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The Reconvening of the American Samoa Constitutional Review Committee

The American Samoa Constitutional Review Committee will reconvene on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 and remain in session until Friday, June 10, 2022. The meetings will be held at the Lee Auditorium beginning at 9 AM.

The Constitutional Review Committee is tasked to prepare amendments for the Governor to submit to the upcoming American Samoa Constitutional Convention scheduled for later this year. The current committee is made up of 54 various members of the community including, the Executive branch, the Legislative branch, a Federal representative, the Clergy, members of the American Samoa Bar Association, the Private Sector, Women, and the Youth.

The committee began their work on February 8, 2022 under the leadership of Chairman, Lt. Governor Talauega E.V. Ale, and Vice Chairman, Deputy Director of Samoan Affairs, Tauese V.K. Sunia. Prior to the islandwide COVID lockdown, the committee was able to successfully pass three amendments:

- 1. The House Reapportionment Amendment**
- 2. The Chief Justice Amendment**
- 3. The Accountability Amendment**

The committee has two remaining amendments to deliberate on. They are as follows:

- 1. The American Samoa Ancestry Amendment*
- 2. The Amendment for Women*

In an effort to promote public participation and informed decision making the remaining constitutional review committee sessions will be livestreamed on all KVZK TV platforms (Local Cable, Facebook, & Youtube).

Attendees are asked to wear a mask that covers their mouth and nose at all times unless they are eating or drinking and to provide upon entrance, proof of full vaccination or a negative test result administered within 72 hours of the event.

For any questions or additional information please contact Tapaau Dr. Dan Aga at dan.aga@go.as.gov.

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