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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

BRIDGIT M.L. BALES; MAUREEN N. RAWLINS; EVA E. NANI'OLE;
JANICE P.K. KAHO'OHANOHANO; and CAROLINE R.P. MONTAGUE-MULLINS,
Petitioners,

VS.

JOSH GREEN, Governor of the State of Hawai'i; OFFICE OF ELECTIONS, STATE OF HAWAI'I; BOARD OF REGISTRATION, ISLAND OF HAWAI'I; SUSAN L.K. LEE LOY; and JON HENRICKS, in official capacity as County Clerk, County of Hawai'i, Respondents.

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING

ORDER DENYING PETITION WITHOUT PREJUDICE

(By: McKenna, Acting C.J., Eddins, Ginoza, and Devens, JJ., and Circuit Judge Hamman, assigned by reason of vacancy)

Upon consideration of the petition for writ of mandamus or extraordinary writ, filed April 29, 2025, and the record,

Petitioners have not shown there are any qualified candidates who are willing to serve on the Board of Registration for the island of Hawai'i, the Governor is aware of these candidates, and the Governor has unreasonably refused to appoint a qualified candidate to the Board. See Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 11-41

(2009 & Supp. 2023); <u>Hanabusa v. Lingle</u>, 119 Hawai'i 341, 350-52, 198 P.3d 604, 613-15 (2008). An extraordinary writ is unwarranted at this time. <u>See Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP v. Kim</u>, 153 Hawai'i 307, 319, 537 P.3d 1154, 1166 (2023).

It is ordered that the petition is denied without prejudice.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, December 10, 2025.

- /s/ Sabrina S. McKenna
- /s/ Todd W. Eddins
- /s/ Lisa M. Ginoza
- /s/ Vladimir P. Devens
- /s/ Kirstin M. Hamman

