

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

September 3, 2021

**Committee
Report No.** _____

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee, having met on August 18, 2021, makes reference to County Communication 21-42, from Council Chair Alice L. Lee, relating to nominations to boards, committees, and commissions.

By correspondence dated June 8, 2021, and received on June 9, 2021, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution, entitled "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CONSERVATION PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with completed applications for the nominees.

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nominations of:

- Vernon Kalanikau (Aha Moku), for a term expiring on March 31, 2022;
- Michelle Gould (University of Hawaii Maui College), for a term expiring on March 31, 2023; and
- Dale Bonar (Land Trust), for a term expiring on March 31, 2024.

Your Committee noted Ordinance 5187 (2021) amended Section 2.82.040, Maui County Code, to require:

- One faculty or graduate representative from the Sustainable Science Management Program or the Agriculture and Natural Resources Program, Cultural and Natural Resources Management degree path at the University of Hawaii Maui College; and

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- One representative from Aha Moku or Aha Kiole.

Ordinance 5187 also provides for representatives of Aha Moku or Aha Kiole, University of Hawaii Maui College, and Land Trust to be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council by resolution and serve staggered terms of three years.

There is no time limit for the Council to approve or disapprove the nominations.

By correspondence dated June 9, 2021, the Mayor informed your Committee of the appointments of seven ex-officio non-voting members to the Conservation Planning Committee, for terms expiring on January 2, 2023, concurrent with the Mayor's term of office, as follows:

- Scott Fretz, State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources;
- Greg Sereno, Information Technology Division, Department of Management;
- Emily Fielding, The Nature Conservancy;
- Makale'a Ane, Office of the Mayor;
- Sandy Baz, Managing Director;
- Guy Hironaka, Department of Finance; and
- David Yamashita, Department of Parks and Recreation.

Your Committee notes the appointments of ex-officio non-voting members do not require Council approval.

Your Committee notes general appointment procedures for boards, committees, and commissions are outlined in Section 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, and Chapter 2.41, Maui County Code.

Your Committee further notes that the Council's Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee (2019-2021 Council term) met on January 7, 2020, December 1, 2020, and December 9, 2020.

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Your Committee discussed the nominations of Vernon Kalanikau, Michelle Gould, and Dale Bonar.

A representative from the Office of the Mayor provided background information on the nominees.

Vernon Kalanikau is an active member of the South Maui community having been involved with the Moku/Ahupua'a Sign Project. He also served as a consultant for various community projects and was a member of the Kihei Community Association.

Michelle Gould is employed at the University of Hawaii Maui College. She teaches sustainability-focused courses related to a Sustainable Science Management degree path. According to her application, she has a background in water-quality research and continues to examine environmental issues on Maui.

Dale Bonar was the Executive Director of the Maui Coastal Land Trust and Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, and retired in 2012. He is actively involved in land- and sea-conservation issues and is an advocate for environmental restoration and protection. Mr. Bonar has served as a member on various community boards, including Maui County Wastewater Reclamation Facility Project Core Group, Maui Managing Director Research Committee, and Maui Proposed Open Space Fund Working Group.

Your Committee was satisfied with the background of the nominees and expressed gratitude to them for volunteering to serve the community.

Your Committee recommended the nominees be approved for the terms for which they have been nominated. Your Committee recommended Exhibit "B" to the proposed resolution be revised accordingly.

Your Committee voted 8-0 to recommend adoption of the revised proposed resolution approving the nominations of Vernon Kalanikau (Aha Moku) for a term expiring on March 31, 2022, Michelle Gould (University of Hawaii Maui College) for a term expiring on March 31, 2023, and

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Dale Bonar (Land Trust) for a term expiring on March 31, 2024. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Johnson, King, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted “aye.” Committee member Kama was excused.

Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed resolution, approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating your Committee’s recommended revisions and nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution _____, attached hereto, entitled “APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CONSERVATION PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI,” be ADOPTED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair

Resolution

No. _____

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CONSERVATION PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, by letter dated June 8, 2021, Mayor Michael P. Victorino notified the Council that he nominated the persons listed in Exhibit "A," as attached, as members to the Conservation Planning Committee for the County of Maui, in accordance with Section 2.82.040, Maui County Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.82.040, Maui County Code, requires the Mayor's nominees to be approved by the Council; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it approves the appointment of the persons listed in Exhibit "B," as attached, as members to the Conservation Planning Committee for staggered terms;
2. That it disapproves the appointment of the persons listed in Exhibit "C," as attached, as members to the Conservation Planning Committee as nominated by the Mayor;
3. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the appointed members for their willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in County government; and
4. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

/s/ Mimi Desjardins

Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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NOMINATED MEMBERS AND TERMS

CONSERVATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Vernon Kalanikau (Aha Moku)
Michelle Gould (UH Maui College)
Dale Bonar (Land Trust)

Term Expiration 3/31/22
Term Expiration 3/31/23
Term Expiration 3/31/24

APPROVED MEMBERS AND TERMS

CONSERVATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Vernon Kalanikau (Aha Moku)
Michelle Gould (UH Maui College)
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DISAPPROVED MEMBERS

CONSERVATION PLANNING COMMITTEE