

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI  
**GOVERNANCE, ETHICS, AND  
TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE**

September 6, 2019

**Committee  
Report No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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

Chair and Members:

Your Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee, having met on August 20, 2019, makes reference to County Communication 19-24, from Council Chair Kelly T. King, relating to nominations to boards, committees, and commissions.

By correspondence dated and received on July 16, 2019, the Mayor transmitted a proposed resolution, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK O'NEIL TO THE COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," with a completed application for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Patrick O'Neil to the Cost of Government Commission, for a term expiring on March 31, 2024, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Bonnie DeRose.

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

Your Committee further notes specific provisions for the Cost of Government Commission are located in Charter Section 3-9.3.

The Council must approve or disapprove Mr. O'Neil's nomination to the Cost of Government Commission by September 14, 2019, or the nomination will be deemed approved.

Your Committee met with Mr. O'Neil.

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Mr. O'Neil said he retired from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and relocated to Maui approximately 18 months ago. He is presently Chief Executive Officer with Flatwater EM Technologies, LLC, headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska. In attempting to relocate the company to Maui, he stated the company's future is uncertain, as he continues to address hiring issues and investment matters. Despite this, Mr. O'Neil said his ability to attend monthly board meetings should not be affected.

A representative of the Mayor said Mr. O'Neil holds a doctorate degree in public administration and a master's degree in strategic studies and national security.

As noted in his board application, Mr. O'Neil possesses nearly 40 years of military and educational provision experience, and is an expert in critical analysis, risk analysis, and compliance. His background also includes evaluating government administrative and political operations.

While not a requirement of the board, Mr. O'Neil's presence on the Cost of Government Commission will improve gender balance. Of the nine members currently on the board, seven are women.

Your Committee requested the Administration consider applicants from Molokai for future vacancies to allow for countywide representation.

Your Committee was satisfied with Mr. O'Neil's application and recommended his nomination be approved.

Your Committee voted 8-1 to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution approving the nomination. Committee Chair Molina, Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members Kama, King, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye." Committee member Hokama voted "no."

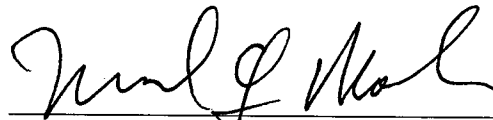
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Your Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution \_\_\_\_\_, attached hereto, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK O'NEIL TO THE COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI," be ADOPTED.

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



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MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair

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# Resolution

No. \_\_\_\_\_

RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK O'NEIL TO THE COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated July 16, 2019, Mayor Michael P. Victorino notified the Council he nominated Patrick O'Neil to the Cost of Government Commission for the County of Maui for a term expiring on March 31, 2024, to fill a vacancy replacing Bonnie DeRose, pursuant to Sections 3-9.3 and 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"); and

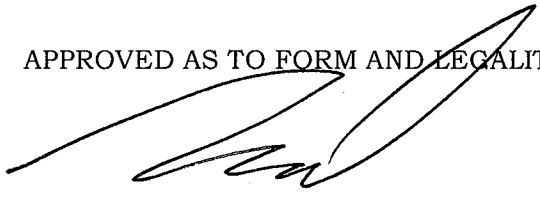
WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2, requires the Mayor's nominee to be approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2(17), requires the Council to approve or disapprove the nomination within sixty days after the Mayor submits the name of the nominee to the Council because of the death, resignation, or removal of a member; now, therefore,

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

1. That it approves the appointment of Patrick O'Neil to serve on the Cost of Government Commission for the County of Maui for a term expiring March 31, 2024;
2. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Patrick O'Neil for his willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in County government; and
3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



EDWARD S. KUSHI, JR.

Department of the Corporation Counsel

County of Maui

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