



Information Technology Steering Committee (ITSC)
February 26, 2026, Meeting minutes
Remote Meeting via Interactive Conference Technology
1151 Punchbowl Street, Conference Rm. 410, Honolulu, HI

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Members Present

Christine Sakuda, Chair, CIO, Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS)
Garret Yoshimi, University of Hawaii
Joel Kumabe, Ohana Pacific Health
Benson Choo, Finance Factors
Miki Hardisty, 'Ōlelo
Amy Peckinpaugh, Hawaii State Department of Education
Representative Greggor Ilagan, State Legislature
Arnold Kishi, Center for Internet Security, MS-ISAC

Members Excused

Marcus Yano, Pacific Impact Zone Solutions
Mai Nguyen Van, Judiciary
Eugene Chang, IEEE Computer Society, Hawaii Chapter
Bill Kumagai, Transform Hawaii Government (THG)
Senator Sharon Moriwaki, State Legislature

Staff

ETS: Joanna Lee, Lisa Huang, Todd Omura, Lenora Fisher, Jussi Sipola, Tom Ku, Bryce Fujii,
Matthew Nagatori, Rebecca Cai, Javzandulam Azuma
Candace Park, Deputy Attorney General
Cody Rex
Erica Harrold

I. Call to Order; Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. Roll call was taken; quorum was not established.

II. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Agenda item was initially deferred until quorum was confirmed later during the meeting

a. November 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Chair Sakuda proposed the approval of the November 20, 2025, meeting minutes. Member Yoshimi motioned with a second by member Kishi. All in favor, the minutes were approved.

b. December 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Chair Sakuda proposed the approval of the December 11, 2025, meeting minutes. Member Yoshimi motioned with a second by member Kishi. All in favor, the minutes were approved.

III. Public Testimony

None.

IV. ETS CIO Annual Report

Guests Todd Omura, ETS IT Governance Officer, and Jussi Sipola, ETS Enterprise Architect gave highlights for the CIO annual report. The CIO Annual Report is organized around seven statewide IT strategies (2025–2029) and summarizes statewide accomplishments, portfolio metrics, and governance.

- Departmental IT Strategic Plans: The Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) worked with all Executive Branch departments to establish 23 departmental/divisional IT strategic plans, tracked in the portfolio system and aligned to the statewide IT Strategic Plan and to IT spend requests (“project candidates”).
- Portfolio & Metrics:
 - Tracked major applications grew ~500 → ~900 (2020→Dec 2025 snapshots).
 - Cloud hosting share increased from ~22% → ~52–55% across six–seven years.
 - ETS uses LeanIX for portfolio management (since 2019); actual spend resides in the accounting system (modernization underway), while spend requests represent pre-procurement approvals.

Benson Choo asked how projects under \$99K are tracked. Guest Sipola responded that they are tracked in the accounting system; the current system is very old and undergoing modernization. Spend requests in the portfolio are pre-procurement approvals; occasionally ETS reconciles portfolio data with actuals and finds them close, though smaller vendor engagements may be numerous and not all are represented at portfolio level.

Miki asked if target metrics exist for governance dashboards. Guest Sipola replied that no formal numeric goals have been set; “100% would be ideal” but targets are not established in a formal fashion

V. State IT Consolidation Plan for the State of Hawai'i 2026 Legislature

Guest Omura gave a brief update on the State IT Consolidation Plan that was submitted to the 2026 Legislature. The plan organizes shared services into Extend / New / Refine categories, with implementation plans and resource/funding considerations. ETS aligning with department business leads and advancing services (including on-site support) as resources allow.

ETS is socializing the plan with legislators and seeking support (funding, resources, manpower) to accelerate fiscal year 2026 execution.

Plan responds to prior legislative acts; working group approved the planning report (late 2025), now transitioning into execution.

VI. Legislative Updates

- a. [HB2597 HD1](#) Requires the Chief Data Officer to enhance the State's open data portal website. (testimony submitted)

ETS is monitoring; testimony TBD in anticipation of upcoming hearings.

Member Ilagan asked if this a short list of the bills or priorities, or is this everything? Chair Sakuda responded that this is the short list of bills that ETS is actively watching/testifying on; ETS also monitors a longer list of bills of interest. Member Ilagan asked further how a bill gets from the short list to the long list. Chair Sakuda explained that bills that explicitly reference ETS and where ETS can honor the bill's intent by providing expert comment/testimony are prioritized for the short list; ETS strives to "bring our best self forward" on those items.

- b. [SB2673 SD1](#) Requires a statewide permitting data standard developed collaboratively by the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and the Chief Data Officer. (testimony submitted)

ETS testified in support, emphasizing ETS's advisor/partner role alongside the SME lead.

- c. [HB1676 HD1](#) Establishes an Artificial Intelligence in Education Task Force to develop guidelines and recommendations for the use of artificial intelligence in state public education. (will provide testimony soon)

ETS supports participation; Member Yoshimi noted the task force is a "heavy lift" (size/scope), HD1 tasks P-20 to lead, and K-12 protections/compliance will be important; appropriations likely needed for logistics/technical support.

- d. [HB2114 HD1](#) Establishes the Hawai'i Benefits Hub within the Office of Enterprise Technology Services. (testimony submitted)

Chair Sakuda shared she had just come from the HB2114 hearing; ETS supports being the integration/data-management partner, while subject-matter agencies (e.g., DHS programs Medicaid, SNAP, TANF) lead the benefit services; recent February rules increase beneficiary requirements, underscoring project complexity.

- e. [SB2662 SD1](#) Requires each purchasing agency to provide justification for hiring external consultants. Requires each agency to seek approval from the Legislature for consulting contracts exceeding a certain dollar amount.

ETS highlighted need to maintain operational capacity with vendor partners and noted similar concerns from other departments.

Member Ilagan asked Chair Sakuda if ETS is familiar with HB1949 (green fees dashboard) due to him thinking ETS's expertise should advise them as they move forward. Chair Sakuda replied that ETS is familiar with the green fees and dashboard discussions; ETS will review HB1949 and provide meaningful comment/advisory support.

VII. Good of the Order

a. Announcements

Guest Bryce Fujii have a brief update on myHawaii. myHawaii launched in April 2025 as the State's modern digital identity platform, replacing an older system lacking strong encryption and MFA; platform managed by State staff. Current integrations: 96 applications across departments; roadmap includes risk-based MFA journeys and expanded federation/identity verification partners where applicable.

Guest Omura briefly talked about IV&V projects. ETS is moving IV&V earlier into the lifecycle, starting at requirements and reflected in policy/RFP templates. Establishing standardized dashboards/metrics across providers and clarifying activity scope vs. QA. Project update commitment: ETS will secure a project team to present at the next meeting; EFS noted as a critical project where changes will be applied.

b. Next Meeting: May 28, 2026.

Chair Sakuda reminds the members that the next scheduled meeting is on May 28, 2026.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Sakuda called for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Member Yoshimi and a second by Member Kishi at 3:57 p.m.