

# Resolution

No. 25-183

## APPOINTING SARAH FREISTAT PAJIMOLA TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, a vacancy on the Civil Service Commission for a term expiring March 31, 2026, was created on July 24, 2023, with the resignation of Megan Moniz; and

WHEREAS, a long-term vacancy was created following the transition to the Independent Nomination Board and new procedures under Section 13-2 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended; and

WHEREAS, the long-term vacancy can now be filled under Section 2.41.050, Maui County Code, which took effect in its current form on March 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, under Section 2.41.050, the Council and the Mayor have alternating 30-day opportunities to make a unilateral appointment to fill a long-term vacancy when Charter Section 13-2 does not provide another mechanism; and

WHEREAS, under Section 2.41.050, Maui County Code, the Council has until October 8, 2025, to make a unilateral appointment and fill the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the information for nominee Sarah Freistat Pajimola required under Section 2.41.020, Maui County Code, is in Exhibit "A"; now, therefore,

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

1. That under Section 2.41.050, Maui County Code, it appoints Sarah Freistat Pajimola to the Civil Service Commission, for a term expiring March 31, 2026; and
2. That certified copies of the Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel, the Director of Personnel Services, and Sarah Freistat Pajimola.

INTRODUCED BY:

*Tamara A. M. Paltin*

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TAMARA PALTIN



Exhibit "A"

## BOARD/COMMISSION APPLICATION FORM

(Please print or type)

Name: Freistat Pajimola, Sarah, Danelle Dyal  
(Last) (First) (Full Middle Name)

City of Residence: Wailuku Island: Maui

Current Employer & Position: Maui Nui Resiliency Hui, Co Executive Director

Business Phone: (808) 268-0314 Business Fax:  Email (optional): sdd8978@gmail.com

Please indicate why you are interested in serving and what skills you may have to contribute:

I am honored to apply for service on the Civil Service Commission to help strengthen hiring systems and reduce the County's ~700 vacancies. My approach is policy-improvement-driven. I enjoy thoroughly analyzing processes and developing step-by-step, implementable plans for efficiency and reform. Key recent experience includes: Housing TIG (2016): helped identify policy barriers and draft housing-supply recommendations; Council Budget Process Reform (2019): helped streamline the annual budget review process for efficiency and equity; Tax Reform TIG (2019): helped establish RPT classification tiers based on valuation and long-term rental incentives; Legislative Operations (2020): helped develop and implement the one-week rapid transition to virtual budget hearings during COVID.

Employment History:

From	To	
<u>2023</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Maui Nui Resiliency Hui, Co Executive Director</u>
<u>2019</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Chief Strategist: Molokai Council Member</u>
<u>2011</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Chief of Staff: West Maui Council Member</u>
<u>2007</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Executive Assistant: South Maui Council Members</u>

Political Affiliation: None

Section 13-2(2) of the Charter, County of Maui, requires that not more than a bare majority of members of a board or commission belong to the same political party; therefore, please indicate if registered/card carrying member of a political party. If not, indicate "None" or "Independent."

Community and Professional Organizations/Activities:

Owner: Wahi Pulama Nei LLC. (small urban farming operation);  
Maui Backyard Farm Swap Founder (Community group created to support local food security, education and community sharing opportunities);  
Old Sand Hills Neighborhood Watch Founder (Neighborhood group created to increase community communication, awareness, network and crime prevention)

Previous County Experience (employment or board member):

Please see above.

Educational Background:

Associate of Arts in Business, Western International University (2006)  
Portland Community College (1997-1999)  
Lincoln High School, Portland OR. (1996)

**Consent to be Nominated and Certification of Truthfulness and Accuracy of Information:**

I declare that the above statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Sarah Freistat Pajimola Date: 09/16/2025

Most board/commission appointments are subject to confirmation by the Maui County Council. Most of these positions are for five-year terms. If you are selected as a nominee, the information contained on this form will be provided to the public upon request.

Please send completed forms to **OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, 200 SOUTH HIGH STREET, WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793**; or fax to 270-7870. For further information, call 270-7855; on Lana'i, call 1-800-272-0125; on Moloka'i, call 1-800-272-0117.