Courtney Naso	Judge Michelle Comeau	Laura Yim LC
Judge Fa'auuga To'oto'o	Judge Shirley Kawamura	Matthew McCall
Judge James Ashford	Judge Sonja McCullen	Susan Iverson (Staffing Services)
Judge Jessi Hall	Judge Steven Nichols	Teena Oshiro (Staffing Services)

2026 Legislation



In the 2026 legislative session, the PACE Commission submitted testimony in support of House Bill 2127 and Senate Bill 2754. The Commission appreciates the work of Representative Amy Perruso and Senator Les Ihara and other legislators who introduced the bills. Both bills sought to establish a Civic Education Grant Program and Trust Fund to provide support to public middle and intermediate schools in providing civic education to students through department-approved programming.

PACE Funding Report

The PACE Commission currently has \$21,552.13 in funds which originated from a total of \$45,000 provided by the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawai'i.

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FY2026 Financial Summary

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Description	Amount
Beginning funds as of July 2025	\$16,467.21*
Kaua'i Law & Justice Academy — transportation (Oct. 2025)	(\$1,815.52)
Kaua'i Law & Justice Academy — food (Oct. 2025)	(\$695.18)
Kaua'i Law & Justice Academy — supplies (Oct. 2025)	(\$102.00)
Kaua'i Law & Justice Academy — food, travel, lodging & car rental (Oct. 2025)	(\$1,758.81)
PACE Commission bookmarks (3,000)	(\$1,394.76)
Domain name fees (Friends of the Judiciary History Center)	(\$324.94)
Donation from U.S. District Courts (received Dec. 2025)	\$15,000.00
Website hosting — Cookiebot annual fee (Jan.–Dec. 2025)	(\$192.00)
Hawai'i Schools of Democracy Celebration — refreshments & gift cards (Jan. 2026)	(\$671.53)
Website hosting — Cookiebot subscription (Jan.–Dec. 2026)	(\$201.05)
Street Law Event on Kaua'i	(\$2000.00)
Videography — Laws Make a Difference presentation, Kaua'i Community College	(\$516.23)
Airfare — Kaua'i public forum (May 2026)	(\$243.06)
Funds Remaining as of June 2026	\$21,552.13

Balance as of May 31, 2026 per General Ledger Transactions FYE 06/30/26

*This amount reflects an additional expenditure of \$210 in March 2025 for the sheriff detail at the UH West O'ahu Library event.

Note: The amounts reflected herein represent the actual amounts utilized, which may be less than the Commission's approved amounts.

Fulfillment of Purposes

Rule 23 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i sets forth six purposes to accomplish the goal of promoting and advancing civic education for students and citizens throughout Hawai'i.

Purpose 1

Provide leadership, oversight, and initiatives to increase civic education in the community and at schools, to increase citizens' knowledge about government, and to promote informed participation in government and democracy in Hawai'i.

The Commission continues to lead on important civics-related projects. The Commission worked with the DOE and private schools to have educators respond to the PACE Commission's civics survey. The completed survey provides important data for focusing efforts and resources to improve civic education in Hawai'i. The Commission also supported and celebrated the DOE Hawai'i Schools of Democracy initiative, which in January 2026 recognized 'Ewa Makai Middle School and Waialua High & Intermediate School as the state's first middle-level Schools of Democracy. The PACE Commission planned and executed a Law and Justice Academy in October 2025 in Līhu'e, Kaua'i, organized with Fifth Circuit judges, attorneys, and community members. Like Maui and Hilo, the hope is that the community on Kaua'i will take the academy forward in future years.

Purpose 2

Provide educational resources for the public about the importance of civic education through collaboration with the media, communication campaigns, statewide conferences, recognition awards for those successfully promoting and advancing civic education in Hawai'i, and by other means.

Through the significant efforts of the Committee on Civic Engagement, Commissioner Nathan Kam, and a team of individuals at FINN Partners/Anthology Marketing Group, the PACE Commission maintains its website — www.civicshawaii.org. The site includes information about the Commission, PACE programs, links to other notable civics-related programs, civics-related events, news, links to informative public and government websites, and resources for students and teachers. Governor Green's proclamation of September 17, 2025, as Constitution and Citizenship Day, and March 9–13, 2026, as Civic Learning Week, provided statewide opportunities to raise public awareness of civic education. The Commission co-sponsored and supported the America 250 Calendar Contest for students across the state, with winning entries published in a 2026 calendar. The Commission also held its second "Laws Make a Difference and So Can You" event, this time on Kaua'i, with the event broadcast on Hō'ike TV and available on YouTube.

Purpose 3

Maximize the efficient use of available resources by improving collaboration and coordination among various entities seeking to promote and advance civic education in Hawai'i.

The Commission has made long-term connections and is collaborating with multiple groups involved in promoting civics. Several PACE Commissioners participate with CivxNow, a national coalition of civic education groups. The Commission formally joined the CivxNow Coalition last year. The Commission also collaborated with the America 250 Hawai'i Commission on programs commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The Commission supports events for Hawai'i Girls State, and the Civic Education Committee for the Hawai'i Chapter of the Federal Bar Association continues to explore projects with the Commission. This past year the Commission joined forces with the YMCA to support its civics projects.

Purpose 4

Encourage attorneys, judges, government officials, and other public and private leaders in Hawai'i to take leadership roles in expanding civic education in Hawai'i.

Attorneys, judges, government officials, and other community leaders were deeply involved with the Kaua'i Law and Justice Academy. Numerous judges participate in the Judiciary History Center Speakers Bureau. The Commission also continues to collaborate with the Hawai'i State Bar Association, the Davis Democracy Initiative, and the Hawai'i Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. It encourages the DOE to expand civics in schools as well.

Purpose 5

Reduce barriers to civic education by developing resources to overcome language, cultural, and other barriers.

The Commission continues to look for ways to reach underserved communities. This was part of the reason the Law and Justice Academy has been held in Maui, Hawai'i Island (Hilo), and Kaua'i. The PACE website provides readily available resources for students and educators, including civic education resource materials developed through the AJS/PACE project. The Education Specialists working on that project were successful in creating materials relevant to Hawai'i students and mindful of important cultural traditions and issues in our state.

Purpose 6

Increase pro bono contributions by Hawai'i attorneys to civic education through such things as recruitment campaigns, increased involvement by the judiciary, and increased recognition for contributors.

Hawai'i attorneys and judges have been active in all facets of the Commission's work. Given ongoing collaborations with the Hawai'i State Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association, more attorneys will directly support PACE Commission projects in the future. The Commission will continue to explore ways to increase participation.

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Rule 23 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Hawai'i

Rule 23. Commission to Promote and Advance Civic Education

(a) Creation. There shall be a commission to be known as the Commission to Promote and Advance Civic Education ("PACE Commission").

(b) Purpose. The purpose of the PACE Commission shall be to promote and advance civic education for students and citizens throughout Hawai'i. The PACE Commission shall, along with such other actions it deems appropriate, endeavor to:

(1) Provide leadership, oversight, and initiatives to increase civic education in the community and at schools, to increase citizens' knowledge about government, and to promote informed participation in government and democracy in Hawai'i.

(2) Provide educational resources for the public about the importance of civic education through collaboration with the media, communication campaigns, statewide conferences, recognition awards for those successfully promoting and advancing civic education in Hawai'i, and by other means.

(3) Maximize the efficient use of available resources by improving collaboration and coordination among various entities seeking to promote and advance civic education in Hawai'i.

(4) Encourage attorneys, judges, government officials, and other public and private leaders in Hawai'i to take leadership roles in expanding civic education in Hawai'i.

(5) Reduce barriers to civic education by developing resources to overcome language, cultural, and other barriers.

(6) Increase pro bono contributions by Hawai'i attorneys to civic education through such things as recruitment campaigns, increased involvement by the judiciary, and increased recognition for contributors.

(c) Membership.

(1) NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND TERMS OF OFFICE. The PACE Commission shall consist of no more than 14 members. Each member may serve 1 or more, but no more than 3 consecutive, 3-year terms, except that a member may continue to serve following the end of the member's last term, until the member's successor is duly appointed. The appointing authority (except with respect to PACE Commission members appointed under provision (c)(2)(xii) of this Rule), may, in its sole discretion, appoint a successor to a member, during the term of such member, with the new appointment to take effect 30 days after the appointing authority has provided notice in writing to the PACE Commission of such appointment.

(2) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS. Members of the PACE Commission shall be appointed as follows:

(i) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be entitled to appoint 2 members to the PACE Commission, including a current or retired judge and a representative of the King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center.

(ii) The Governor of Hawai'i shall be entitled to appoint 1 member from the Executive branch.

(iii) The President of the Senate shall be entitled to appoint 1 member from the state Senate.

(iv) The Speaker of the Hawai'i House of Representatives shall be entitled to appoint 1 member from the state House of Representatives.

(v) The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) shall be entitled to appoint 1 member from OHA.

(vi) The Superintendent of the Department of Education shall be entitled to appoint 1 member from the Department of Education.

(vii) The Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i shall be entitled to appoint 1 member whom shall be a current or retired U.S. District Judge, Magistrate Judge, Bankruptcy Judge, or Circuit Judge.

(viii) The President of the University of Hawai'i shall be entitled to appoint 1 member who shall be a faculty member at the University of Hawai'i who has a background or expertise in civic education.

(ix) The Dean of the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law shall be entitled to appoint 1 member from the faculty or staff at the Law School.

(x) The Hawai'i State Bar Association (HSBA) shall be entitled to appoint 1 member who shall be an HSBA member with a demonstrated interest and familiarity with civic education.

(xi) The Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools (HAIS) shall be entitled to appoint 1 member from HAIS.

(xii) Members of the PACE Commission appointed as set forth above shall have the discretion, by a vote of the majority, to appoint up to 2 additional members to the commission. Any such appointee shall have a background or expertise in communications, public media, broadcasting, journalism, business, education, or non-profit organizations.

(3) **COMMUNITY-WIDE REPRESENTATION.** In making appointments, the appointing authorities shall take into account the effect of their appointments on achieving a PACE Commission composed of members who are residents of different islands in Hawai'i and who reflect the diverse ethnic, ancestral, economic, urban, and rural communities in the Hawaiian Islands.

(4) **VACANCIES.** A vacancy in the office of a member shall occur upon

- (i) the written resignation, death, or permanent incapacity of such member;
- (ii) the determination by the applicable appointing authority that there has been a termination of a position held by such member that was the basis of such member's appointment to the PACE Commission and that the appointing authority wishes to replace such member with a new appointee; or
- (iii) for such other cause as shall be specified in the bylaws, rules, or written procedures of the PACE Commission. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy, the appropriate appointing authority shall appoint a successor member to serve the remainder of the term of the vacating member.

(d) **Officers.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall designate from among the members of the PACE Commission a chair and a vice chair. The chair shall serve an initial term of 1 year and thereafter shall be designated at such times as the Chief Justice shall determine. The vice chair shall be designated for a term of 2 years, provided that such term shall expire at any earlier date when the term of the vice chair as a member of the PACE Commission shall expire or be terminated. The PACE Commission shall select such other officers as it deems useful. Terms of all officers shall run on a calendar year basis, except that an officer shall continue in office until the officer's successor is duly designated or selected.

(e) **Bylaws, Rules, and Procedures.** The PACE Commission may adopt bylaws, rules, or operational procedures as it deems necessary.

(f) **Committees and Task Forces.** The PACE Commission may create such committees and task forces, and appoint such committee and task force members, as it deems desirable to facilitate the work of the PACE Commission. The PACE Commission shall designate a chair of the committee or task force. The PACE Commission may appoint to the committee or task force persons who are not members of the PACE Commission. The role of committees and task forces shall be advisory, and they shall make such recommendations to the PACE Commission as the members of such committees and task forces deem appropriate.

(g) **Meetings, Quorum, and Voting.** The PACE Commission shall meet at least quarterly and shall have additional meetings at the call of the chair or at least 5 commission

members. A quorum consisting of not less than one-third of the members of the PACE Commission then in office shall be necessary to transact business and make decisions at a meeting of the PACE Commission. On any votes taken at a meeting of the PACE Commission, the chair shall vote only in the event of a tie.

(h) Staff and Funding Support. While it is anticipated that the Commission will remain an all-volunteer organization with minimal administrative overhead, staff and funding support for the PACE Commission may be provided by a combination of private and public sources of financial and in-kind support.

(i) Recommendations. Any recommendations by the PACE Commission shall be made in the name of the PACE Commission only, and not in the name of the individual members or of the institutions or entities from which the members were drawn.

(j) Reports and Review.

(1) ANNUAL REPORTS. The PACE Commission shall submit to the Supreme Court an annual report describing its activities during the prior 12-month period.

(2) THREE-YEAR REVIEW. Three years after the PACE Commission holds its first meeting, the Supreme Court shall evaluate the progress made by the PACE Commission toward the goal of promoting and advancing civic education for citizens and students throughout Hawai'i.

Haw. R. Sup. Ct. Rule 23 (2021) (West).

COMMISSION TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE CIVIC EDUCATION

AGENDA (June 17, 2025 Meeting)

- I. Chief Justice Presentation - Certificates of Recognition
- II. Minutes from the May 20, 2025 meeting
- III. Committee Updates
 - A. Civic Engagement Committee
 - B. Education Committee
- IV. Program Specialist Projects
 - A. Annual Report
 - B. Student Extern Update
 - C. Governor's Proclamation for Constitution Day
 - D. Proposal on Social Media for PACE
- V. Student Voice Initiative
- VI. Next Meeting
 - A. Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at noon (Zoom)

COMMISSION TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE CIVIC EDUCATION

AGENDA (July 15, 2025 Meeting)

- I. Minutes from the June 17, 2025 meeting
- II. Committee Updates
 - A. Civic Engagement Committee
 - 1. 'Ōlelo Youth XChange Videos to be posted
 - 2. Idea for America250 video category
 - 3. Kaua'i Law Justice Academy
 - a) Draft Budget
 - 4. Fall Library Event
 - 5. Pocket Constitutions
 - B. Education Committee
 - 1. America250 State Commission
 - a) America250 Tentpole Programs
 - 2. Lessons from AJS Collaboration
 - 3. FY 2025 American History and Civics Education National Activities-Seminars
- III. Program Specialist Projects
 - A. Google Site for Internal PACE Commission Information
 - B. Annual Report distribution
 - C. Revised proposal on Social Media
 - D. Draft Proposal for Restructuring
 - E. Civic Sense 2.0
 - F. Civic Learning Week (March 9-13, 2026)
- IV. Next Meeting
 - A. Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at noon (Zoom)

COMMISSION TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE CIVIC EDUCATION

AGENDA

(August 19, 2025 Meeting)

- I. Minutes from the July 15, 2025 meeting
- II. Committee Updates
 - A. Civic Engagement Committee
 - 1. Cookie-Bot Invoice from Anthology \$192 (yearly)
 - a) What is Cookie-Bot
 - 2. Kaua'i Law & Justice Academy Budget
 - B. Education Committee
 - 1. America250 State Commission
 - a) America250 Tentpole Programs
 - 2. Education Materials from AJS Collaboration
 - 3. FY 2025 American History and Civics Education National Activities-Seminars
 - 4. Civic Sense 2.0
- III. Program Specialist Projects
 - A. Task Team on AI and Civic Education (EDSAFE and iCivics)
 - B. National Advisory Council for the Center for Civic Education
 - C. Civic Learning Week (March 9-13, 2026)
 - D. Revised proposal on Social Media
 - 1. Proposed Official Social Media Policy
 - E. Draft Proposal for Restructuring
- IV. New Business
 - A. Naturalization Ceremony at Punahou
 - B. We Hold These Truths
 - C. Well Versed Music Videos
 - D. Teaching Civics in a Hot-Button Age
- V. Next Meeting
 - A. Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at noon (Zoom)

COMMISSION TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE CIVIC EDUCATION

AGENDA (October 21, 2025 Meeting)

- I. Minutes from the August 19, 2025 meeting
- II. Committee Updates
 - A. Civic Engagement Committee
 - 1. Kaua'i Law & Justice Academy
 - a) College application and financial aid resources for students
 - 2. Library Program for 2026
 - B. Education Committee
 - 1. Civic Sense 2026
 - 2. America250 State Commission
 - a) Calendar Contest
 - 3. Calendar Contest
 - 4. Civic Futures
 - 5. Update on Website Lessons
- III. Program Specialist Projects
 - A. Draft Proposal for Restructuring
 - B. Civic Learning Week (March 9-13, 2026)
 - C. Law Day 2026 - The Rule of Law and the American Dream
- IV. New Business
 - A. New Funding from U.S. District Court
 - B. Ordering additional bookmarks
 - 1. Quote
 - C. Proposed ConCon 2028 Project
- V. Next Meeting
 - A. Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at noon (Zoom)

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AGENDA

(November 18, 2025 Meeting)

- I. Minutes from the October 21, 2025 meeting
- II. Committee Updates
 - A. Civic Engagement Committee
 - 1. Library Program for 2026
 - 2. Schedule for Academies, Courts in the Community
 - B. Education Committee
 - 1. Civic Sense 2026
 - 2. America250 State Commission
 - a) Calendar Contest
 - 3. Civic Futures
 - 4. Update on Website Lessons
- III. Program Specialist Projects
 - A. Draft Proposal for Restructuring
 - B. Civic Learning Week (March 9-13, 2026)
 - C. Law Day 2026 - The Rule of Law and the American Dream
 - D. ConCon 2028 - follow-up discussion
 - E. Budget item for HostGator
- IV. New Business
 - A. Upcoming Legislative Session
 - B. Media Literacy Report – New report from New Literacy Project
 - C. States of the Union – Report sent to you earlier this month
- V. Next Meeting
 - A. Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at noon (Zoom)

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AGENDA

(December 16, 2025 Meeting)

- I. Minutes from the November 18, 2025 meeting
- II. Committee Updates
 - A. Civic Engagement Committee
 - 1. YMCA Youth & Government
 - 2. Library Program - March 12, 2026 - Kaua'i Community College
 - B. Education Committee
 - 1. Civic Sense 2026
 - 2. America250 State Commission
 - a) Calendar Contest
 - 3. We the People Competition – February 7, 2026
 - 4. Legislative Initiatives
 - a) HB763 HD1 Relating to Civic Education
 - b) Revisions for Civic Ed Bill
 - 5. Civic Futures
 - 6. Update on Website Lessons
- III. Program Specialist Projects
 - A. Draft Proposal for Restructuring
 - B. Civic Learning Week (March 9-13, 2026)
 - C. Law Day 2026 - The Rule of Law and the American Dream
 - D. ConCon 2028 - follow-up discussion
- IV. New Business
- V. Next Meeting
 - A. Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at noon (Zoom)

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AGENDA (January 20, 2026 Meeting)

- I. Minutes from the December 16, 2025 meeting
- II. Committee Updates
 - A. Civic Engagement Committee
 - 1. Ninth Circuit Civics Contest
 - a) Flyer
 - 2. Library Program - March 12, 2026 - Kaua'i Community College
 - 3. YMCA Youth & Government
 - 4. Street Law
 - a) Program on Kaua'i
 - b) Budget request
 - 5. ConCon 2028
 - B. Education Committee
 - 1. Schools of Democracy
 - a) 'Ewa Makai & Waialua Intermediate
 - b) \$500 approved by the Commission for refreshments at ceremonies.
 - 2. Civic Sense 2026
 - 3. America250 State Commission
 - a) Webinar schedule
 - 4. Calendar Contest
 - a) Calendar proof
 - b) Award ceremony
 - 5. We the People Competition – February 7, 2026
 - 6. Legislative Initiatives
 - a) HB763 HD1 Relating to Civic Education
 - b) Revisions for Civic Ed Bill
 - 7. Civic Futures
 - 8. Website Lessons
 - a) Grades 7 and 8 in development
- III. Program Specialist Projects
 - A. Civic Learning Week (March 9-13, 2026)
 - B. National Civics Bee
 - C. Law Day 2026 - The Rule of Law and the American Dream
- IV. New Business

A. Affective Polarization Summary Report

V. Next Meeting

A. Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at noon (Zoom)

COMMISSION TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE CIVIC EDUCATION

AGENDA

(February 17, 2026, Meeting)

- I. Minutes from the January 20, 2026, meeting
- II. Committee Updates
 - A. Civic Engagement Committee
 - 1. Ninth Circuit Civics Contest
 - 2. Library Program - March 12, 2026 - Kaua'i Community College
 - a) Funding Request for \$960 approved via email
 - (1) Airfare and parking for CJ Recktenwald, Justice Ginoza, and a Hawaii Library Association representative - \$600
 - (2) Car Rental - \$80
 - (3) Sheriff services for event security - \$280
 - 3. YMCA Youth & Government
 - 4. Street Law
 - a) Program on Kaua'i on February 19
 - 5. ConCon 2028 - First meeting on Wednesday, February 18
 - B. Education Committee
 - 1. Schools of Democracy celebrations
 - 2. Civic Sense 2026
 - 3. America250 State Commission
 - 4. Calendar Contest
 - a) Awards ceremony
 - 5. We the People Competition – Mililani High School to represent Hawai'i at National Competition
 - 6. Legislative Initiatives
 - a) HB 2171- First hearing on February 12
 - b) SB 2754 – First hearing on February 11
 - 7. Civic Futures
- III. Program Specialist Projects
 - A. We the People: National Symposium on Civic Education – March 6-7
 - B. Civic Learning Week (March 9-13, 2026)
 - C. Law Day 2026 - The Rule of Law and the American Dream
- IV. New Business
- V. Next Meeting
 - A. Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at noon (Zoom)

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AGENDA (March 17, 2026, Meeting)

- I. Minutes from the February 17, 2026, meeting
- II. Committee Updates
 - A. Civic Engagement Committee
 - 1. Civic Learning Week Update
 - a) Governor's Proclamation
 - b) Library Program - March 12, 2026 - Kaua'i Community College
–Postponed
 - (1) Additional \$570 was approved via email for Hō'ike to record the event for later broadcast.
 - 2. YMCA Youth & Government
 - 3. Street Law program recap
 - 4. Constitutional Literacy Working Group
 - B. Education Committee
 - 1. We the People: National Symposium on Civic Education – March 6-7 – recap
 - 2. Civic Sense 2026 - Canceled
 - 3. America250
 - 4. We the People National Competition
 - 5. Legislative Updates
 - a) HB 2127 HD1
 - b) SB 2754 SD1
 - c) SB 2827
 - 6. Civic Futures
 - 7. Schools of the Future
- III. Program Specialist Projects
 - A. Public Comment Period for NAEP Civics Assessment Framework
 - 1. Draft Comment for review
 - B. Law Day 2026 - The Rule of Law and the American Dream
 - C. How to Talk "Bridgey"
- IV. New Business
 - A. Approval needed for FINN/Anthology CookieBot Consent Platform Fee - \$201.05
- V. Next Meeting
 - A. Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at noon (Zoom)

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AGENDA (April 21, 2026, Meeting)

- I. Minutes from the March 17, 2026, meeting
- II. Committee Updates
 - A. Civic Engagement Committee
 - 1. Library event at Kaua'i CC rescheduled for May 5
 - 2. YMCA Youth & Government
 - 3. Constitutional Literacy
 - a) Youth ConCon Planning Meeting
 - 4. Potential PACE-led initiative for cross-branch training/relationship building
 - 5. Law & Justice Academy
 - B. Education Committee
 - 1. America250
 - a) Justices' webinars
 - 2. Courts in the Community (Fall 2026) – DDI Collaboration
 - 3. Legislative Updates
 - 4. Civic Futures
 - 5. Schools of the Future – Oct. 22-23
- III. Program Specialist Projects
 - A. 2026-2027 Academic Calendar
 - B. America250 Webinar Presentations
- IV. New Business
 - A. PACE Commission Term Tracker
- V. Next Meeting
 - A. Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at noon (Zoom)

COMMISSION TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE CIVIC EDUCATION

AGENDA (May 19, 2026, Meeting)

- I. Minutes from the April 21, 2026, meeting
- II. Committee Updates
 - A. Civic Engagement Committee
 - 1. Library event at Kaua'i CC
 - 2. YMCA Youth & Government
 - a) Model Youth Legislature Program successfully completed
 - b) Surveying schools about dates and expansion opportunities
 - 3. Constitutional Literacy
 - a) Work on hub of existing resources
 - b) Try to meet with Hawai'i Institute for Public Affairs
 - 4. Potential PACE-led initiative for cross-branch training/relationship building
 - 5. Law & Justice Academies
 - a) Academy at the William S. Richardson School of Law to run June 1-5 with 24 students
 - b) Kona will be the site for the fall Academy
 - B. Education Committee
 - 1. America250
 - a) Justices' webinars
 - 2. Courts in the Community (November 9, 2026) – DDI Collaboration
 - 3. Civic Futures
 - 4. Schools of the Future – Oct. 22-23
- III. Program Specialist Projects
 - A. America250 Webinar Presentations
 - B. Annual Report
- IV. New Business
 - A. Draft letter of support for Center for Civic Education Grant Proposal
- V. Next Meeting
 - A. Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at noon (Zoom)