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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

RALPH S. CUSHNIE and TAMARA MCKAY, Petitioners,

vs.

SCOTT T. NAGO, in official capacity as Chief Election Officer,
State of Hawai'i; and OFFICE OF ELECTIONS, State of Hawai'i,
Respondents.

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING

ORDER

(By: McKenna, Acting C.J., Eddins, and Ginoza, JJ., and
Circuit Judge Cahill, assigned in place of Devens, C.J., recused,
and Circuit Judge Medeiros, assigned by reason of vacancy)

Upon consideration of the petition for writ of mandamus
filed July 8, 2026, and the record, it is ordered,

On or before Friday, July 24, 2026, Respondents shall file
an answer to the petition addressing:

Whether the Office of Elections has failed or refused to
provide staff support to the Elections Commission as requested
pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) § 11-1.5(b) (2009),

and whether any such failure prevented the Elections Commission from meeting to elect a chairperson.

On or before Wednesday, July 29, 2026, Petitioners may file a reply to Respondents' answer, which shall not exceed ten pages, double-spaced, exclusive of captions, attachments, and certificate of service.

The appellate clerk shall serve a copy of the petition for writ of mandamus and this order on Respondents and the Attorney General.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, July 17, 2026.

/s/ Sabrina S. McKenna

/s/ Todd W. Eddins

/s/ Lisa M. Ginoza

/s/ Peter T. Cahill

/s/ Dyan M. Medeiros

