

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

February 10, 2026

Online Only via Teams

CONVENE: 1:41 p.m.

PRESENT: VOTING MEMBERS:

Councilmember Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Tom Cook, Member (In 1:56 p.m.)
Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member (In 1:49 p.m.)
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Member
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member (Out 4:22 p.m.; In 4:32 p.m.)
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member (Out 3:33 p.m.; In 4:21 p.m.)

EXCUSED: VOTING MEMBERS:

Councilmember K. Kauanoë Batangan, Chair

STAFF:

Kasie Apo Takayama, Senior Legislative Analyst
Clarissa MacDonald, Legislative Analyst
Peter Hanano, Legislative Attorney
Maria Leon, Committee Secretary
Jean Pokipala, Council Services Assistant Clerk
Ryan Martins, Council Ambassador

Residency Area Offices

Keomailani Hirata, Council Aide, Molokai Residency Area Office
Chaelin Ryu, Council Aide, South Maui Residency Area Office

ADMIN.:

Thomas Kolbe, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel
Yukari Murakami, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

OTHERS:

Frank Barbosa, Jr. (Resolution 26-30)
Wendy Hornack (Resolution 26-18)
Bryan Tanaka (Resolution 26-19)
John Tomoso (Resolution 26-19)
Cayla Rae Kutaka (Resolution 26-21)
Momi Medeiros (Resolution 26-21)
Darryl Pereborow (Resolution 26-24)
Bill Curtis (Resolution 26-25)
Stanford Lantias (Resolution 26-33)
Dwight Burns (Resolution 26-26)

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Chad Viela (Resolution 26-26)
David Albert Leon (Resolution 26-27)
Dustin Kaleiipu (Resolution 26-28)
Kahealani Silva (Resolution 26-28)
Anuheia Arakawa (Resolution 26-31)
Keaka Kamai (Resolution 26-32)
Noeau Patao (Resolution 26-32)
Shackley Raffetto (Resolution 26-34)
Brialyn Onodera (Resolution 26-35)
Monica Rebella (Resolutions 26-23 and 26-36)
Kauwela Shultz (Resolution 26-37)
Heather Ruth-Durham (Resolution 26-23)
Cora Bayle Cox (Resolution 26-23)
King Van Nostrand (Resolution 26-23)

Testifiers

Jasee Law

(20+) additional attendees

PRESS: *Akakū: Maui Community Television, Inc.*

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: ...*(gavel)*... Good afternoon. And will the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee meeting of February 10th, 2026, please come to order. It is 1:41 p.m. I’m the Vice-Chair of this Committee, Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins. Vice-Chair *[sic]* Batangan is out today, so I’ll be acting Chair for this meeting. Members, in accordance with the Sunshine Law, please identify by name who, if anyone, is in the work...is in the room, vehicle, or workspace with you today. Minors do not need to be identified. Member Cook will be joining us around 2:00 p.m. this evening *[sic]*, so I’ll move over to Member Gabe Johnson. Aloha and good afternoon.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aloha and good afternoon, Chair, Councilmembers, community members. There’s no testifiers at the Lāna‘i District Office, and I’m alone on my side of the office in here, ready to work. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Council Chair Alice Lee is excused for now. Councilmember Paltin, aloha and good afternoon.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha ‘auinalā kākou. Streaming live and direct from Maui. I have in the vehicle with me, George Vierra. He will be dropping me off at the Council Chamber --

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- when we get there.

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VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. Hey, George. We also have Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez. Aloha and good afternoon.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha ‘auinalā kākou, mai Molokai Nui a Hina. I’m at my private residence, alone for maybe another hour until my children, who are minors, return home from school, as well as my husband from work, Makena Fernandez. And there are currently no testifiers at the Molokai District Office. Mahalo, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. And please send our congratulations to your son. I saw Molokai High did really well. It ended, unfortunately, but they did smash, so there was that.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: By two canoe lengths. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: They killed it, but give him our love. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I will.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Member Sinenci, aloha and good afternoon.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha ‘auinalā, Chair. Happy to see so many of our community residents that we’ll be reviewing today. And mahalo in advance for their willingness to serve our community.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And also, welcome to the Seabury students for their visit today. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Um-hum. Thank you, Member Sinenci. Yes, welcome, Seabury students. Councilmember Sugimura, aloha and good afternoon.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aloha. Good afternoon. Yeah, looking forward to a productive meeting. And thank you for the people who are here in the Chambers. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. From Corporation Counsel, we have Deputy Corporation Counsel Thomas Kolbe. We also have Yukari Murakami. She serves as the Boards and Commissions Liaison for Corporation Counsel. As well as our GREAT Committee Staff, we have Kasie, Clarissa, Peter is here with us today as well on this side, and Maria. Testifiers wanting to provide testimony should sign up in the lobby, join on the online meeting via Teams link, or call in to the phone number noted on today’s agenda. Written testimony is encouraged and can be submitted via the eComment link at mauicounty.us/agendas as well. Under the Sunshine Law, the Chair will receive oral testimony for agenda items at the beginning of the meeting and as the

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item is called up. For individuals wishing to testify via Teams, please raise your hand by clicking on the raise-your-hand button. If calling in, please follow the prompts via phone, star-5 to raise and lower your hand, star-6 to mute and unmute. Staff will add names to the testifier list in the order the testifiers sign up or raise their hands. For those on Teams, Staff will lower your hand once your name is added. Staff will then use the name you're logged in under or call the last four digits of your phone number when it is your time to testify. At that time, Staff will also enable your microphone and video. Please ensure your name appears in Microsoft Teams as the name you prefer to be referred to, or as anonymous if you wish to testify anonymously. If you are in person, please notify Staff if you would like to testify anonymously, otherwise, please state your name for the record at the beginning of your testimony. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes per item, and if you're still testifying beyond that time, I will kindly ask you to wrap up your testimony.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .(inaudible). . .

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: One second. I know people are so excited to participate. Once you are done testifying or you do not wish to testify, you can also view the meeting on *Akakū* Channel 53, Facebook Live, or mauicounty.us/agendas. We will do our best to take up each person in an orderly fashion. And we will now call up our first testifiers wishing to testify at the beginning of the meeting. Staff, if you please?

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, there's currently no one who has signed up to testify. Would you like me to do a last call? Oh, I see someone approaching the podium.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah. We have an individual.

. . . OPEN PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .

MR. LAW: Aloha. Afternoon. Jasee Law from Kula Uka, Waiakoa Ahupua'a. There's a lot of reading here to do on all these committees and stuff. So, I want to thank the...thank you, Luna Ho'omalū Nohelani, for doing all this stuff. So, I don't see how you have time for your family doing all this County work. And thank you for all the...the people that are...volunteer for the boards and commissions, because I...I go to all these meetings and stuff. And the Council really needs help with all this running the government stuff. And especially with the United States going crazy like it is. So, I was reading through it, and the only one I saw there was John Hauoli Tomoso. I've met him at the...going to church a few times. And he is...he's pono, so yeah. That's good that he's...I look forward to seeing him working on a Board of Ethics. Thank you for your time. And as usual, I save the rest of my time for the people of Hawai'i.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Any other testifiers wishing to testify at the beginning of the meeting?

MS. MACDONALD: No, Chair, there's no one else.

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VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Last call please.

MS. MACDONALD: If somebody would like to testify in the Chamber, please let Staff know, or on Microsoft Teams, please raise your hand. This is final call...three, two, one. Chair, it appears that nobody wishes to testify at the beginning of the meeting.

. . . CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .

**ITEM 2(9): RESOLUTIONS 26-18 THROUGH 26-37, NOMINATIONS TO
VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS**

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Resolution 26-18 through 26-34 [sic], Nominations to Various Boards and Committees and Commissions. This is item GREAT-11(24) [sic]. By Resolutions 26-18 through 26-34 [sic], the Mayor is nominating 34 individuals for various County boards, committees, commissions for the term beginning on April 1st, 2026, and expiring March 31st, 2031 for five-year terms, and expiring March 31st, 2029 for three-year terms. The Council's 30-day deadline to approve or disapprove the nominations is on March 2nd, 2026. Copies of the boards listing has been uploaded to Granicus, and I believe they have also been delivered to you folks. My intention for today is to hear from the Mayor's Boards and Commissions Liaison for opening remarks on the Mayor's nominations, and any opening comments from the nominees in attendance if they so choose. Following that, I'll take public testimony again, and then we can begin our discussion. During our discussion, I will take up each resolution one by one as they are listed on the agenda, beginning with actually Resolution 26-18, related to the appointment...actually, no, we're going to take that out of order, if you don't mind. We're going to begin with Commission on Persons with Disabilities and then go back to the Animal Board...Control. We do have somebody who needs to leave in a few. Thank you. And then we'll do as we usually do and give the Members an opportunity to ask questions of the nominees. Before we do that, though, I do see Chair Lee. Welcome, Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Hi.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Hello. Thank you. Let's begin. Yukari, do you have any opening comments you would like to provide?

MS. MURAKAMI: Very briefly. Thank you, Chair...or Vice-Chair. We have here today 34 names for nominees that the Mayor has submitted for consideration by this board [sic]. We all have the body...we have the applications together with the proposed resolutions. I don't know if I should go over each of them one by one right now or just wait until when you have the...

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I think we could do a brief introduction and then as we get into the nitty-gritty, feel free to go into detail, but...

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MS. MURAKAMI: Okay. So, just briefly to go with from the top, Animal Control Board. We have Mr. Rensberger and Ms. Hornack, the applications are available. Just to make the clarification is that Mr. Rensberger is on a reappointment for a full five-year term...or for three years, my apologies. Board of Ethics, we have Mr. Tanaka and Mr. Tomoso as applicate...applicants to the Board of Ethics. Civil Service Commission, Ms. Pajimola has been serving, but since she is up for reappointment, this is her...this will be her full five-year term if she gets reappointed. For Commission on Children and Youth, we have Ms. Kutaka and Ms. Medeiros who has been previously appointed by this body. This is for their reappointment for a full five-year term. Conservation Planning Committee. We have Ms. Michelle Lynne Gould, who will be filling the Sustainable Science Management Program specific seat to this committee, and this is also a reappointment. Council on Aging, we have five individuals nominated. Ms. Park and Ms. Ruth-Durham are reappointment to the seat for full five-year terms. And we have new members...new nominees, Ms. Cox, Ms. Rebella, and Mr. Von Nostrand. Again, their applications are available for this body's review. For Fire and Public Safety Commission, we have Mr. Pereborow as the nominee for the Mayor. Housing Advisory Board, this is a brand new board again. Mr. Curtis' appointment came up for reappointment, so this is his name is here for reappointment. Independent Nomination Board is a still relatively new board. We have three reappointees, Mr. Burns, Viela, and Ms. Regina Gormley. Lānaʻi Planning Commission, we have one nominee for the one vacancy, which is Mr. Leon. Liquor Control Adjudication Board, we have two nominees. One, Mr. Kaleiopu is a reappointment. Liquor Control Commission, we are only going to be dealing with Ms. Christine Silva today, the other nominee withdrew their application. For County Commissions on Persons with Disabilities, we have two nominees. One, Ms. Puppolo is a reappointment to the full five-year term. County Cultural Resources Commission, we have Ms. Arakawa, who is also, again, a reappointment for a full five-year term. Maui Planning Commission, we have two nominees. Ms. Kamai, who will be representing the Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū Residency Area, and Mr. Patao, who will be West Maui residency area representative. Maui Redevelopment Agency, Mr. Lanas is a reappointment for a full five-year term. Police Commission, we have one nominee, Mr. Shackley Raffetto from Upcountry for a five-year term. Public Works Commission, we have two nominees, one of which is a reappointment, Mr. Delos Reyes for reappointment to a full five-year term, and we have another nominee who can fill the engineer position for this commission. Real Property Tax Review Board, we have one person for a five-year term, and Salary Commission, we have one nominee for a five-year term. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Before discussion, Members, let's go back to testimony. Staff, do we have anybody signed up to testify?

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, there is nobody who has signed up to testify. Would you like me to do a last call?

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Please.

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MS. MACDONALD: If anybody's in the Chamber and would like to testify, please let Staff know, or our Microsoft teams, please raise your hand. This is final call...three, two, one. Chair, it appears that nobody wishes to testify.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, seeing there are no individuals wishing to testify with your...with no objection, I will close oral testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

. . . CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. As a reminder, written testimony will continue to be accepted.

**RESOLUTION 26-30: ACTING ON THE NOMINATIONS OF LINDA
PUPPOLO AND FRANK BARBOSA, JR. TO THE
MAUI COUNTY COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES**

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Members, let's go into Resolution 26-30, please. This is for the Commission on Persons with Disabilities. I know we have Mr. Barbosa here. If you would like to join us in the front, sir? *(pause)*

MR. BARBOSA: Aloha. Good morning. My name is Frank Barbosa.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Did you want to do any other introduction, or did you want to have the Members ask you questions?

MR. BARBOSA: Well, I just...it's easier just to tell you guys a little about myself, you know, the reason --

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

MR. BARBOSA: -- why I was interested in this persons with disability. Well, all my life, I was born in a disabled, but kept going on, going through my daily activities, and going to work and going to school. And I noticed as I grew up, there was a lot of people that I meet along the way with disab...with the disability, talking from the '70s all the way to present. And there's a lot of...a lot of people out there that is left in the blind, left in the dark with the safety of our community...talking about infrastructure, housing, even the transportation with the growing community we have. It's...it's getting tough out there. And if I can give recommendations and make a change to make Maui safer for the disability, for the youngsters, and the elders. Because someday everyone, we're going need a . . .*(inaudible)*. . . out there. I noticed that every day, as...as my...as my challenges out there on the County of Maui, on the roads, it's very dangerous. So, if you have any questions for me, I'm free to answer.

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VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much, Mr. Barbosa. Before we ask any questions, I would like to welcome Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair. Sorry for my lateness.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. You walked in at a great time. We just started. That was Mr. Barbosa, and he is with the Commission on Persons with Disabilities. And so, now we're going to have the opportunity for our Members to ask questions of our nominees. So, if you have any questions, Members, please raise your hand. And as a reminder, I'm going to be deferring this one and all the rest, and we will approve on the Council floor in the next Council meeting. So, if you have any questions, it is your opportunity to ask. We'll go with Member Johnson. And Member Sinenci, you after.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you...thank you, Chair. Good morning, Mr. Barbosa. I've seen you testify before in the past. I've seen you in other meetings as well, and I really appreciate your willingness to serve. And here you are. You got the mic in your hand, and we're going to ask you some questions. I started my journey in this when I sat on the Commission for Americans with Disabilities. I...it was a great time. And one of the things is [sic] we would do is we would go out and try to find issues that we saw or we...we faced, and we would call the right department. It turns out I had to call the Department of Public Works for this issue or the...the Fire Department for that issue. So, I'm curious, you know, when you get appointed, when you get on this commission, what are some of your issues, and who do you think you should reach out to right...as soon as you get started? Is there anybody in particular, any group, any division within the...the County that you want to address?

MR. BARBOSA: Well, I know a lot of people saw me out there speaking in these South Maui board meetings in the past eight years in Central, and mainly they're more for...I mean, you hardly see blind people walking out there. You got a lot of disabled in wheelchairs and all that, but the safety of our roads. Hawai'i lacks...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: That would be a priority?

MR. BARBOSA: Yeah. Yeah, that would be a priority because, you know, just crossing the...crossing the streets is...is difficult. Just without...I know we have one...one voice-activated, but it's not just for the blind or the disabled. What about the drivers out there, the blinkers on the road that says the drivers know there's...there's someone in the crosswalk? I feel that on transportation, the infrastructure side, that is a big...that's a big deal.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah.

MR. BARBOSA: You know, also...also, you're looking at the transportation. You know, we got to figure out something. I mean, I myself wait out there three, four hours --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah.

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MR. BARBOSA: -- just for the...the...the Handi Bus or MEO to come out to pick us up. And I've been out there with 91-year-old ladies and 87-year-old mens [sic] on life support system, oxygen system, waiting. And it's tough, and I young. And just to watch them out there suffer, I'm like, hey, wait. You know, we gotta...somebody got to step up to the plate. Somebody got to go out there and be the voice because I hear it, I belong to a...to a VI group. That's persons with vision loss. And I'm...I'm the youngest in there. And I hear a lot of the complaints come out. And I always thought, why don't you guys go out there and voice your guys' opinion? Be a...be...be vocal because more...the more out there is better than just one person trying to be the leader out there. But like I said, if...if everyone looks up to me to try to be on...be on a board and try to speak and try to make a difference to make Maui safer, why not?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah. Okay. Great. Thank you for your response. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Johnson. Member Sinenci, your question.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Mr. Barbosa, he answered my...my question, so I'm happy to support your nomination today. Thank you.

MR. BARBOSA: Thank you, sir.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Sinenci. Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Mr. Barbosa also answered two of the three of my questions. I...I think you probably answered my first question too, but I'll ask again. And thank you so much for your passion, your obvious passion in sitting on this commission and your willingness to...to serve our community in this capacity. My question is about your attendance. Do you foresee any reason...or you...you think you'll be able to make all the meetings?

MR. BARBOSA: Well, I should. The only downfall that I have is if the transportation is going to be there on time. The disability bus, like I said, I can be...I can make an appointment and they tell me, oh, I'm sorry, you don't have a...you're not on the list or we don't have a bus for you. There are only seven drivers out there...as I speak, as of today, that I was notified. We need more services out there. I can walk from Kihei. I don't mind. But I tell you what, I walk past the highway to South Kihei Road to catch a city bus, and I brought that to Kelly King's attention. And when she was there on the South Maui board, we tried everything. And they did...they did allocate money for reroute the bus service so the disability bus can pick me up in my area. But somehow, the money was taken away. And you can ask Transportation why. I heard it from them. I was just hoping that they can see the real downfall, what...what we lack, what does it take to make it safer for not just...even the visitors, you know, not just the residents, not just the disabled, not just the youngsters, but we get visitors. This...this is our travel industry over here. Maui is a travel industry. Beautifying the island is one thing, but

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making it safe is another. But I'm going back to your question, will I make it there? If I get the emails, I'll be there.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your response to my question. And with budget...budget session coming up, we can look into that funding. Mahalo. Mahalo, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Before we move on, I'm going to welcome Member Paltin. She's in-person now.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, does anybody else have any other questions? Mister...Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Mr. Barbosa, for your willingness. Definitely can support you. I had the opportunity with my aide, Jared, to walk with you, and it was very enlightening. And requesting sidewalks, requesting expanded service is something we'll continue to do, and hopefully you're on the board, you'll be able to assist in making that happen.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Cook. Members, any other questions? Thank you very much, Mr. Barbosa.

MR. BARBOSA: Yeah, I just wanted to say thank you to...I think his name was Jared, Mr. Cook's...I guess his...he works with him.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yes.

MR. BARBOSA: A couple months ago, I walked across a sidewalk along the old Safeway. And you know that trees don't grow overnight. It takes years. And I head-butted a tree right into the...the walkway. I took pictures of it. Didn't know who to reach out to. Like that gentleman said earlier, who do you...who do you call? So, as the only one I knew to call was Mr. Cook's number because I had...well, up in the County Building and filed a complaint, and they got it done. And I kind of appreciate it because I walked there a second time, I'm like, ho. Was...you know, at least I'm not the only one out there, but like I said, there's more out there. Hopefully they can testify in meetings and make a difference for Maui County. Thank you so much.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you so much. Members, I don't believe we have Ms. Linda Puppolo. If...aloha, Seabury. Bye. Thank you for joining us. Ms. Puppolo, are you online? If not, Members, she is a reappointment. So, it's a re-up. Okay. I don't think she's here. So, for now, thank you, Mr. Barbosa. Members, I did implement a three-minute timeline. If...I'm sorry I didn't say that earlier, but it's quite standard. If there are no objections, I'm now going to defer this item. Members, again, we're going to be voting on it.

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MS. APO TAKAYAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Oh, we’re all in one item. Okay. No wonder it’s highlighted. Okay. Just letting you guys know. Yes, Member Sugimura, did you have anything you wanted to add?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Linda Puppolo is not here, but I have worked with her in community, and she’s...she works with the AIDS Foundation. She’s a very giving person and has a big heart, always taking care of all her family members and whatever. So, I totally support someone with that character to be on this board.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Thank you for that. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, I’ll also add to that. I know Linda well, but I think she has a bit of a health issue within her family, so that might be why she’s excused right now. But --

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Got it.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- the point is, she’s...she’s a great worker, and she...she knows the County inside and out and I think she’d be great. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you for that. Members, any other questions? If not, we’ll move on to the next item. Ready? Okay.

**RESOLUTION 26-18: ACTING ON THE NOMINATIONS OF WENDY
 HORNACK AND JAMES RENSBERGER TO THE
 ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD**

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: We’re going to be moving on to Animal Control Board. So, we have before us Ms. Hornack and Mr. Rensberger. Aloha, Ms. Hornack. Would you like to...

MS. HORNACK: Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Aloha. Would you like to please introduce yourself, and then the Members will have an opportunity to ask you questions.

MS. HORNACK: Thank you. Thank you again for having me here. And I know I’m not allowed to vote, but I know Linda very well, and she’s an amazing person, and she gives everything when she...she does something. So, anyways, a little testimonial for her. My name is Wendy Hornack. I’ve been on Maui since ’99. My kids were born and raised here. Avid animal lover. I have dogs and cats, and I just recently started a nonprofit to provide affordable spay and neuter for dogs and cats. I’m working with Maui Humane Society, the Good Cat Network, and a couple other organizations to make that happen. And as I’ve been getting more and more involved in this area, I know that there’s a lot

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of issues with animal control when it comes to like dangerous animals and what to do on different situations. And I feel a lot of it is partially education. The community sometimes doesn't know what to do. There's maybe steps that we could have more PSAs out there to recommend, like don't...you know, walking your dogs off-leash, what it could cause, you know, how...you know, things to...better security at home. And just a lot of different things that we sometimes take for common sense, but just sometimes people don't know. So, I feel like if there was more support or places where people could get more understanding and maybe ask questions and...and come...you know, come to us with situations, then maybe these could be avoidable, and we could be proactive versus reactive when it comes to these types of animal issues. So, being a passionate person, living on Maui for a long time now, having animals of my own, and getting really involved in animal communities just makes me want to learn more and help more wherever I can. So, thank you for your time today, I appreciate it.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, do you guys have any questions you would like to ask Ms. Hornack? Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Ms. Hornack, for your willingness to serve. You know, initially I thought the Animal Control Board was about all sorts of animals, and then later found out it's just about dangerous dog appeals and adjudication. And, you know, so in July 1st, the...the name will be changed to that. But do you have any issues with that just being the only role is dangerous dog appeals and adjudications?

MS. HORNACK: No, I do not. I do feel like there needs to be a lot more dog awareness, and there's not a lot of focus on that. So, I'm actually more than happy to be focusing on dogs.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And how's your relationship with the...or if you have any relationship with the Humane Society?

MS. HORNACK: My relationship is very good with them. Right now, I partner with them to help them with their next clinic for Greater Good, where they do the big four-day mass clinic in July. They were having problems finding a location on the West Side. I was able to work with Maui Prep School, they're going to allow us to do it there. They're really excited to support it as well. They also need help with like volunteers. So, I...I have a lot of volunteers in my pool, being a Rotarian, and doing a lot of community service on this island. So, I'm able to bring new faces to them. And they helped me out with my first spay and neuter clinic, providing me microchips at a really low rate. So, we're right now in talks of doing more clinics and stuff together. But as of right now, our relationship is really good.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Great. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Of course. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sorry. My eyes are dilated. That's why. I'm not --

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VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh, no.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- just only trying to look cool. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Okay. Did you have to go do the testing? Yeah, everything is super bright when you have to dilate your eyes. Members, any other questions do we have? Member Rawlins-Fernandez, are you going to ask your standard three questions?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Yes.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Of course.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: She responded to, again, two of the three of them. Aloha, Ms. Hornack. Mahalo for your willingness to serve on the Animal Control Board. The question that I didn't hear that maybe if you could respond to is your ability to attend all the meetings?

MS. HORNACK: Absolutely. I will be more than happy to attend them either in person or via Teams. I apologize. Whoever was letting me in today had to let me in like ten times because my computer, of course, decided it didn't want to play nice. So, it was...anyway, so I'm on my phone. But yes, I will make sure I can attend either way. And I plan on being at all the meetings.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, perfect. Mahalo Nui. Mahalo, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Of course. Thank you. Members, does anybody else have any questions for Ms. Hornack? Okay. Thank you so much, Ms. Hornack. I look forward to supporting you --

MS. HORNACK: Thank you all for your . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- thank you--in a few days. Do we have Mr. James Rensberger? No? He's not with us right now? Okay. It is a reappointment, Members, so I just wanted to let you folks know. Okay. Let's move on.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Hi.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I just had a quick question. And...and thank you for the Staff for printing out the boards, commissions, and committees.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Or maybe for Ms. Yukari. On...on some of the list, there's--and thank you for keeping it color-coded--there's vacancy and then there's also that the

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Mayor has not submitted a name in blue. Are those...if Yukari can...Ms. Murakami can --

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Ms. Yukari --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- explain those.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- did you want to answer?

MS. MURAKAMI: Yes, and I believe Director Raatz sent a memo to all Councilmembers for some of those seats that says the Mayor did not submit a name. The Council is free to nominate a person for that position. So, I guess the requirements would be one name for one seat per Councilmember. For those one that says the Mayor did not submit a nominee, that's Council action. There's some, I think...just to be clear, there are some where it's just unilateral, like Mayor-only appointments, so that goes back to Mayor and INB. But otherwise...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you for that clarification, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yes, of course. Some are Mayor-only, and some are Council-only. But in this format, we do see the ones that the Mayor has not provided a name for. There's a couple committees that...well, we won't have anybody to appoint today...or rather, in a few days.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I just had another clarification question. All the reappointments are folks that didn't previously serve the full term; is that correct?

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I believe so, but maybe Ms. Yukari can...

MS. MURAKAMI: That's correct.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Just double-checking.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah. Okay. So, we were on Mr. James, who is not here with us today. And again, he is a reappointment.

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**RESOLUTION 26-19: ACTING ON THE NOMINATIONS OF BRYAN MUN
WAI TANAKA AND JOHN ANSON HAUOLI TOMOSO
TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS**

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: So, we will move on to the Board of Ethics. And we have Mr. Tanaka. Do we have Mr. Tanaka here? Aloha, Mr. Tanaka. If you would like to introduce yourself, and then the Members will have their opportunity to ask questions.

MR. TANAKA: Okay. Hi. My name is Bryan Tanaka. I've been on...I've been here on Maui for ten years now. My wife is from Makawao, so that's why we're here. I'm originally from O'ahu, but I have a small law practice in Wailuku where we do injury law. And just having been here ten...ten years now, I just felt like this would be a good time to get involved with the community. So, that's why I applied for this board.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, any questions? Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Mr. Tanaka, for your willingness to serve. I just was wondering, I don't know the answer, but do you foresee that there could potentially be any conflict of interest?

MR. TANAKA: You know, I don't really see that. I mean, I...I do injury law, so I work with, you know, individual people on injury cases. So, I can't...I don't really see that being an issue. I don't have any cases or anything against the County right now. So, I...I don't see that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thanks. Yeah, I didn't know it was injury law. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Any other questions do we have? Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Mr. Tanaka. Have you served on other boards before?

MR. TANAKA: No, I have not. This is my first time.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So, would you have...do you have the time where you would commit and...and...

MR. TANAKA: Yeah, I believe so. I...I understand it's once a month. Basically, the meeting is on the second Wednesday and basically all afternoon, and I...I think I can make that work. I have a lot of flexibility with my practice, so I don't foresee that being an issue.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you. Because that's...that's one of the big issues and concerns that we have on the boards and commissions is quorum, so that people --

MR. TANAKA: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- who serve can make the commitment and come. So, anyway, thank you for answering the questions.

MR. TANAKA: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Cook. Any other...Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

MR. TANAKA: Yes, hi.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Mr. Tanaka. Mahalo for your willingness to contribute back to the community. Member Cook asked one of my questions and then another question is...that I usually ask all the nominees, is to share your experience with the Board of Ethics that you have.

MR. TANAKA: Sorry, what was that? Just share my experience? Is that what you're...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, not your screen [sic]. I don't know what that sound is.

MR. TANAKA: Oh, no, no.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If you could share your experience that...the experience that you have with the Board...Board of Ethics...like if you've ever attended any of the meetings, or watched a recording, or checked out the meeting minutes?

MR. TANAKA: Yeah. Yeah, I did...I did check out the meeting minutes and I...I did watch the meetings, a couple of them. You know, from what I understand, it's a...a quasi-judicial board, so I feel like, as an attorney, that may, you know, be helpful on my end. You know, I...I know it deals with complaints and...and issues about conflicts and things like that, so I think that's something I could...I could definitely learn and be able to help the board make a decision.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Are you aware of the transition or growth --

MR. TANAKA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- that the Board of Ethics is going through?

MR. TANAKA: Exactly. Yeah, exactly. So...so, I do know Lauren Akitake, who's the Executive Director, and, you know, I understand that her office has done a lot and I've seen all the news articles and everything. So, from what I understand, you know, having them is...is going to allow the board to do more in terms of various rules and all that. So, you know, I think that's a good thing.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Awesome. And then my last question is just if you could share with us a little bit about how you envision contributing to the Board of Ethics?

MR. TANAKA: Yeah, I...I think since this is my first time...or would be my first time on a board, I understand there...there are some really good leaders on that board with Mr. Lilly and everyone, so I think I'd kind of follow their lead to begin with. But I think I'll be able to pick it up, you know, relatively quickly and...and contribute whatever I can.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Awesome. Mahalo for your willingness to serve, Mr. Tanaka. Appreciate it.

MR. TANAKA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Members, any other questions before we move on to our next nominee? Seeing none. Thank you very much, Mr. Tanaka.

MR. TANAKA: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. We also have Mr. Tomoso. Are you online? And if so, can you please turn on your camera...or if you are in person? No, don't see anybody moving. Is he online? Do we see him? Okay. Mr. Tomoso...

MR. TOMOSO: I'm here, but it just --

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Hi.

MR. TOMOSO: -- it doesn't allow me to open my camera.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh, you're logged in twice.

MR. TOMOSO: You know, when I go to the icon, it just...it doesn't allow me, so I don't know.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Well, we can hear you.

MR. TOMOSO: But you can hear me.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: We can hear you. We can...we can go with that. We can hear you. If you would like to introduce yourself, and then the Members will have an opportunity to ask you questions.

MR. TOMOSO: Aloha mai kākou.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Aloha.

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MR. TOMOSO: Aloha ‘auinalā. Yeah, my name is John A. Hauoli Tomoso. A lot of people call me Hauoli because John is a boring name. I actually served in this capacity...at the time, the nomenclature was the Commission on Ethics under the administration of Mayor Lingle. This was back in the early- to mid-’90s. And then I had to quit my term because I had to declare a conflict because I was involved in some advocacy efforts that was determined...that I, first of all, determined to be conflictual, and then it was...then they said, yeah, maybe you better resign, so I did. And I’m a retired civil servant. I...I worked for the County, actually. . . .*(laughing)*. . . And I retired in...oh, 2008. And then I joined the...the...the nonprofit sector, and I worked in nonprofits for another ten years. So, I’ve been retired since 2020. I also just retired as a priest of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai‘i just in August. So, I’m unfettered with a caseload because I’m a retired social worker. And then I’m also unfettered with a parochial load because I have no parish. So, I guess right now I do have time, although I’m pursuing a doctorate right now in theology. . . .*(laughing)*. . . And the idea here is that I’m online with that, so it’s a...it’s a hybrid. So, you know, I...right after this meeting, I have a meeting to attend to in Denver online. So, I do have time. I...I come to this board with a sense of what is right and what is wrong. I also come to this board with the idea that...that...that there is a certain set of principles and values that I think has to also be elevated to our government in that our government is representative of the people. And in that regard, I think government not only has to be somewhat transparent, like today, like now, but also understand that there are certain morals and values that in the secular world need to be elevated that we ourselves in our...in our private lives also elevate. Of course, being a priest, morality and ethics are...are...are a constant with me. I was just at the hospital because I’m a chaplain at the hospital, and this patient at the ICU wanted to talk to me about what is right and wrong, as she said she’s preparing to...to go to God. And I said, okay, let’s talk about right and wrong. And it was a conversation that kind of told me that, okay, so morality and values, right and wrong, are everyday kind of realities. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Members, any questions for Mr. Tomoso?
Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Hi, John. How are you doing?

MR. TOMOSO: Oh, aloha, Alice. Aloha mai. I’m fine. Boy, you’re looking young. I’m looking old, actually. So...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I can’t see you, so I can’t tell. But you sound young.

MR. TOMOSO: Well, no more hair now. My hair’s gone. I don’t have hair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Your hair is...

MR. TOMOSO: Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, yeah. I have to tell my...my colleagues that you're a very versatile person, versatile and talented. Remember the days where...when I do all the comedy skits? Sometimes you were Santa Claus, and sometimes you were the tūtū. Remember?

MR. TOMOSO: I remember that.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Anyway, so you...you do feel that you have time to...to work on this Committee on a regular basis, right?

MR. TOMOSO: Yes. Yes, I do. In fact, I...I'm on the current board and commission of...of the...of the County, but that term is...I'm terming out on that. And so, this is my next gig, so to speak, in...in...in serving the community at the civic governmental level. I...I really believe, Alice...like you know, I really believe in government. You know, government is so important, and it...it...it helps us with quality of life, but also helps us with a common life. And let's say that morality and values, right and wrong, those are common. Those are realities common to everyone, everyone, up and down. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Um-hum. Well, I look...look forward to having you serve on the commission, and thank you for your service.

MR. TOMOSO: You're welcome. Aloha. A hui hou.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Members...thank you. Members, any other questions? Seeing none. Thank you so much, Mr. Tomoso. Good luck on your next meeting.

MR. TOMOSO: Thank you. Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just had a question. Before we vote on these --

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- can somebody make sure all of the applications are signed and dated?

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Sure.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I think one was not dated, one was not signed that I saw.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. We will...Yukari will double-check it. She's been voluntold [sic] right now. Thank you for that.

**RESOLUTION 26-20: ACTING ON THE NOMINATION OF SARAH
FREISTAT PAJIMOLA TO THE CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION**

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: All right. Members, moving on to Civil Service Commission. We have before us just one nominee, Ms. Sarah Pajimola. She is a reappointment. Is she online? No? Okay. Well, she's not online with us right now, and if she happens to come in in the next few minutes, I do believe we all know her quite well, and we know how dedicated she is, not only to this commission, but to all other aspects of our local and County government. So, we will continue to see her name, and we will move on, and we will see her in full Council.

**RESOLUTION 26-21: ACTING ON THE NOMINATIONS OF CAYLA RAE
KUTAKA AND CATHERINE MOMI MEDEIROS TO
THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: So, let's move on to Commission on Children and Youth. We have before us two people, Ms. Carla [sic] Rae Kutaka and Ms. Catherine Medeiros. Both of them are reappointments. So, let's begin with Ms. Kutaka, if you would like to introduce yourself again and allow the Members an opportunity to ask you questions. Thank you.

MS. KUTAKA: Mahalo, Vice-Chair. Aloha mai kākou. My name is Cayla Kutaka. I was born and raised on Maui. I am an educator, special education teacher, behavioral clinician. I hold a degree in education, as well as I'm endorsed by the Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health. I respectfully request consideration for reappointment to this commission. I'm deeply committed to continuing the important work that is underway, including elevating youth voices within our commission discussions, strengthening awareness of mandated reporting responsibilities for child abuse and neglect prevention, expanding legislative knowledge amongst our commissioners, and engaging intentionally with our community to better understand what those...understand and respond to what those emerging needs might be. Since the start of my appointment, I have maintained consistent attendance at all commission meetings, and I anticipate no issues with those...that attendance moving forward. I'm honored to serve our County, as do you all, and appreciate your time and consideration. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you so much, and thank you so much for reapplying. Members, any questions do you have for Ms. Kutaka? We just appointed her to this

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board, if you don't remember, on November 21st of 2025, so not too long ago. Any questions? Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You...you also gave us the presentation, I think, in Member Sinenci's Committee; is that true?

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, great job on that. Thank you.

MS. KUTAKA: Yes. That was me. Thank you so much. Appreciate it.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Any questions for Ms. Kutaka? Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Ms. Kutaka. Mahalo for your willingness to continue serving on this commission. You sound like you're doing incredible work. How do we get more of you?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

MS. KUTAKA: I very much appreciate that, and I'm...I'm really looking forward to moving the commission ahead and doing all I can do to support there. Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mahalo, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Thank you, Ms. Kutaka. I don't think we have any other questions. I don't want to speak on behalf of everybody, but I think we'll be happy to support. Thank you. Ms. Medeiros, are you on with us? Is she on with us? Ms. Medeiros, if you wouldn't mind unmuting your camera. Okay. I think you're on soon. Aloha.

MS. MEDEIROS: Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: If you would like to introduce yourself, and then the Members will have an opportunity to ask you questions.

MS. MEDEIROS: Yes. So, I am Momi Medeiros. I work at Maui Family Support Services. I supervise two programs, one of which is our youth services program, and within that program, I teach middle school and high school students how to remain drug-free, hopefully through adulthood, and I do that on the Island of Maui and Molokai. I have been a member of the Commission on Children and Youth for three years, and this is a reappointment.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. And thank you for your willingness to serve again on this commission. Members, any questions you have for Ms. Medeiros? I don't see any questions. Thank you so much, Ms. Medeiros. I appreciate you.

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MS. MEDEIROS: Thanks.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thanks. Did somebody say me? Okay. None.

**RESOLUTION 26-22: ACTING ON THE NOMINATION OF MICHELLE
LYNNE GOULD TO THE CONSERVATION
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Let's move on to Conservation Planning Committee. I do believe that we had one person on, Ms. Michelle Gould, but I don't believe she is with us today. She is a reappointment. Members, we did put her on not too long ago. Let me see. Oh, 5/23/23. So, she's been on there for three years. She would be...if...if we do reconsider her, her appointment would go into the 29th [sic], but she is not with us right now, so we will vote on her like the rest of everybody else at Council meetings. Moving on, let's go to the Council of Aging. And if...let me see. At the end of the agenda? This one with the Council of Aging? Okay. We're going to do the Council of Aging last. Let me put a little bookmark there.

**RESOLUTION 26-24: ACTING ON THE NOMINATION OF DARRYL
PEREBOROW TO THE FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMISSION**

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: And let's move on to the Fire and Public Safety. Okay. Do we have Mr. Pereborow? How do we...is that how I say his name?

MR. PEREBOROW: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

MR. PEREBOROW: Here, Vice-Chair. Yes.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Great. Thank you. Could you please introduce yourself, and then again, the Members will have an opportunity to ask you questions.

MR. PEREBOROW: Sure. My name is Darryl Pereborow. I'd like to say, firstly, that I'm honored to be nominated by Mayor Bissen and appreciate the Council's time today in considering my application. You know, I've been in Maui now going on 12 years, full-time since before the pandemic. I volunteered to become a CERT, which is a Community Emergency Response Team member. I was certified May before the fires, and my first deployment was the resiliency and recovery effort here in Lahaina. And then I became a mentor for First Tee Hawai'i with the kids, showing the keiki to learn and play golf and teach them about other things other than golf, actually. Just here to work hard and try to make a difference. You know, being a transplant, I understand all of the complexities now of being here for many years. And I think I can bring kind of a

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willingness to collaborative work with people within the committee, as well as the departments that we're going to be overseeing, I guess, or...or working with. That's it.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Members, any questions? Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Pereborow. I hope I said that okay.

MR. PEREBOROW: No, that's fine.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. For your willingness to serve. Just one point, I know it's called the Fire and Public Safety Commission, but you're aware that you also have the oversight of the Maui Emergency Management Agency?

MR. PEREBOROW: Yes, and...and I understand there could be conflicts there, and if I'm elected or appointed to the board, I'd have to bring that up, obviously, to the chair and all the other members. And, you know, it was kind of interesting that I did get recommended for this . . . *(laughing)* . . . commission, but, you know, I'm willing to step away when...if there's any kind of issues. I'll just listen to, you know, whether it's Ethics or whoever's decision on whether or not I can make a vote or decide on certain things, for sure.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Yeah, I didn't think necessarily there would be a conflict because you're a volunteer, and it may be beneficial that you're aware of the...how it works, but I believe that you folks review the budgets as well before it goes to the Mayor, before it comes to us, and it might be moot this year because the Mayor's already doing his budget, but you don't have any issue with that?

MR. PEREBOROW: No. No, I don't. I feel that, you know, through my personal business experience over the many years that I've been, you know, self-employed, that, you know, I think my integrity and honesty will show through. And I'm...you know, obviously I can only say it, you know, I don't know how to prove that, but, you know, I'm willing to definitely be pragmatic, I guess, and...and listen to everything and then decide on whether or not I feel that's right or not, and just be honest.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. And...and I...I didn't mean to imply that there would be a conflict of interest.

MR. PEREBOROW: Oh, no, no, no.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Because --

MR. PEREBOROW: Yeah, no worries.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- there's no financial interest in being a volunteer to help your community, in...in my opinion, but I'm not the expert, but I just wanted to clarify. I didn't...I don't think that there is.

MR. PEREBOROW: None taken. Thank you very much for your question.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Members, any other questions do we have for this nominee? Member Rawlins-Fernandez? Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Just..just the one question about attendance, but I think I know the answer. But aloha, Mr. Pereborow. Mahalo for your...your willingness to serve on this commission, and for being certified and all your contributions to the community, particularly Lahaina after the fire. But that's...that's my question, and I...I particularly love your self-awareness, and just owning who you are and the attributes you have.

MR. PEREBOROW: Oh, thank you very much. And no, you know, I do own my own business, and the question came up when the INB initially interviewed me. You know, I...I'm basically . . .*(laughing)*. . . how do I say it, fly at a very high level, so I can dictate my travel schedule. I know this commission or board meets on the 15th of every month, and I can definitely schedule anything around that, for sure. I have that ability to do so.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Awesome. Mahalo for your response and mahalo for your willingness to continue serving the community. Mahalo. Mahalo, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Can you please do me a favor and pronounce your last name so I can hear it so when I say it, I attempt to say it correctly?

MR. PEREBOROW: Yeah. Everyone was close. It's Pereborow.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Pereborow. Okay. Thank you very much. Members, any other questions? Seeing none. Thank you very much for your willingness to serve. I appreciate your time. Thank you.

MR. PEREBOROW: Mahalo nui loa.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

MR. PEREBOROW: Have a good day.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

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**RESOLUTION 26-25: ACTING ON THE NOMINATION OF WILLIAM
MIDWOOD CURTIS, JR. TO THE HOUSING
ADVISORY BOARD**

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Let's move on to our Housing Advisory Board, and I do see our nominee with his camera on, so if you would like to please introduce yourself again. I know you are a reappointment. And then again, the Members will have an opportunity to ask you questions. Aloha, Mr. Curtis.

MR. CURTIS: Thank you, Vice-Chair. Bill Curtis. I was appointed...this is a new board. We haven't met yet, but I took the first one-year term of all the staggered terms, so this would be a reappointment after my first year. I do have the ability to attend. I have not observed any of the board meetings because there haven't been any yet, but I look forward to...if...if I'm retained, to kind of set up the...the initial phases of this board. And experience would be as a general contractor in the...in the County of Maui for the past many years. 1988 is when I first started doing...we did a residential construction on Kaua'i for a Maui company called JDH. We did homes in Paukūkalo. We did the Masters, more of a high end up in Lahaina. And that was...in order to stay employed on Maui, construction's a cyclical industry, and you...I've had the opportunity to bounce...to work with very different companies over the years. Done a lot of healthcare, done a lot of residential, done a bit of commercial. One of my projects right now is Hale O Pi'ikea. We're just wrapping that up, the affordable rentals, and we are...I work for the subcontractor that does the civil work on that. So, I've done civil on site. So, I bring a little bit of varied experience in construction in the broad spectrum rather than one specific trade, and that's where I think I might be able to add value to the board.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Mr. Curtis. Members, any questions? Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you for your willingness to serve so much, like multiple times. The previous one to this board, were you on the Board of Ethics? Was that the one?

MR. CURTIS: Yeah, I've...I'm currently on the Salary Commission. That is not a very heavy load, so I don't see this additional board being...I expect this one might be a little more intense. And I did do five years at the Board of Ethics, and I think I made all but three or four meetings in those five years.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Right on. Thank you so much for all the years of service to Maui County.

MR. CURTIS: When the kids moved away, I got to do something.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Members, any other questions? Member Rawlins-Fernandez, followed by Mr. Cook...Member Cook.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. And for the disclaimer, both my babies are home. Okay. So, mahalo, Mr. Curtis, for anticipating all my questions and providing the responses to all of them. I just have one question. Oh, wait, you said you didn't meet on this yet. Wait. So, I guess I...I was a little confused. Has...has this committee met yet? The Housing Advisory Board hasn't met yet?

MR. CURTIS: We have not had our first meeting. I did get a call from Director Mitchell four weeks ago, and he said he would be setting up a date soon. But we don't have quorum yet, so I don't think that's why they've set a meeting, from what he said. Anyway, we...we...no meetings yet, but we hope to have an initial one possibly before my term expires next month.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, the reason the...the board has never met is because you folks have never had quorum?

MR. CURTIS: That...well...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I know the answer. I spoke to Mr. Mitchell, and it's a policy board, and he hasn't had a policy to convene them. I'm writing one legislation he thought would be a good reason to convene them, but it hasn't yet been introduced, so he said he was going to convene them on the legislation that I'm writing. But until there's like a policy decision like that, he hasn't. That's what he said...Mr. Mitchell said to me. When I went back and forth on the legislation I was providing that, oh, this would be a good policy for the policy board to weigh in on.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Mahalo, Mr. Curtis. I'm happy to support your reappointment. Mahalo, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Sorry, I was texting my daughter. Members, any other...oh, Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Curtis, for willing to serve. You do have a wealth of experience to share. You have any ideas on the top of your head that might be able to work with the board to solve some of our housing?

MR. CURTIS: My initial thoughts were to...you know, we've got public...have a public and a private segment to the board meetings. You know, there's a lot of work that you do in the public sector for funding housing and all that, and I was just...also wanted to open up the door to how can we help the private sector build housing, as well as, you know, maybe streamline...if we could get pre-approved house plans for just normal people. You know, I understand the review process that's needed for, you know, the...the high end and the oceanfront, and that takes time, but just to...when...in the past, when we did Paukūkalo, I...I pulled 30 building permits all at once, and they were basically three floor plans, and it was...we did that on Kaua'i. We did the multifamily on Lāna'i, right below Kō'ele Lodge back when pineapple was shutting down. And I just remember a day when building basic houses, the permitting was a lot more streamlined, I guess is the way to say it, and then even we...we switched over to a new permitting system. If

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you look at the Big Island, they're...they're on the same system that we have, but the permitting department provides feedback to the public as to how many permits are in the system, how many new came in that month, how many were released that month. And there's some metrics that that software may be able to provide that we could implement here to just create a little more transparency between the permitting office and the public over just a few thoughts. Those are just a few thoughts.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank...no, no, thank you --

MR. CURTIS: Few thoughts.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- for sharing that because I see a lot of heads nodding. We're...we're excited, so thank you for your serving on the board, and I'm hopeful that we can get some ideas and solutions. Thank you, sir.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Cook. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Mr. Curtis, you brought up something that is close to me because you mentioned you worked on the apartment complex below Lodge at Kō'e. That's called Iwiōle. I lived...lived in there for many years, raised my daughter in those apartments. So, something is wrong with this system when we could build homes and apartments like that then quicker, streamlined, and then now there's problems where it's not streamlined...and now, more than ever, we need those apartments like Iwiōle. We need those affordable homes like all the lists that you went down, but I appreciate that. I just wanted to bring that up. Thank you. It's...we seem to be going backwards, and I think your opinions on policy are valued on this commission. Thank you, Chair.

MR. CURTIS: Yeah. That project was very similar to the Honokōwai apartment buildings, and I believe it was the same designers. It was...

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Perfect. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Members, any other questions? Sorry. Seeing none. Thank you very much, Mr. Curtis. Thank you for your willingness to serve. Bye. Okay.

**RESOLUTION 26-26: ACTING ON THE NOMINATIONS OF DWIGHT
 BURNS, CHAD VIELA, AND SETSUKO REGINA
 GORMLEY TO THE INDEPENDENT NOMINATION
 BOARD**

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Moving on. We're going to do the Independent Nomination Board, and then we're going to take a five-minute recess, okay? So, we have...I do see Dwight

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here in person. If you would like to come up to the podium, and then you can introduce yourself, and the Members will have an opportunity to ask you questions. *(pause)*

MR. BURNS: Good afternoon, Chair. Good afternoon, Councilmembers. Dwight Burns, lifelong Maui resident. What else you guys like know about me? . . . *(laughing)*. . . I pretty much know all of you. So, last year, as you all know, I retired, so it gives me more time to spend on serving on boards and commissions. Currently serving on the INB, and looking forward to continue serving on the INB. It's much different from the Fire Commission, I got to say that. It's a whole different animal on the INB. We spend...myself and the...our...my fellow board members spend hours, especially when we got to interview applicants. Sometimes four hours, sometimes maybe longer. But I just wanted to say that each and every one of the board members that I serve with, or serve with, our chair, Vice-Chair Viela, who you guys will be seeing in a little bit, and former...I mean, fellow board member Gina Gormley, they all do an incredible job. All of them, across the board. And we always make sure that we have quorum so we can serve and make sure that we get these applicants moved through to the next deciding agency, which is you guys. So, looking forward to continue serving on the INB.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Dwight. Thank you, Mr. Burns. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, good to see you.

MR. BURNS: Same here.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, you're enjoying your retirement, but good you're going to do this.

MR. BURNS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I totally support you. I know that everything you do, you do an exceptional job. And your heart is at the right place. So, thank you very much for caring. And this is a very important commission, so...

MR. BURNS: It is.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MR. BURNS: Thank you for that comments.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Sugimura. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Burns, for your willingness to serve. I just wanted to clarify what you said about, you make the choice and then move it on to us. The...the Mayor...does the...the Mayor like ratify your choice before it comes to us, or does it come straight from you folks to us? Are you aware?

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MR. BURNS: That would be one Yukari question.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay. Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

MR. BURNS: Sorry. . . .*(laughing)*. . . But I'm pretty sure we always would say, like, the next appointing people would be you guys.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

MR. BURNS: The Council.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Do you know, Yukari? Once --

MR. BURNS: Like, for the interviews and stuff like that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- those guys interview and select people, does the Mayor have to like ratify it or something before it --

MS. MURAKAMI: No.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- comes to us?

MS. MURAKAMI: Well, it depends if it's direct Council appointment, then it will go straight to this body. If not, then, yeah, it will go through the Mayor and the Mayor will pick from the list to come to here for the nominee.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Got it. Thank you. Thank you.

MR. BURNS: You're welcome.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Members, any other questions? If not, I do have a couple, but I'll hold my questions for the Members to have an opportunity first. Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Mr. Burns. Mahalo for your willingness to continue serving on the INB. And mahalo for answering all my questions before I asked them. Mahalo, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh, thank you. Thank you. Member Cook, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Mr. Burns. From your experience, what's your...what's your...the pulse of people volunteering? And willing to volunteer, any concerns about people volunteering? Can you share anything about that?

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MR. BURNS: I could. I actually could. Some people, their heart is in it. They do want to serve the community...and we see that, and we hear that. Some people--don't mean to offend anybody--but you can kind of see the hidden agendas if you listen good enough and pay attention to the reasons why they like...why they want to serve. So, like I said, the people I serve with on the board do a tremendous job. Everybody asks the right questions. Our chair, sometimes we don't even have to ask questions because she does it all. Jenny is incredible. But I hope that answers your question.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No, no, you know what? Thank you very much. Because it actually...it like definitely answered it. Because the board is doing the job to kind of filter everybody to different positions. So...

MR. BURNS: They are. They are. We spend extra time actually trying to, you know, make sure that we're putting the right people in the right place on the right boards. Like if somebody applies for this specific commission or board and there is no opening for them, but because of the background that they share with us and what we read of their...you know, their...what they bring to the table, they would be one good fit for another board. So, we would ask them if they would be willing for serve on this board or commission because this one is full. Yeah. We try our best.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Cook. Thank you, Mr. Burns. You are our first nominee that we have before this commission that we get to reappoint somebody to the INB. And it was a little bit of a struggle getting that board and commission...or the INB board off and running. Do you have any advice for us, or suggestions for us that we can better help you folks on that board?

MR. BURNS: Oh, that's a good question.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: You don't have to necessarily answer now. I no like, like, point fingers, but I'd be happy to talk to you if you...if you want to answer it in private.

MR. BURNS: So, for me, I just...I think just about close to a year being on this board. But my next two fellow board members could...could probably answer that better than I could.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

MR. BURNS: Yeah, I no like --

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Sure.

MR. BURNS: -- mess it up. . . .*(laughing)* . . .

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Sure. Thank you. I appreciate that. We do not have Ms. Gormley here with us, but I...I believe we have Mr. Viela?

MR. BURNS: Yeah.

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VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: That's how you say his name?

MR. BURNS: Yeah. They're more seasoned --

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

MR. BURNS: -- than I am, so --

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

MR. BURNS: -- they probably would answer that better.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I will ask that. Thank you. Thank you, Dwight. Members, any other questions we have for Mr. Burns? Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I'm sorry. It's not for Mr. Burns. I'm not sure if it's for your Committee Staff or --

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- Ms. Murakami. I just was wondering why the application, some of them are different information on it.

MS. MURAKAMI: Again, I think it's what version of the application. It was...some of them may be an older version. So, if that's the case, then we can try and get ahold of the applicants and nominees and get them to do an updated.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Because it's...it's kind of weird. Sorry, not...not for you. But it's kind of weird that some applications have certain information and some applications don't have that same information. And it's like, shouldn't we be like grading everyone by the same criteria? And...and it's just, I...I...I don't think I'm OCD, but it doesn't seem right.

MS. MURAKAMI: Yeah. So, we'll look at the applications, and Ms. Yoshida and I can work on getting the updated applications.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. So, the...the most information should be on both applications. Like if one application has employment and then the other one doesn't have employment, or it's like...you know, it's incomplete information. You know what I'm saying? Like if you fill out one application, you have all this information. But if you filled out a different application, you have different information. So, it...it doesn't...doesn't seem right to me.

MS. MURAKAMI: Yeah, we'll look into that and then we can provide updated.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

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VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Can I ask a follow-up question to Member Paltin's question? Which one is the most recent one? Like for instance, I'm looking at Mr. Burns' application, and to elaborate on Member Paltin's like concern about consistency, one of the questions that we ask on one of the applications is length of residency. And for Mr. Burns, it's...his answer was life, which I can appreciate. And then the next one, it doesn't have that. So, which one is the...the newer one?

MS. MURAKAMI: So, I believe that Mr. Burns' one is the newer one.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then on the next one, it has employment history and...and like that, and then his one doesn't have that one.

MS. MURAKAMI: Correct, the new application does not have that employment.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

MS. MURAKAMI: In this one, I think it might be on the other page, that confidential page maybe.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then how do we see the...like are we not allowed to see that page?

MS. MURAKAMI: No, you should get that as well, but it'll be separate, so...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. We haven't received it. And...

MS. MURAKAMI: Okay. We'll check on that and then I'll check with Jody if she can...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'd...I'd like to receive it before we have to vote.

MS. MURAKAMI: Okay. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Thank you, Member Paltin. Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. And mahalo, Member Paltin, for bringing that up. I was wondering the same thing. So, Ms. Gormley, she signed her application in 2023, so it looks like they just recycled the old application. And then Mr. Viela signed...well, it's not signed, but it's dated --

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: '26.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- January 21st, 2026. And maybe that one was one of the ones that Member Paltin saw that wasn't signed because I don't see a signature on that one.

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VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then Mr. Burns' was signed in 2025. I...I haven't received the confidential form either. I don't know what we're calling that one, but all the information.

MS. MURAKAMI: Yeah. So, we'll...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, maybe when we take the recess, we can get it?

MS. MURAKAMI: I have to ask if that's going to be emailed at least during recess or not. But if it...if so, then we'll get that to you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: If not, then...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah, thank you for that.

MS. MURAKAMI: Before . . . *(inaudible)*. . . yeah.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: If we can get it during this next section of our meeting, we would appreciate it. But if not, before the meeting would be okay --

MS. MURAKAMI: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- too. We have one more person and then we're going to do a timeout. Ms. Gormley is not with us right now. So, we're going to just take our last person before our break with Mr. Chad Viela. If you are on, please turn on your camera. Is he on with us? No? Is he with us in person? No? Okay. He's being promoted right now. *(pause)*

MR. VIELA: Aloha, Members.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aloha.

MR. VIELA: Aloha. Can you...can you folks hear me okay?

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: We can hear you. We can see you.

MR. VIELA: Okay. Great. So, apologies. We're...we're still in our outage protocol in Lahaina. So, if my...our Wi-Fi is kind of spotty. So, if I go in and out, please...please let me know.

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VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you. Did you want to introduce yourself and then the Members can have an opportunity to ask you questions.

MR. VIELA: Yes, thank you. My name is Chad Viela. I'm currently an Independent Nomination Board member for two years now. So, you know, it feels like...although we've done a lot on the board, you know, it feels like there's a lot more to be done. And, you know, we're kind of relatively new. So, you know, we're kind of hitting our stride right now. So, it feels like, you know, there's more to be done, so I...I reapplied.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Members, any questions you have for Mr. Viela? Can I ask you what I asked Mr. Burns? How can we support you? I know that, like you said, you guys are hitting your stride and I really appreciate that. It was a little bumpy at first. How can...how can we better support you?

MR. VIELA: Just patience. You know, it's a daunting task. You know, we have, what, 43, 42 boards and commissions, several hundred people, a lot of moving parts. We're an additional layer of oversight, of course. You know, the process actually takes longer than pre-INB, I understand. You know, a lot of people resigned. You know, come fall, we...you know, we pick up speed. We...we hold meetings weekly sometimes for three, four hours. So, just patience and understand that, you know, we're...we're trying to find good people, put round peg...round...you know, round sticks in round holes and try to...try to get everybody we can because, you know, at the end, we need all the help we can get and we're trying to find the brightest and the best, you know, to help out the County, help out the people, which I'm...I'm passionate about. And that's a lot of work, but just...just some patience that we try hard. We have nine members that put in a lot of time, very dedicated. That's pretty much it. I think we're doing...we're doing good. Again, two years, I don't think is enough. I'll put in a few more. I think we got a lot more to do. And then see how it goes.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. I look forward to supporting you now and a few more times if that's...if that's what you want to do. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And mahalo, Mr. Viela, for being able --

MR. VIELA: Yeah, mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- wanting to continue on this board. And...and I can...I can hear of some of the frustration. We...in East Maui, we have a limited pool of volunteers, and so we're constantly looking to fill. I was just curious, does the board go out to recruit? What's your recruitment, try and get more people to volunteer?

MR. VIELA: Yeah. So, part of...part of the Charter rules, recruitment is part of our duties. So, there, you know, are different things that we've been discussing as...as a body to...to recruit people. Of course, you know, media, there's certain...certain events that we've attended. The Lāna'i--was it the Pine Fest or--and, you know, the senior fair, things of that nature. The County Fair that members of the INB have attended ourselves to, you know, to show support not only for the INB, but for the County as a whole. You know,

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and so, those are the few things we've been doing. But in the end, you know, recruitment is...I think everybody's...you know, everybody can help out and put in a word that anybody knows anybody that wants to volunteer, you know, they...you know, they can go online, or they can contact Jody and, you know, sign up. So...so, correct, yes, our...we're doing that. That's part of our job and we work hard on that, I think. And yeah, so hopefully we can get more people.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo for all your work this last two years. We'll...we'll try to help out as much as we can.

MR. VIELA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

MR. VIELA: You're welcome.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Sinenci. Members, any other questions for Mr. Viela? Seeing none. Thank you so much. Oh, Member Rawlins-Rawlins, please.

MR. VIELA: Thanks.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh, sorry. One more question.

MR. VIELA: Yeah, sure.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha Mr. Viela. Just a quick one.

MR. VIELA: Aloha. How are you? Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Maika'i. How are you?

MR. VIELA: Good. How are you? . . .*(laughing)*. . . How's the weather out there anyway? . . .*(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's hot right now.

MR. VIELA: Oh. It didn't rain?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Had rain this weekend. Of the new form, I guess, with a closer look, there's a commitment to attendance. So, mahalo to the Admin for adding that.

MR. VIELA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I will commit to attending all regularly scheduled board meetings to the best of my abilities. And that everyone's aware of 2.41.090, which is the attendance policy in our Code. I guess I only noticed that because never have

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your signature on this one, but you're going to submit a signed form, yeah? You already said that.

MR. VIELA: Yeah, I didn't submit that.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. VIELA: Yeah, so I'll submit that. Attendance is not a problem for me. You know, I applied a month before the fire hit, and, you know, I wasn't going to serve, but I already signed up, so I just went through it. So, it's been challenging. We just moved back in October. We rebuilt my house. So, you know, building a home and serving on the board was really, really challenging, but, you know, somebody's got to do it, right? And I signed up for it. So, you know, showing up for meetings is not a problem for me. It's our job, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your continued commitment to serve on the INB. Mahalo, Chair.

MR. VIELA: Yeah, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Members, any other questions? Seeing none. Thank you very much for your willingness to serve, Mr. Viela. Members...

MR. VIELA: You're welcome.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. We're going to take a ten-minute break. Do you guys want to do a ten-minute break, five-minute break? We have 13 more to go, okay? So, we'll do a ten-minute break. We'll come back at 3:17. So, ten-minute break, 3:17. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 3:07 p.m.

RECONVENE: 3:33 p.m.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Thank you, Members. It is 3:33, and will the GREAT Committee please reconvene. I apologize for that extra-long recess. Even though that is our standard practice, is a soft suggestion, we were trying to figure out how we can provide you folks with the information that used to be on the application that is no longer in the application. It is a bunch of information that will need to be redacted. So, the most efficient way for right now is if you folks want to see it, please make an appointment with Maria Leon, Committee Secretary for GREAT, and she can happily go over that with you folks. She can't necessarily send it to you because then it becomes public, and we...we have some issue...they have some issue with that. There's personal information. So, she's going to figure it out with David and how to best provide it to us as Members. But for right now, if you do have any burning concerns

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you would like to see, please make an appointment with Maria from now until the 18th, and she's happy to accommodate your guys' viewing of that confidential information.

**RESOLUTION 26-33: ACTING ON THE NOMINATION OF STANFORD
KEITH LANIAS TO THE MAUI REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY**

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: For now, I know I said we're going to come back into this meeting and go to Lānaʻi Planning Commission, so I'm...I'm sorry. But if we can actually move a couple steps ahead to the MRA, we do have somebody here that needs to leave, so I wanted to accommodate them. I believe it's Mr. Lantias. If...if you don't mind coming up to the front. Thank you for being patient with us. Please introduce yourself, and then the Members will have an opportunity to ask you questions.

MR. LANIAS: Aloha, Chair and Council.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Aloha.

MR. LANIAS: My name is Stanford Lantias. I'm a permanent resident of Maui for the last 40 years. I'm semi-retired, and I don't know why I didn't stay fully retired, but it doesn't pay very well, so here I am. But I do enjoy volunteering my time that I have free to give back to my community and be part of it. This is my third board. My first board, I served with Councilmember Yuki in the Cost of Government, and my previous board that I served on was with the Salary Commission, and so hopefully this will be my third...third one, and a few more to come, hopefully.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Members, do we have any questions? Again, this is for the MRA. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: As this is a reappointment for you, I just was wondering, like how...how has your experience been on the board? I mean, yeah, agency.

MR. LANIAS: You know, each board has its own personality, and each one is interesting to serve on. And I've learned a lot. And knowing more about how our County works and how, you know, it...it accomplishes things, and some are slow and some is quick. But, you know, the...the end result is that we do accomplish what we try to set out for it to do on most of the commissions. And, you know, we're...basically we're here to, you know, support you guys and try to do the best that we can to, you know, provide information for you or, you know, try to give you a better idea of how the community is perceiving things and how they would like to see things done. So, you know, we're just kind of a voice for them, and, you know, that's what I feel that my opportunity is for to serve the community for, is to be a voice for those that can't be here.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And is it correct that it includes the historic district of Wailuku?

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MR. LANIAS: Yes, that's what makes it interesting for me because being the fifth generation Kānaka Maoli, you know, I like to see Maui, you know, at least keep its culture and preserve what...you know, what we have that's...what's left. I mean, after Lahaina, you know, that was a big loss, and hopefully we don't lose any more of our...our culture that we have here in Maui that makes it so much more special than some of the islands, other islands, and...but every island has its own special culture and its personality, which...which makes Hawai'i unique in its own.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Do you have any thoughts as to, like, I guess, losing the historic district and rebuilding it?

MR. LANIAS: You know, I like...I like to see it the way it is and preserve it the way that it is. I don't...you know, I know there's some other development that is coming around it, but I hope that it can keep in with the character of the Wailuku community. And of course, the...you know, the historical districts that we have, that we can preserve that and keep it the way that it is. I know that some of the infrastructure needs to be improved, but I think the full character of what each community and each city has of its own, I think we...we need to preserve that, keep it...keep it distinct that way.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Do you have any objection...like I know that there's height limits in the historic district to allowing an extra, say, ten feet for equipment and antennas and like that?

MR. LANIAS: I'm not in favor of that. You know, I don't think that's part of the culture of what Hawai'i has. I don't think anything goes over a coconut tree should be higher than that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

MR. LANIAS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Of course. Members...Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, I...I just want to say that serving with him and seeing him work in the community, I totally support him. And he's so committed to the community, and he doesn't have to, right, if he's retired. So, thank you --

MR. LANIAS: Thank you, Council Chair [sic].

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- for continuing.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. I appreciate those words, Member Sugimura. Members...Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Okay. If I say it wrong, then please correct me. Mr. Lanas?

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MR. LANIAS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, thank goodness. Okay. On your application, it...it says, briefly explain your interest in being a member of a particular board and it says, see attached. Oh, I guess this isn't a question for you. It would probably be for Staff. There isn't anything attached for me to see.

MR. LANIAS: I understand your question.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I think the question is, she wanted to see your...your answer to your first question. You wrote see attached, so that means you had probably used up more space, but we don't have that with us.

MR. LANIAS: Oh, I'm not sure. I would have to look at it, see what it is.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Yukari?

MS. MURAKAMI: We'll also look at it --

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

MS. MURAKAMI: -- and see what we can find.

MR. LANIAS: Yeah. I can address it. I'm not sure what I put attached to.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

MR. LANIAS: I'm sure it's not as important, but...

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah, we'll get --

MR. LANIAS: Just . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- we'll get that from the Staff.

MR. LANIAS: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you so much.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Staff said that they would bring it.

MR. LANIAS: All right. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: They're going to get it. I don't know if they'll get it right now, but they'll get it.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for continuing to serve. I...I think you know what you're doing already. It's a reappointment, and your attendance sounds like it's good. So, you have my support. Mahalo.

MR. LANIAS: All right.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Any other questions? Seeing none. We look forward to your support...well, supporting you in a few weeks when we go to full Council. Thank you.

MR. LANIAS: Mahalo. Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Aloha.

**RESOLUTION 26-27: ACTING ON THE NOMINATION OF DAVID ALBERT
LEON TO THE LĀNA'I PLANNING COMMISSION**

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Members, if we could go back to the Lāna'i Planning Commission. Okay. I need to find my place. Okay. We have Mr. Leon. Is he with us online? Okay.

MR. LEON: Hello. Good afternoon, everyone.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Hello. If you would please introduce yourself, and the Members will have an opportunity to ask you questions.

MR. LEON: Thank you. Thanks, Council. Appreciate everyone's time and consideration. My name's David Leon. I'm a full-time resident here on Lāna'i. I'm raising two young boys, and I decided to apply for this position. It's my first foray into...into local government, which I'm very excited about and approaching with an open and novice mind, and looking forward to learning and contributing in any way that...that I can. And some other commission members encouraged me to apply to this one and said that there was some help needed there. And so, I was very grateful to throw my...my hat in. I may not know exactly what I'm getting into, to be totally honest, but I'm here for it. I...I know there'll be a question about attendance. I have quite a bit of flexibility. I'm a remote worker here, so I look out my window here on Lāna'i. And as I'm sort of sending emails more broadly in the work that I do, which is in food systems and agriculture around the world, I'm always looking for ways to ground down and...and contribute to this place that has provided so much to...to me and my family in the form of community and...and...and nourishment. So, that's why I'm here, and very, very happy to answer any questions that you all have.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Mr. Leon. Member Johnson, do you have any questions? I'll let you go first.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Good morning, Mister...or good afternoon, Mr. Leon. It's good to see you. I mean, I see you on the island quite often, but you're here in the eChambers [sic], I guess, but it's good to have you here.

MR. LEON: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I wanted to ask you kind of a deeper question because it's an important part of the role that you'd be serving. As you know, the island's owned 98 percent by a billionaire, Mr. Ellison now, but that could change. As we know, you know, people live and die, and there's no real...you know, it's passed...this island's been passed from billionaire to billionaire for many years. For someone who's new to the...well, five years, have you been on the island? I mean, that's you know, four, relatively new.

MR. LEON: It's new. Yeah, it's new.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, the...how do you juggle that? When you feel in your heart something and maybe the company feels something else, how do you juggle that? When you're one person, been here for four years, how do you balance what you feel in your gut versus what's...maybe you have a disagreement with the company, for example?

MR. LEON: Yeah, that's a good question. I mean, this place is a...is dichotomy and...and the sort of two paradigms are very much at the core of...of this place, and it's part of an everyday existence that is sort of unlike any other place I've ever...I've ever been or spent time at. And I think, ultimately, there is a careful navigation and reconciliation as...as you sort of walk the line between property rights and, you know, the...both the will of...of the County and the...and the people of the...of the broader community...and also, you know, what the land wants and...and sort of needs is, I think, part of a voice that...that I want to listen to as well. And I think, as...as I understand the role of the Planning Commission, that, you know, we're here...we're here to advise on some of those plans as they come down, and we're...we're only adjudicating, you know, in a very limited sort of scope on...on some certain contested permits, as...as I understand it. And...but I...but I do think, if...as long as we are...are on the commission, as I understand it, as...as, you know, all members of the community, and...and that that's why it felt important that . . .(timer sounds). . . every slot that we have available is filled with a community member. And, you know, I've had...I've had, like everyone on this island, interactions with the company, and . . .(laughing). . . you agree with some of them, some of the things they do, and you're grateful for some of the things they do, and you just don't agree, or you just can't make sense of some of the things that they do. And so, you know, it's...it's a real...it's a real balance and one that I look forward to, you know, maybe getting some tips from you, Gabe, on...on how you've been able to navigate that as...as someone who's --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: You don't want to ask me that one.

MR. LEON: -- probably bumping up against all the time. . . .(laughing). . .

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: . . .*(laughing)*. . . I'm joking, David, but okay. All right. Let me ask a very specific one because this came up before.

MR. LEON: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: There was a desal plant proposed for the Island of Lānaʻi. What's your take on desalinization? Do you think the Island of Lānaʻi needs it?

MR. LEON: I think that it's...it could be conceived as a technological solution for something that perhaps has an ecological solution. I've been thinking a lot about and...and look at this in my broader work . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . across the world around hydrating landscapes and the way that...the way that cultivation of...and land management affects hydrology of landscapes. And if...if I had the resources that Mr. Ellison had, I'd be thinking about doing a demonstration of proper land management as a way to bring more water onto the ground rather than a very expensive and energy-dependent kind of solution like desal.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: You know, honestly, Mr. Leon, I didn't think I was going to ask you that question, but I'm glad I did. Thank you, Chair. No further questions.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Johnson. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Leon, for your willingness to serve. I take it you work for Mr. Ellison?

MR. LEON: I do not.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay. Where did you live before your four years in Maui County?

MR. LEON: I lived in O'ahu. And before that, I'm...I'm...I was born in California.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then I know that most of Lānaʻi City is not in the SLR-XA or the SMA, but our planning commissions are like the sole authority in the coastal zone management area. And so, what...what do you know about sea level rise and...and like that?

MR. LEON: You know, a fair amount from a systemic level. I...I...I work broadly in...in, you know, sustainable food systems, which bumps up against climate...climate work and energy. I do that from primarily an impact perspective, working with, you know, from impact investment and also from the nonprofit side of things. So, I know systemically about that around, you know, specific details of how it affects...you know, the coastal region of Lānaʻi is...is something that I'm...I'm interested in learning more about, but broadly I'm...I'm pretty well-versed. I would say maybe above average than typical population on...on both the science and some of the mitigation factors that...that are being used around the world.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Do you know what the current foot projection is for 2100 in the SLR-XA?

MR. LEON: I don't.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Members, any other questions for Mr. Leon? Seeing none. Thank you very much. I appreciate your time.

MR. LEON: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

**RESOLUTION 26-28: ACTING ON THE NOMINATIONS OF DUSTIN
HAROLD PŌKAIKAILANI KALEIOPU AND
HEATHER AMY STEPHENS TO THE LIQUOR
CONTROL ADJUDICATION BOARD**

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Members, let's move on to Liquor Control Adjudication Board. We have Mr. Kaleiupu with us. Aloha. If you could please --

MR. KALEIOPU: Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- if you could introduce yourself, and then the Members will have an opportunity to ask you questions.

MR. KALEIOPU: Aloha, Members. My name is Dustin Kaleiupu. I'm originally from Lahaina, now residing in Kahului. I have had the pleasure of serving on the Liquor Control Adjudication Board for the last three years, and I'm hoping to be reappointed. Learned a lot about, you know, government and the quasi-judicial process, and I'm looking forward to serving again. Respect for law and public health and safety.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Members, any questions? Sorry, I have a cough drop in my mouth. Again, he's a reappointment, so does anybody have any questions? I don't think I have any. No? Thank you very much for being with us. I appreciate your time. Thank you.

MR. KALEIOPU: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Is Ms. Heather or Amy Stephens with us, either online or in the audience? Do you see her? Okay. Oh. Are you Ms. Heather Stephens?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . . (*inaudible*) . . .

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VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Yeah, I see your name. We'll call you up when the commission...your commission is up. For right now, we're looking for Ms. Heather Stephens. We don't see her, so we'll skip over. Member Paltin, do you know her? She said it's from Lahaina.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I do know her. She lives in the Nāpili area. I'll vouch for her.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

**RESOLUTION 26-29: ACTING ON THE NOMINATIONS OF CHRISTINE
KAHEALANI SILVA AND LAURENCE FRANKLIN
STEVENS TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL
COMMISSION**

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Let's move on to the Liquor Control. We have Mister...Ms. Silva, sorry. I...I believe Mr. Stephens is the one who withdraw...withdrew. Are you going to be providing us whatever documentation we need to withdraw so we don't have to formally dis-appoint?

MS. MURAKAMI: Yeah, I . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you very much. For now, we have Ms. Silva. Thank you very much for being with us.

MS. SILVA: Hello, everyone.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: If you could please introduce yourself.

MS. SILVA: I'm Kahealani Silva. My first name is Christine. My parents have never called me that to this day.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Kahealani.

MS. SILVA: Kahealani Silva. Nice to meet you all.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Nice to meet you.

MS. SILVA: I'm a Wailuku resident. I'm also a Navy wife. My husband is from Hāli'imaile. He's serving for us right now and getting out. So, we're coming back home, and I finally have the opportunity to get to do things like this. I've always been very passionate about my home here on Maui, and I've always wanted to be a part of it. So, now I'm finally in a position where I can attend these types of meetings and pay more attention to these things. So, I may not know the current issues going on right now, but I did just get back home, and I look forward to intertwining myself with them. So, any questions? I'm very nervous.

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VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Oh, don't be. You're good. Does anybody else...Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Silva, for your willingness to serve. I just was wondering what you know about the process for applying for a liquor license. I think often they ask people applying if they are an attorney or they have enlisted an attorney, and that's because of the difficulty of applying. Like you always have to use the exact same name and stuff like that. And any thoughts as to streamlining that process so you don't need to hire an attorney to apply for a liquor license?

MS. SILVA: I don't know anything about that, but I would like to learn something about that. I...I think it's important for us to make any application process as simplistic as possible. You know, still get all the information that we need, for sure, but all these little manini things throughout all of the County system and the State systems that cause hurdles for others, I think, just stalls growth for our economy here and makes things frustrating for people to sometimes where they just give up. So, yeah, I'd like to learn more about that. I wish I had an answer.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Members, any other questions? I do have a couple, but I'll wait for you folks. Just double-checking. Okay. So, you were a bartender for 11 years?

MS. SILVA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: You're no longer a bartender now?

MS. SILVA: Correct. I haven't bartended for about a decade now.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. I'm actually really happy to have somebody who worked in the industry to hopefully serve on this commission. I have so many friends who are bartenders, and sometimes they share with me their concerns. So, I'm happy you get to hopefully represent them. It is...it's a very interesting job you folks have, like part therapist, part pourer, you know, mixologist, whatever we're going to call you folks.

MS. SILVA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: New terms, but I know for my friends, some of their concerns is you don't know if somebody maybe took some sort of pill, that you didn't serve them any alcohol that's over whatever recommended amount, they may leave, and you folks are liable. Your restaurant is liable. And there are many nuanced situations that I hope...hopefully you can bring some light to.

MS. SILVA: Yeah, I look forward to that as well. That's one of the reasons why I was interested in this and adjudication when I first applied is because I...you know, I come from a law

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enforcement family, and then I did get to bartend, and so I'm hoping that I get to bring in that balance. And when I bartended, I took those...our rules and our laws pretty seriously...to the point where I annoyed some of our customers, but that's because they had too much. No. . . .*(laughing)*. . . But yeah, I think it is important that we be able to look at both sides of this and see it from both perspectives.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Agreed. Thank you. Member...Member Sinenci? No, she cannot pour us a drink right now. We're on the call.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, yeah, no, not now.

MS. SILVA: Got to wait until 5:00. No.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Just following up on Member U'u-Hodgins' line of questioning, what is your...and...and we're still working on some of these...the details. What is your feelings about maybe having Narcan in some of the public establishments?

MS. SILVA: You know, unfortunately, I think that that might be something that we do need to start looking at, given the changes in our community and how usually one thing goes hand-in-hand with another. But I think that we'd have to look at cost efficiency as well as that, but it might be something that we should at least investigate.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you for that.

MS. SILVA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Any other questions? Member Rawlins-Fernandez isn't here, so I'll ask some of her standard questions. You have no issues with attending future meetings. Are you familiar with the Liquor Commission and what they usually do?

MS. SILVA: I don't know how they run it anymore because like I said, I just moved back home, but I recall that it used to be once a month, and if it's still that, even if it were twice a month, I could definitely still come to meetings. I have, like I said, finally the capability of being able to do these kinds of things, so yeah --

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah. Welcome home too.

MS. SILVA: -- no problem. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Any other questions? I see Member Rawlins-Fernandez has joined us again.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And mahalo for asking my questions, Chair.

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VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Of course. Thank you for asking them. Okay. Other than that, I don’t have any other questions. Thank you very much.

MS. SILVA: Okay. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much, Ms. Silva.

MS. SILVA: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you.

**RESOLUTION 26-31: ACTING ON THE NOMINATION OF MIRIAM
ANUHEA KAMAKANAOKEALOHA HOKOANA
ARAKAWA TO THE CULTURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION**

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. Members, we did Persons with Disabilities first. So, we are now on CRC, and I believe we have Ms. Arakawa with us online. Is her video on? Aloha.

MS. ARAKAWA: Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: If you could please give us a brief introduction of yourself, and then the Members will have an opportunity to ask you questions.

MS. ARAKAWA: Sure. Aloha mai kākou. O wau o Miriam Anuheia Arakawa. I am a general...generational resident of Maui, a kupa of Hāli‘imaile, and my family is from Hāmākuapoko to Hāna, but I currently reside in Paukūkalo with my tūtū. I myself am an ‘ōlapa of Hālau Nā Lei Kaumaka O Uka for 20-plus years with a background in nonprofit and human service work. Me being on this commission is vital that younger voices are present in the decision-making and not to...not to...not only to ensure general knowledge...generational knowledge, but to also ensure that the future of cultural stewardship is continuous and not so episodic. We can carry our lessons from our kūpuna, and...but also being present in the urgency of this time. I’m an advisor for a youth internship program at my work, and we were able to put forth the Ka Pewa Youth Summit with the County support to elevate youth voice. And I chose to sit on this board to lead by example for those...for those high schoolers. And then also, previously watching these commission meetings specific to the CRC, feeling frustrated with the lack of quorum and the continuous cancellation of meetings. Like being on for...I think I was appointed for the later [sic] half of the year, even then meetings were being canceled...and at our last meeting last week, reminded of how important it is, this kuleana, but also to do our homework and read. And so, like apply to all of you folks who have to read so much because it is a lot, but I’m appreciative of the great examples who are on the commission right now and are patient with me learning the process of all the things. And so, it’s that like...my goal really is to contribute and be a voice grounded in respect and action orientation, but also to be that bridge for generations

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that are represented currently and strengthen community trust and pilina for...for people and 'āina. Mahalo. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Mahalo. Members, any questions? Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Arakawa for your willingness to serve and be reappointed. I just was wondering your thoughts about...I mean, I know the Cultural Resources Commission has a heavy role to fulfill in the historic district of Lahaina's rebuild. And if you could share any of your thoughts about that process to date and any ways that this body could support you folks.

MS. ARAKAWA: Absolutely. Thank you for your question. In Lahaina being in that historic district and the rebuild, it's...and my role in sitting in this commission, I view it as ensuring that we're hearing all the different things that come to the commission that is upheld to not just checking a box on the certain things, but also keeping in mind our cultural resources and what that means in the rebuild. But also learning from that event and how we can ensure those projects continue to be aligned with...with where the community sees this rebuild to be. But also like knowing that we have a...to not just...to not sit and like make a decision. And I believe we're planning as a commission to go out into Lahaina together to...to come to a census [*sic*] of like, this is what it is and this is how we'll move forward. And so, I'm looking forward to that, but also ensuring that the outreach is being done and those voices are being heard and considered when...in our role.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Any thoughts about...you know, like we talk about the royal complex area and then we talk about the Commercial District and how they will like merge into each other? Because when I go to meetings about the royal complex and when I go to meetings about the Commercial District, it's like two different planets on like the same historic*(timer sounds)*. . . district. So, any thoughts to that?

MS. ARAKAWA: Oh, it's finding a balance for sure, but I believe...I guess it's the context of how...I feel like the...the...this is a great opportunity to give and implement what should be and was, but also recognizing that it won't be exactly, but we can come very close. But also honoring folks who have generational ties to either...on the commercial side. And so, it's really striking the balance between the two, but...yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Members, any other questions do we have for this nominee? Okay. If you cannot tell by her name, we're definitely cousins, but even if we weren't, I would completely support Anu. She is a special soul. So, I'm so happy and I feel like as a County, we are very lucky to have her and other people like her to serve on this commission and all the others. So, mahalo, Anu. Mahalo so much.

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**RESOLUTION 26-32: ACTING ON THE NOMINATIONS OF KEAKA
 NAPO'ONAOKALA KAMAI AND PRENTIS-RAY
 NOEAU PATAO TO THE MAUI PLANNING
 COMMISSION**

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. We will move on then. And we have Planning Commission. I do see the two gentlemen nominated in the back wall, and we will start with Mr. Kamai, if you would like to head on down.

MR. KAMAI: Hey.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Aloha. If you don't mind introducing yourself, we've seen you a couple of times, but please introduce yourself. And then again, the Members will have an opportunity to ask you questions.

MR. KAMAI: So, aloha mai kākou. My name is Keaka Kamai. I'm a current resident of Waiehu, Maui. I thank you guys for the opportunity for just speak today and giving me the time. You know, I just wanted to let you guys know that when I took interest in the Planning Commission, I...I...you know, there was a lot of thought process going through all of this yeah. I had friends telling me, brah, that's a lot of reading. That's a lot of things that you got to do. A lot of zoning and County codes and stuff that you got to start getting educated with. And took that all into consideration, and I just wanted to...I...I went back and forth, should I do this, should I not? And I...I came up with the consensus of, do we serve our community, or do we just sit back and, you know, just say, oh, well, that's somebody else's issue, somebody else's problem. Yeah. So, I decided that instead of, you know, ask questions or just be inquisitive, maybe be part of the process and part of the solution if it's possible. Yeah. If granted today, or whenever you guys go through this, all I can...all I can say is I going to be honest and I going to try my best. Yeah. I going to try and...and I going to learn and grow. I don't know everything...so that's one thing I can admit, that I do not know everything, but I do bring an aspect, I believe, of...of balance with the industry. I've been a drywall taper for over two decades. I've been with the District Council 50 for over a year and a half now, and I...I just wanted to...you know, I think if I can speak for a lot of our young Hawaiians out there, it's our kuleana to get on these boards and commissions to learn, to grow, to serve...serve our people. So, this is something that I'm not asking to get on to...to advance anything in careers or anything based, but just how do we give back? How do we learn and how do we add value? So, you know, with the...with the Planning Commission, when...you know, even...and I think the question should be diverted to Mr. Dwight, because he's the one that told me, bruddah, you should try boards and commissions, and I'm like ho, man...but it is a lot, but I'm willing to get out of my comfort zone as of today. Standing here, I'm very nervous, you know, about the questions or whatever that I got to, you know, go through, but I...I also know that I stand here in front of you as a Kānaka first and foremost. So, I did request from my employer to...if I could have off the rest of the day to come to this, and moving forward, I...I plan to attend every...every meeting. And what...what it is, is because we work basically 24 hours, yeah, seven days a week, so to speak, I...what we do is if...if I do have...if I do have the ability to serve, then the Thursdays or whatnot that I have the

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boards and commission, I can work on a Saturday or something to make it up, so that's why I worked it out with my...my leaders and stuff. Just wanted to let you guys know that. But yeah, that's pretty much me in a nutshell working on myself, trying to help advance our Maui Nui and...and go from there. So, again --

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Mahalo.

MR. KAMAI: -- Ms. Fernandez, be nice, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Wow. . . .*(laughing)*. . . Mahalo, Mr. Kamai. Do we have any questions? Member Paltin, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. I think it's Tuesdays they meet, but --

MR. KAMAI: Tuesdays.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- might be wrong. When did you put in your application?

MR. KAMAI: Sorry, I put in my application...I think it was in January, the beginning, but I never have the...I...I didn't write the date. I just wrote it in. Now, I apologize for that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, no problem.

MR. KAMAI: E kala mai.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then being that the Planning Commission is like the sole authority in the SMA and the shoreline areas, I was wondering if you could share with us like any knowledge that you have of the Coastal Zone Management Act, the SLR-XA, the SMA, and your thoughts as to development in those areas.

MR. KAMAI: So, I cannot embellish, as I have a lot of knowledge, but I know with the SLR-XA, the S...that's the sea level, right?...or the sea level rise exposure area. And I believe it's a tool that's used by our Planning Commission or...or it's a tool that's used by our State to identify these areas, the impacted areas and stuff. And with the SMAs, when you put in the SMA and you apply for the permitting and stuff like that, we use these tools, if I'm not mistaken, for that. And the SMAs are used to govern our...our coastlines, yeah, and to make sure that the impact is basically, you know, don't screw up our ecosystem, yeah, and...and stuff like that. So, make sure we get access for our local people to go and...and, you know, still enjoy, and make sure it's the same, yeah, if we're going to do any type of development or whatnot. So, that's kind of the gist of what I know. I cannot...I don't know if I can give you any more.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Do...do you know the current projection for sea level rise by the year 2100?

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MR. KAMAI: I don't know. I think the only thing that I do know is currently, it's like 3 feet per...or 3.2 feet per...you know, that's where we're at right now. So, I cannot tell you more than that, I guess.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. I...I think the State may have updated it to 4 feet, but it's not in the maps yet. But yeah, 3.2 was the most recent before that. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Does anybody else have any other questions? Member Rawlins-Fernandez, you have questions?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I do.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(laughing)*. . . They're very nice. They're very nice questions.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Very nice questions.

MR. KAMAI: Thank you. Appreciate your time. Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha, Mr. Kamai. . . .*(laughing)*. . . Mahalo --

MR. KAMAI: For real, I thought you said pau, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- for your willingness to serve. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

MR. KAMAI: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I ask all the nominees three questions. Sometimes the Chair gets my back and asks some of the questions for me. And I think you kind of already spoke to attendance and then...and you signed that you are aware of the attendance policy on the form. And then...the second and third question I ask you also kind of spoke to, so if you'd like to elaborate a little more on your experience on the Planning Commission, of the Maui Planning Commission specifically, and how you envision contributing to the Planning Commission.

MR. KAMAI: I'm sorry. The...the question is, what is my contribution to the Planning Commission? My only contribution...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: How you envision contributing, yeah.

MR. KAMAI: Oh, how do I envision contributing? Yeah, I think just in the industry of development and as for me in construction, you know, over two decades of...of work, I just feel like I can bring some type of, you know, industry look at it, outlook, and also, you know, for me, you know, I would like to contribute that way. You know, knowing

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the industry and stuff, learning more of the policies that we're going to have to deal with, you know, and...and just...again, just being willing to learn and grow and admit that I don't know everything. That's kind of...you know, that's where I'm at. I don't know if that makes sense in any way.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. And then, so for this new application, it...it doesn't have the section about your employer and educational background.

MR. KAMAI: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If you could share that with us.

MR. KAMAI: So, I...I went up to the...my senior year, I graduated from Wai'anāe High School, graduated my senior year. I moved to Maui in 2005, I believe. And then...I'm sorry?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seariders? Wai'anāe?

MR. KAMAI: My mascot? Oh, Seariders, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Oh, sorry about that, yeah. Waianae Seariders. Yeah, and then as far as my employer is District Council 50. District Council 50, we represent several crafts...the painters, the floor layers, the glazers, the drywall tapers, and the shipyard workers of...the shipyard workers in O'ahu, I believe, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, you're a paid lobbyist?

MR. KAMAI: No, I'm not a paid lobbyist. I'm a...I...yeah. I advocate for my members, but I'm not a paid lobbyist. . . .(timer sounds). . . Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. So, you're...you're a rep for District Council 15 [sic], and that's all the --

MR. KAMAI: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- drywall and painters.

MR. KAMAI: Um-hum. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But...but you're not paid?

MR. KAMAI: No, I'm not paid. I don't go to the capital and represent them in political ways or anything, but I do advocate for my members on their behalf, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Have you gone to get an advisory opinion from the Board of Ethics?

MR. KAMAI: No, I haven't.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Well...

MR. KAMAI: I'm...I'm coming on behalf of me and not any District Council 50 or anything, so that's why I took off today and whatnot. I asked to...to come. Again, when I was asked from others to come over and...and help and serve our community, that's why I took it upon myself to do so. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Keaka. I'm grateful that you're willing to serve. I think that...I mean, I know you too. It's interesting, you one big, scary guy, and you're very humble, you're very open, and when you say you represent your members, I recognize you representing the working man, and so you're Hawaiian, you get deep roots. How do you feel about development in general?

MR. KAMAI: Oh. For me, development is...that's...that's...that's where we're at, right? That's my...that's where my people get work and whatnot. But I Kānaka too, you know? So, it's a delicate balance that I...it challenge me every day, right? So, I also got to look, and how does development, and do we be stewards of that? Do we help the developers understand that, you know, the place that we live in, or do we get back...do we sit back and just let everything be developed? So, hence, that's why I here, you know what I mean? So, I'm pro-development, I'm pro-good pono development, and that's kind of, you know, what I'm asking for. Yeah. Are we obeying laws? Are we...are we considering our sea level rise, all these type of things, yeah? So...but thank you for that.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No, thanks. That's kind of what I want to do. That's what I see and what I know, and that's why I'm glad that you had the opportunity, basically, to say that it's like the balance. And thank you for being willing to serve.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Member Sinenci, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And mahalo, braddah, for being able to...your willingness to serve. You did mention, you know, being Kānaka Maoli, and we do have a very, you know, active Hawaiian community when it comes to preservation and protection of our cultural sites, our cultural resources, and you mentioned about balancing that. You know, we...we live on an island with very limited space. At what point do we concrete everything and develop everything? Or at what point do we begin to...because we starting to do that. We starting to steward the...the coastlines, you know, for...to keep it in...in fishing for the next generation. We don't want...you know, we don't want to overdevelop our coastlines. So, how do you...like, you know, if you on this committee and you come up with, say...you know, you've seen all the uncles all these past years go through the protection of burial sites. Some of them just get wiped out or...or moved. So, how do you, like you said, balance as a Kānaka Maoli?

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MR. KAMAI: I think that's a good question, and...and I think all of us got to look inside first, yeah, before you make these type of decisions. And it's important decisions, because we got to make these based on 20, 30, 50 years from now with you and I gone, right?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: 'Ae.

MR. KAMAI: And...and that's where...hence the word balance, where we're at. Yeah. And it's finding, you know, what do we do? Is developers here, are they doing things pono or not? Right? And I think what you're asking is, are we...you know, you get two sides of the curtain, yeah. We get uncle guys that...that is not for development, and then we have developers that coming in. My question is, okay, what happens if we do not develop at all? So, where...my question is, where do our people go? My main thing too is, I get three kids, I get three keiki, one mo'opuna now, you know, one daughter-in-law. I don't know where they going to live. So, with the balance, it's a hard decision, yeah? So, I know somehow we got to build, but we got to build pono. Do we build everything? A'ole, right? But we cannot say no to everything. So, now we got to speak to the uncles, our kūpuna, and...and ask, okay, where can we build? Where's the burial sites? And...and do our due diligence. Yeah. That's our kuleana. So, I...I...I like go out to the sites. I like take a look at them, walk around, you know, with Dwight and whatnot. And that...and that is...it's hard, it's hard for Kānaka to make those type of decisions. But it also, we cannot take out the fact that our keiki got to live someplace. So...so, that's where...you know, that's why I deciding for get onto the board to learn and to grow from educated people like you folks. Yeah, that's possible.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Members, do you have any other questions? Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Mr. Kamai, would you be willing to get an advisory opinion from the Board of Ethics --

MR. KAMAI: Yes, if I must.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- before we vote? Okay. I think it'll be good for you too if you are approved and then, you know, like you have that opinion to...as protection for you.

MR. KAMAI: Oh, okay. Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And then I guess for...wait, who's the Staff for this again? Because I...I love the background, all the...well, you know me, I...I love all the cultural background stuff. But I see that Mr. Kamai's never served on a board or commission, and sometimes we get folks come before us and that's...that's sometimes the reason that they're not nominated or selected to serve on the Planning Commission, or other boards or commissions that have substantial and long-lasting impacts when making decisions. And so, I wanted to hear from Admin Staff to understand--or INB, I guess, it would be either--how the decision was made to recommend Mr. Kamai for not having served on a board or commission before.

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VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Do we have INB Staff that would like to answer that question? I don’t think...perhaps we can ask that question in writing because I don’t think anybody’s going to answer that question.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yeah.

MS. MURAKAMI: Vice-Chair, I don’t . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yukari is saying she doesn’t know either.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I just...you know, like how that preference is applied to community members to ensure that it’s being applied fairly across the board with individuals that apply. I’d...I’d like to hear that. Mahalo, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, any other questions? If not, I will let Mr. Kamai go. Thank you very much for being with us. Thank you for being patient. This was a long day.

MR. KAMAI: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. And we do now have Mr. Patao if you would like to come forward. I think you know the drill. Please introduce yourself, and then the Members will have an opportunity to ask you questions.

MR. PATAO: Aloha, Councilmembers. My full name is Prentis-Ray Noeau Patao. I was born and raised on the Big Island. My mother’s side of the family is from Kohala, and my father’s side of the family is from Hilo, and I was born and raised in Kona. I met my wife in Honolulu. She was born and raised in Lahaina, and that’s where we’ve been living for the last 15 years. And I’m just open for any questions, and that’s a little bit about myself.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Mr. Patao. Members, do we have any questions? Member Paltin, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Can you share with us who your current employer is and what your job title is?

MR. PATAO: My current employer is the Hawai‘i Regional Council of Carpenters, and I am a field representative.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Would you be willing to get a Board of Ethics advisory opinion?

MR. PATAO: Absolutely. I’m not sure how I go about that, but yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I think you just write to them and request it.

MR. PATAO: Okay. Yes.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Did you have any other questions?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No other questions. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you.

MR. PATAO: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Members, do you guys have any other questions? Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Mr. Patao. Mahalo for your application. So, I guess along the lines of Member Paltin's question, I think when you've come before us to testify in the past, you've...you said you're a lobbyist? You're a paid lobbyist?

MR. PATAO: No, I haven't said that I was a paid lobbyist.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. You're a paid field...

MR. PATAO: I am a representative of roughly about 600 men and women carpenters in Maui County.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then when you come and testify before us, that's part of your paid work?

MR. PATAO: No, that's on my own time.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. All right. I guess I'll echo Member Paltin's recommendation, similar to Mr. Kamai, to get an advisory opinion from the Board of Ethics?

MR. PATAO: Sure. Yes. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mahalo, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. I'll also ask her other questions. The commission meets twice monthly on Tuesdays.

MR. PATAO: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Do you have any concerns about attendance?

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MR. PATAO: No concerns. When I'm committed to something, I'll see it through.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Because I think our other applicant did ask these questions...or answer these questions. And you're familiar with what the Maui Planning Commission does?

MR. PATAO: Yeah, at a baseline level. I mean, like...like anything else, we're not going to know everything, but I am here to be educated as well, not only from sitting in there, but from the community members. I think the best thing that we can do is gather all the information and make the best possible decisions. I don't think we're going to be able to please everybody, but what satisfies most.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you. Please correct me if I'm wrong, I don't want to put words in your mouth, but my dad had a very similar position to yours before he took this job. I don't believe he ever considered himself a lobbyist. His job was to represent his members, but this was extra that you folks do, but not necessarily a part of your job description. Do you mind elaborating?

MR. PATAO: Yeah, it's not part of our job description. It is on our own time, what we're willing to put in for our own personal things, and just to help to be a bridge. Now, for work, we want to ensure that people have food to eat and a roof over their head. But at the end of the day, we're coming here to serve as a community member, and whatever that looks like for us, that's what we're going to do. I'm putting in overtime, our own personal time, weekends, whatever that looks like. As...as was shared before about the information that needs to be read, I'm learning to be a great reader as well.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Members, any...Member Rawlins-Fernandez, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair, for asking those questions.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Of course.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then the last question, how do you envision --

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- contributing to the Planning Commission, please?

MR. PATAO: Thank you for that question. I look to be a middle ground, having...you know, before anybody gets their job, they're first a community member in the places not only where they were born, where they were raised, but where they reside. And so, I do have a background in building. I started out my work career in Honolulu when I was fresh out of high school. And I've worked on several big State and County projects in Honolulu and also here. But...so, I think that brings a great balance. I'm all about being fair,

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present all the information, and collectively everyone make the right decision. So, it's kind of like a bridge between community and what it looks like out in the field.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that response, I appreciate it. I think sometimes fairness can be subjective. And are...are you aware of some of like your own like internal biases? That's always good, you know, to understand like where you lean.

MR. PATAO: Yeah, and I think just as a...thank you for that question. As a...just for myself personally, I have to...I know and I have to put the biases aside, and keep my feet on the ground and make the...the proper recommendations where need be.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that response. Mahalo, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Rawlins...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Or I can ask one more question if you want.
...*(laughing)*...

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I'm all good.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry, I caught you, right?

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: No, sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. ...*(laughing)*...

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: I know, that's like my 15th Ricola of the day. Thank you. Member Cook, did you have any other questions?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well, you sound great. ...*(laughing)*...

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I did. Thank you, Mr. Patao, for willing [*sic*]. From...my clarifying question, from what I hear you saying is basically, you've worked in the fields, you've worked for developers, you've worked for the State, you've worked for the County. Do you think that you're going to have a perspective, when people are coming with projects, to judge the character and the...and the validity of those projects and whether...what it's going to do for the community? I'm just...I'm acknowledging on one hand, it looks like all just pro work, but then also like for the community, do you think that your history would give you an idea to basically judge people whether they're going to come through or not?

MR. PATAO: Thank you for the question. Yeah, I think at the end of the day, for me, whatever expertise I can bring to the table, it's knowledge that maybe somebody else doesn't know. And so, also on the other end for myself, being in those types of situations, I'm able to get educated and then share that with the community. So, for instance, when we're talking about development, not everything is good, and not everything is good for the people who live here. So, maybe looking to other things where there could be

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renovations of the hotels instead of building more hotels, right? Stuff like that. So, you got to look at it from every perspective, but I do think that being on both sides, I mean you can bring good information to the table, I think.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Cook. Any other questions? Seeing none. Thank you very much --

MR. PATAO: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- Mr. Patao. Before we continue, Members...sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Kinda chewy. Yes, Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I guess same question for our last nominee.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh, sorry, do you mind coming back?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, no, no. No. He left, he left.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, no, it's okay. It's okay.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Yeah. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: This is for...for Staff.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Same question for Staff regarding this nominee who has not served on any Federal, State, or County board or commission in the past as well. So, just that same kind of like application of preference to have someone, you know, who has sat on a board or commission in the past when recommending, you know, them as a nominee for a board or commission that makes substantial decisions for long-lasting impacts. Mahalo, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Sure. Thank you very much. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Could I add on to that written question --

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- about diversity of candidates to the board? I mean, we have two candidates open and...and we ask for a diversity of areas that they lived in, but it

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seems kind of much to have two candidates from the trades unions on the Planning Commission up --

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- at the same time. So, just a question about diversity of candidates to fill slots.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Do you want that question sent to the INB Liaison?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The same place where --

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- Member Rawlins' questions are going.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Okay. We'll send it to the liaison. Thank you. Okay. It is now 4:36. We have five more to go. Are you guys okay with staying for a little bit longer? Or we do have the option, if you wanted to...I'm chairing HLU tomorrow. We only have one thing on the agenda. I can recess this meeting until tomorrow at 10:00 if the GREAT Committee Staff is okay with it, or we could do the next five, which are kind of short-ish, quickly. But I will take a poll from the body before we continue. Oh, I do see Mister...Ms. Durham, who has probably been waiting all day to be heard. And so...and I do see a couple more people in the audience, but I just want to make sure that you folks are okay to stay. But if not, we can...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair, I'm...I'm okay with whatever. You're okay. My preference would be to hear the people that came, but...

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Me too. We only have five left, but --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- I don't know if everybody else is okay to stay. That's kind of my issue.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I think it's appropriate to stay. I have something to go, but I'll stay because people are here already.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Can we try to be pau by maybe 5:00? We can bang it out in the next 22 minutes? Okay. Let's go. Thank you.

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**RESOLUTION 26-34: ACTING ON THE NOMINATION OF SHACKLEY
RAFFETTO TO THE POLICE COMMISSION**

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: We have before us Police Commission. So, do we have Mr. Raffetto, either in the audience or online? Do we have him online? Can you please unmute?

MR. RAFFETTO: I'm here. Can you hear me?

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: We can hear you.

MR. RAFFETTO: Okay. Thank you. Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Aloha.

MR. RAFFETTO: Glad to be here. First, about who I am. Well, I came to Hawai'i first after working in a gas station, selling my car, graduated from high school, and flying 13 hours on a propeller plane to Honolulu to surf big waves on the North Shore of O'ahu. And after that, I...I...I loved Hawai'i. I fell in love immediately, but I had nothing going for me. So, I went back to California and I went to school. And ten years later, I served in the Marine Corps and become a lawyer, and I came back. I was lucky enough to get a job. Worked for a year in Honolulu, and then moved in the early 1970s to Maui. And I lived almost entirely in Kula, Keokea for a while, but mostly in Kula off of Upper Kimo, where I...where I'm residing now, mostly in the same house until it burned down two years ago in the fire. It's...my replacement house is just about done. So, hopefully I'm just about through that trauma. But I had the opportunity...or someone mentioned to me that I should apply for...to serve on the Police Commission. And...and I became very interested in that. I have a lot of experience in criminal justice. I...I was a civil lawyer for many years in Wailuku. And then I've served about four or five years in District Court and Family Court as a trial judge. And then I became a full-time judge in the Circuit Court, served there for 18 years. I was 15 years as the Chief Judge of the Second Circuit for Maui County. And during that time, most of the...70 percent of the work is criminal justice. So, I really learned criminal justice inside and out. And what I realized after a while was a couple of things. One is that we have all the same criminal justice problems that every community has. Sometimes I say that, you know, tourists come here and they think we spend our time surfing and fishing and diving and then going to lū'aus. It's just ridiculous. We have serious criminal justice problems. And I also realized that about 95 percent of those criminal justice problems involve alcohol or illegal drugs. And I also concluded that about 80 percent of the people from our community could probably be rehabilitated if they had an effective rehabilitation program. At the time, the Legislature had passed a law that required trial judges to sentence a person who was caught with any amount of methamphetamine to an automatic five-year prison term. They had just started a drug court in Honolulu. So, here we were being required to send our citizens to prison for five years, whereas in Honolulu, they had an opportunity to go into the drug court and seek rehabilitation. So, I determined that I wanted to start a drug court. And with a lot of community support, County Council help, the prosecutor, public defender, Police Department,

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treatment folks, we...we had a drug court up and going in a year. I served as the Drug Court judge for 12 years and it was very successful. We had about 360 graduates. I kept track of every single graduate for that full 12-year period, and less than 14 percent of the people were reconvicted of any felonies during that period of time. So, I know that rehabilitation is possible. I know the extent of the impact of illegal drugs and on crime in our community and in our community in general. In fact, I've been looking at prior commission meetings online and the Chief of Police, Pelletier, he keeps...he keeps pretty good data on arrests. And in...in 2025, there were 9,760 arrests for crimes in...in...in Maui County. That included 2 murders, 109 sexual assaults, 448 aggravated assaults and so on. And...and so, it's...that's not well known, I don't think. I don't think they publish those...that data, even though he's...he keeps it. And I don't think they keep it well on Statewide basis. So, anyway, I became very interested in the possibility of serving on the Police Commission with my background in criminal justice. And I know they're facing a number of problems right now. One is...one of the responsibilities of the Police Commission is to investigate complaints by the subject against...by the public against police officers or the Police Department. And...but they don't have an investigator. So, they're in the process of hiring an independent investigator for the Police Commission. Police Commission reviews annually, the performance of the Chief of Police, and if the Chief should leave, they have the responsibility of recruiting a new one...which is a big problem in Honolulu recently, as you may know. And...and also...what else? Anyway, they...they...at their monthly meetings, they...they receive a review from the Chief and his Staff about what's going on and how they're recruiting. There are about 30...30 vacancies now, although they have 37 new recruits coming in. And so, I'm very interested in that whole subject matter, and I think I could make a contribution to helping it be as good as it can be. And that's why I've applied. Any questions?

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Judge. Member Sugimura, and then Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, Upcountry, sadly, because of the wildfire, I've met Judge Raffetto. And so, I've been talking to him periodically. And just recently, he expressed an interest in being part of the Police Commission. I cannot even describe a better person, as you can hear. He did all his homework. You don't have to ask him any more questions. He's even telling us data, you know, from his own research. Super great guy. And I'm so sad that he went through this wildfire, and is...and I'm glad to hear that, you know, you're rebuilding. But I know that you struggled, as many of the Upcountry residents have. But welcome to the Police Commission. I strongly support you. And I know that you will contribute to the commission and the community in big ways just because of your vision and for a better community. So, thank you, Judge.

MR. RAFFETTO: Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Sugimura. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Hi, Judge. This is Alice Lee. I was one of the people that supported you for...with your Drug Court efforts. And I...we all regarded you as the champion of...of Drug Court back in the day. And thank you so much for that, and all the other

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things that you've done throughout your career. I'm really glad that you have applied for this position. I...I understand that...I just have one quick question. I understand you do part-time mediation work; is that correct?

MR. RAFFETTO: I have. That's kind of tapering off. There's a lot of new lawyers who don't know who I am, so... I...it's...it's just here and there. I don't actually promote it very much. I'm still a licensed lawyer. I occasionally have done an arbitration through DPR in Honolulu. And I'm currently serving as a foreclosure commissioner for the...for the court. And that's...but that's...that's about all the legal work I do.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, Judge, if you're looking for other things to do, you can run for Council for Upcountry.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

MR. RAFFETTO: I don't know. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Anyway, I do support you. Good luck.

MR. RAFFETTO: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Thank you. Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

MR. RAFFETTO: I won't have any trouble . . .*(inaudible)*. . . meetings.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Sorry, Judge, I didn't mean to interrupt. Go ahead.

MR. RAFFETTO: Oh, I just said I...I won't have any trouble making the meetings.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, any other questions? I don't have any questions either. Go ahead, Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I guess it's not really a question. It's...it's basically, thank you, Mr. Raffetto, for basically willing to do this with your long experience. I know your kids, I know you a little bit, but I cannot...I...I echo my colleagues that your participation and...on the Police Commission is super valuable. Your contribution has been huge. Just thank you very much for being willing to do this.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Cook.

MR. RAFFETTO: Thank you very much for your support. I really appreciate it, and I will do my best to make a contribution to...you know, the Police Department is such an important community organization, and it...and it...it's important that we have a commission of...of nonpolice to supervise it. It...it helps create public trust and

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confidence to have an effective Police Commission, I think, and that's the other reason I wanted to...to step forward. Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Judge. And thank you all that you have done for our community. I don't know you personally, but I personally know a lot of people who have...did not need to go to jail unnecessarily because of their issues, so thank you for all your hard work. I mean, it's true. I'm from Pā'ia. There's so many of them. Anyways, thank you very much. I appreciate you.

MR. RAFFETTO: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

**RESOLUTION 26-35: ACTING ON THE NOMINATIONS OF JEREMY
DELOS REYES AND BRIALYN KAUIONALANI
TOSHIKO ONODERA TO THE PUBLIC WORKS
COMMISSION**

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Members, let's move on to the Public Works Commission. We have them up next. I did see Brialyn earlier. If she would like to unmute her camera...and there she is. Members, we also have Mr. Jeremy Delos Reyes as a reappointment, but he is not with us today. Like so many others, he is at work, but this is a reappointment. But if...can you please pronounce your name for us and introduce yourself, and then the Members will have the opportunity to ask you questions.

MS. ONODERA: Yeah. My name is Brialyn Onodera. So, I'm originally from Hilo on the Big Island, but I married a Maui boy, and I've been on Maui since 2017. I work as a mechanical engineer for the Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope on Haleakalā. I do have the full support of my workplace to be involved in this commission, and I earned my professional engineering license back in 2024. This would be the first time that I serve on a board, but I also did the Ka Ipu Kukui program, and that taught me the significance of local governance, and I thought that being involved in a board would be a great way to give back to my community and get involved in the decision-making that goes on for Maui County. And I would like to get more involved in the future, and I thought Public Works would be a great fit for me as an engineer.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. You and Member Paltin have some things in common. Members, do you have any questions? Member Rawlins-Fernandez, do you want to ask your three standard questions?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Mahalo, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Of course.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, I think I found you. Okay. I...okay. Sorry, I was looking for your application. Attendance, and your experience with the Public Works Commission, and how you envision contributing to the Public Works

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Commission...although you kind of spoke to that, so if you'd like to elaborate any more on that.

MS. ONODERA: Sure thing. I am committed to being at all meetings, and I have an agreement with my workplace to do so, so that I can be fully present and committed to this experience. I believe that I learned a lot about public works through the experience I had with Ka Ipu Kukui. I...I learned a lot about the...the separation between the Department of Transportation and Public Works, and then State versus County governance. So, I also do believe that lightning...lighting regulation is really important, especially for my industry, so knowledge of that is something I think I could bring to the table. And I would also just like be open to learning more about the additional roles that Public Works is responsible for, but I did get some idea of like the traffic and naming that is involved with the Public Works.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Awesome. Mahalo for the...for your response to that question, and mahalo for your willingness to serve on the commission. We'll let Ka Ipu Kukui folks know that they're doing a good job.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, I just want to tell you that if Senator Inouye was alive, he would be so proud at this moment. You're working at his telescope, your profession, and reaching out and doing community work was really his thing and his vision, so thank you very much. And I totally support what you're doing. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, any other questions? No? Seeing none. Thank you very much for being with us today.

MS. ONODERA: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

**RESOLUTION 26-36: ACTING ON THE NOMINATION OF MONICA
REBELLA TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX REVIEW
BOARD**

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Members, again, the...the other person that we were going to interview, he's not here, understandably, so let's move on to the Real Property Tax Review Board.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: He's also for [sic] Lahaina, and I can vouch for him.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yes. Thank you. Thank you, Member Paltin. We are familiar with him. He comes to testify quite often. Is Ms. Rebella, I hope I'm saying your name

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correctly...is that you? Hi. Good afternoon. Thank you so much for being patient with us. Please introduce yourself, and then the Members will have an opportunity to ask you questions.

MS. REBELLA: Good afternoon, Chairwoman, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for listening to me and looking forward to talking about my qualifications. I apologize in advance. I am hard of hearing. I lost 80 percent of my hearing due to cancer chemotherapy, so I apologize, but I...I'm very hard of hearing, and my hearing aids are done for the day. . . .*(laughing)*. . . I didn't know I'd be here this long. My name is Monica Rebella, and this June, I will have lived here on Maui for ten years. My husband passed away 3-1/2 years ago, and I am looking to get more involved in the community. I currently am a Hawai'i SHIP counselor, so I help people with Medicare, been doing that going on four years. Also, I am a member of Hawai'i SHIP, I'm sorry...SMP, Senior Medicare Patrol. We deal with Medicare fraud and financial fraud as well. So, I'm doing those, but I would like to get more involved with the County. I am currently also part of Maui CERT, which is the Emergency Management team of volunteers. I do do that, and we were on call this weekend . . .*(laughing)*. . . because of the storm. I am a retired CPA, 40 years of CPA specializing in tax. I am a property owner here on Maui, so I do pay my property taxes here. I have looked at the agendas and the meeting minutes of the meetings, and mostly they conc...are appeals. And being a CPA, I'm quite familiar with how those things have gone in the past. I don't know what else I can...I have been on many boards. I have been on the California Society of CPAs Board for Orange County, . . .*(inaudible)*. . . and all officers included in that. I have been on the Board of Council on Aging in Orange County, California. I did that until we moved here. I have been on the board of my university, Cal State University Fullerton, both the alumni board and the philanthropy board. I have been part of the audit committees because they picked the CPA . . .*(laughing)*. . . and finance committee...again, picked the CPAs. But I'm really looking forward to getting more involved in the community. I definitely have the time and can be there for the meetings.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Members, do we have any questions? Do you guys have any questions? She...she...you did a great job answering our typical questions in your opening speech.

MS. REBELLA: You might hear me next because I'm also a nominee for the Office on Aging. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh, yes, great. That's going to be our last one.

MS. REBELLA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you so much. Members, do you have any questions? If not, I will let her go and we'll see her back if we need to for the last...last thing that we have to do. Thank you so much. Thank you for being with us.

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**RESOLUTION 26-37: ACTING ON THE NOMINATION OF KAUWELA ATUA
SHULTZ TO THE SALARY COMMISSION**

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. Moving on. We are now on the Salary Commission. And then Council of Aging is last. So, we have Ms. Kauwela Shultz. Thank you so much for waiting for us all day long. If you would like to introduce yourself, and then the Members will have an opportunity to ask you questions. Thank you.

MS. SHULTZ: Aloha. I’m Kauwela Schultz, formerly Bisquera, as I’m getting used to this married name. I am currently the General Manager of Queen Ka’ahumanu Center and was nominated to sit on the Salary Commission. I’ll keep it short so you guys can finish.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Members, do we have any questions? I’m quite familiar with Ms. Schultz, so I’m not going to ask any questions. I know she’ll do a great job here. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. I just was wondering, was this your first choice of boards and commissions?

MS. SHULTZ: It was not.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: What was your first choice?

MS. SHULTZ: It was actually not on my five list of boards and commissions, but I did listen to advice and reasoning of why I was nominated for this board and agreed with it.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: May I ask what your first choice was?

MS. SHULTZ: It was the redevelopment.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh. So, maybe we’ll see you back five more times when you’re done with this and we can move through that list of yours. Thank you so much for applying.

MS. SHULTZ: Thank you for the question.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes, we will look forward to her name coming up a few more times then. Thank you. Member Sugimura, did you have questions?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Totally support Kauwela.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Me too.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I’ve seen her good work and continue on, and I hope you’re still going to help Ka’ahumanu Center. Yeah. Okay.

MS. SHULTZ: That’s the plan. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yay. Good.

MS. SHULTZ: Mahalo, Yuki.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Members, do we have any other questions? Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I don't have a question. I just speak in strong support also.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Okay. We...

MS. SHULTZ: Mahalo, Tom.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Let's...thank you so much. Thank you very much, Ms. Schultz.

MS. SHULTZ: Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Aloha.

**RESOLUTION 26-23: ACTING ON THE NOMINATIONS OF CRYSTALNANI
LEHUA PARK, HEATHER RUTH-DURHAM,
CORAZON D. BAYLE COX, MONICA REBELLA, AND
KINGDON PAUL VAN NOSTRAND TO THE COUNCIL
ON AGING**

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Our last one is aging...Council of Aging. We have...do we have Ms. Park? I don't think we have her in the audience. Do we have Ms. Park? No? Okay. Do we have...I saw Ms. Durham. She has been here and patiently waiting. Thank you so much.

MS. RUTH-DURHAM: Thank you, commission [sic]. My name is Heather Ruth-Durham. I've been 65 years old. Sorry, I sound so funny. I'm...it's echoing. . . .(laughing). . . I've been living on Lānaʻi for the past ten years. I've been a nurse, registered nurse for 26 years. I started in dialysis. I worked at the hospital here on Lānaʻi. I worked for Nā Puʻuwai. I retired in 2018. COVID came along in 2019. So, as a Member of the medical response team, I went to Kalaupapa and worked in the care home during COVID. After COVID, I re-retired. And now that I'm back home, I was a little bit bored. So, I talked to the Office on Aging, and they gave me a small job working for . . .(inaudible). . . and I work with the community members doing chores at their home. I go to the senior center almost every day they're open. I go to the water aerobics class. I keep my ear to the ground, and I support the senior citizens of Lānaʻi.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much, Ms. Durham. And thank you so much for waiting with us all afternoon. Members, do you folks have any questions? Member Johnson, do you have any questions? She's from Lānaʻi --

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Full support for Heather.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: -- and then I'll move over to a Member...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: She's...she's great. That's all. Thanks.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Awesome. Thank you.

MS. RUTH-DURHAM: I have been working on the Council on Aging for about four months. When I received the application for the renewal, it said it was due three days ago. So, I wrote on the application, see previous . . . *(laughing)*. . . and I put a stamp on it, and I mailed it right back. So, that's why my current application looks very . . . *(inaudible)*. . . but I have not missed any meetings since I joined.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Just full support of Ms. Ruth-Durham. Since she's been on the Council on Aging, she's been a pleasure to work with, and she's always got some great ideas and represents Lāna'i very well. So --

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Awesome.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- mahalo for your reappointment. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Ms. Ruth-Durham. Mahalo for your willingness to continue serving on the Council on Aging, and I love your excitement, and I...I hear that you have experience at Nā Pu'uwai and Kalaupapa. So, in addition to representing the senior citizens of Lāna'i, it sounds like you have some background on the Molokai seniors as well...maybe? . . . *(laughing)*. . .

MS. RUTH-DURHAM: The care home. I didn't get topside very much because I was confined to the...the peninsula during COVID.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And we have Member Sinenci's full support as an ex-officio member, yeah? Yeah. So, full support. Mahalo. Mahalo, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Of course. Thank you.

MS. RUTH-DURHAM: Three minutes. . . *(laughing)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you so much.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And she answered all my questions already.

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VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: She did. We have Ms. Bayle Cox. Is she with us? Okay. Do you mind turning on your camera? Thank you, Ms. Durham.

MS. BAYLE COX: Can you hear me?

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: We can.

MS. BAYLE COX: Okay. Thank...thank you so much. I apologize. My video is not working at the moment.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: That's okay.

MS. BAYLE COX: But I am a retired naval officer with over 20 years of service. I'm currently transitioning back to Maui, to my forever home. And we recently purchased a farm up in...I'm working on that. But community engagement and participation is just calling me so I'm here, willing to do what I can to contribute to boards and commission. I have watched recorded meetings and...and other information with regard to Council and [sic] Aging. I reviewed the minutes, also reviewed some of the County's needs assessments and demographics, and realized that Maui, Hawai'i in general, the seniors are becoming the number one category of residents. So, because of that, I think there's a lot of need and...and support that they need in order to...to get the senior citizen active and engaged and properly supported in the County. So, I'm here volunteering, offering my assistance in whatever capacity I can. Do you have any questions for me?

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, do you guys have any questions? I don't have any questions. Thank you very much for your time.

MS. BAYLE COX: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Does anybody need to hear from Ms. Rebella again? We just had her less than three minutes ago, but I'm assuming we don't, but I'm just asking. Thank you so much for being with us today. Well, Members, that now brings us to the end of our agenda.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .(inaudible). . .

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yes, do we need something?

MS. MURAKAMI: Mr. Van Nostrand for Council on Aging.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh, yes. Oh, please come down. Sorry. Yeah, we're almost done. Oh, sorry. Your...your thing was right on the next flip, if I had just flipped one more time. Sorry. Thank you.

MR. VAN NOSTRAND: Hello, Councilmen...Members.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Aloha.

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MR. VAN NOSTRAND: My name is King Van Nostrand, and I am a resident of Makawao for the past ten years after coming on vacation here in the mid '80s. I love the community that embraced the land, the people, and the traditions, and I always wanted to move here when I was able to do that. So, ten years ago, I was able to buy a little farm up Pi'iholo and start giving back to my community. I'm...I'm the Executive Director for Na Hoaloha in Wailuku that helps older adults and persons with disabilities thrive in their lives. It's not easy getting old. It's not easy getting old and not having, and I think the job for a councilmember on aging is to level the playing field and to listen...listen to the people. And being a good problem solver, I think I'm a good fit for this council. So, thank you for listening to me, and I appreciate your considerations.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much. Again, I apologize. I didn't mean to skip over.

MR. VAN NOSTRAND: It's okay.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Sorry. It's been a long day. Members, do you folks have any questions? I...I...Member Sinenci, please go, and then I have one question.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. I am happy to support Mr. Nostrand, and I appreciate and...your enthusiasm and your energy. You know, Chair, today we had to...our Council on Aging meeting didn't reach quorum.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh, no.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So, having additional members come on board will help us to continue the good work that the...the council is doing. So, happy to support your nomination. Thank you.

MR. VAN NOSTRAND: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. You live up Pi'iholo?

MR. VAN NOSTRAND: I do.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: How...how was that coming down for you? Do you live high up? I know the trees were just everywhere. That was really my question. It was almost about this, but...

MR. VAN NOSTRAND: I'm the fourth house down from the very, very top.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Oh, my gosh.

MR. VAN NOSTRAND: So, well past mile marker number 4-1/2.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Wow.

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MR. VAN NOSTRAND: So, yes, it was challenging. Being without electricity and Internet for the last weekend was also challenging.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Yeah.

MR. VAN NOSTRAND: But these are little things in our lives, okay? We're talking about important things that mean a lot more than lightning and Internet access. Those are challenging things like living up Pi'iholo. But in my world, those are little things. It's the people, it's the traditions, it's the community that are the important things. And that's why I think I would be very helpful to be on the...on the council.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Thank you very much. Members, any other questions? Member Paltin, followed by Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for your willingness to serve and sharing with us about, you know, rural living outside. You know, out in like some of those rural areas when people age, it's harder to get the services for elderly folks than say if you're living in Wailuku or Kahului. It's not only like expensive, it's just you cannot get it. And I just was wondering if you had any ideas about that, like caregivers for rural areas or anything.

MR. VAN NOSTRAND: I do. I work with Maui Food Bank a lot. I organize Waiehu, Wailuku, and Kahului, and I have volunteers that pick up five or six boxes on Tuesdays...in fact today, and they deliver them out. But their friends also find out about them in Makawao and in Kihei and in Ha'ikū, so our train is getting larger and bigger with that. I also work with Feed My Sheep, who do a lot of food distributions, and I know all of the areas that they do handle. They handle the Hāna's, Molokai's, Lāna'i's, Lahaina's, and lots of rural areas. Older adults live in rural areas, okay? Transportation's lousy out there, okay? They have to walk a long driveway in sticks and stones to get even to where a bus will come for them. So, we have a lot of challenges in this...in this land, but it's something that we can work with and something we can do together. Food is...is a very important point, but there's also housing, access to services. So, I...I like to listen, and then I like to add my opinion to things. And I think that is why I was always a good problem solver and a project manager because I looked at the bigger picture rather than just the little incidentals. And food is definitely on my list of important ideas.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Full support.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Member Paltin. And Member Sugimura, did you have any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I just want to...I just want to say full support for you too. I noticed you sitting there all day waiting for this opportunity. It was well worth you sharing your enthusiasm and love for the community. So, thank you very much.

MR. VAN NOSTRAND: Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MR. VAN NOSTRAND: Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. Members, any other questions? Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, sir. It’s not a question, it’s just basically you’ve demonstrated enthusiasm and patience, and it’s great. And thank you very much for serving.

MR. VAN NOSTRAND: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you very much for being with us today. I appreciate your patience. Members, that does bring us to the end of our very long agenda. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Good job.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. As a reminder, these resolutions will be posted on the February 18th Council agenda for the full Council’s consideration, which is why we didn’t vote on any of them today. Thank you, Members, for your hard work and your willingness to stay extra. Now we defer. Now we defer. Hold on, let me find my language. Hold on. Before I make an issue. Okay. So, our deadline is March 2nd, which is why we’re going to have them on February 18th’s meeting. Those resolutions, again, will be on for floor action. Member Rawlins-Fernandez, did you have a question before I defer?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You just answered my question. March 2nd --

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- is the --

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: March 2nd.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- deadline to take action.

VICE-CHAIR U‘U-HODGINS: Yes. Yeah, that’s the deadline. But we’re going to...we’re going to be early. We have it on the 18th. So, if there are no objections, I will now defer this item.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS. (Excused: KKB)

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

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VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you very much, and this concludes the GREAT meeting.
Thank you, Members. It is now 5:13 p.m., and this meeting is adjourned. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

ADJOURN: 5:13 p.m.

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DATED the 12th day of March 2026, in Wailuku, Hawai'i



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