

**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES**

**May 13, 2025
9:00 AM**

Pursuant to §92-3.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the meeting was conducted as a remote meeting by interactive conference technology, via Microsoft Teams, <http://tinyurl.com/2p9zhjr2>.

In person testimony and viewing: Council Chamber, Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor, 200 S. High Street, Wailuku, Hawaii.

Video recording of meeting available at: www.mauicounty.legistar.com

TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember	Pres.	Abs.	Exc.	Time(s) In/Out (during meeting)
CM Pro Tempore Tasha Kama			√	
Vice Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura	√			
CM Tamara Paltin	√			
CM Gabe Johnson	√			
CM Keani Rawlins-Fernandez	√			
CM Tom Cook	√			
CM Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins	√			
CM Shane Sinenci	√			
Chair Alice L. Lee	√			
TOTAL PRESENT	8		1	

Resolution No. 24-83 "ADOPTING THE FUEL TAX RATES FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025"

No legislative action was taken.

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:16 a.m.

TRANSCRIPTION

Council of the County of Maui on 2025-05-13 9:00 AM - Public Hearing (Fuel Tax)

[INDISCERNIBLE] FISCAL YEAR, 2026 WILL NOW COME TO ORDER. IT IS 9 O'CLOCK. MS. CLERK, PLEASE PROCEED WITH ROLL CALL. MS. CLERK, PLEASE PROCEED WITH ROLL CALL. >> I THINK HER SPEAKER IS MUTED.\r\n\r\n[INDISCERNIBLE] >> IT FUNNY, BECAUSE WE WERE IN CONTACT WITH MOANA LIKE 5 SECONDS AGO BEFORE THE MEETING. >> HA, HA, FUNNY? >> CAN SEE MOANA. >> MOANA, SAY SOMETHING. I THOUGHT SHE WAS USING HER PHONE. WE'LL TAKE A RECESS UNTIL 908. MEETING IN RECESS. [RECESS] >> THE PUBLIC MEETING WILL RECONVENE.\r\n\r\nMS. CLERK, PLEASE DO ROLL CALL. >> THANK YOU CHAIR. PROCEEDING WITH ROLL CALL. FOR ANYONE PARTICIPATING REMOTELY, IF YOU COULD PLEASE LET US KNOW IF MINERS ARE IN THE ROOM WITH YOU. [ROLL CALL] >> I HAVE ONE UNNAMED MINER AND TODAY IS HER BIRTHDAY. HE IS ONE YEARS OLD.\r\n\r\n>> HAPPY BIRTHDAY. [ROLL CALL CONTINUED] >> MEMBERS THERE IS NO TESTIFIERS AT THE LANAI DISTRICT OFFICE. I'M ALONE ON MY SIDE OF THE OFFICE. THE BIRDS ARE SINGING AND DOGS ARE SNORING AND I'M HERE READY TO WORK. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> THERE ARE NO TESTIFIERS AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE.\r\n\r\nMAHALO, CHAIR. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TOM COOK. >> ALOHA AND GOOD MORNING. I'M IN THE CHAMBER AND NOBODY [INDISCERNIBLE] TO GIVE TESTIMONY BUT WE HAVE SOMEONE ON HAND AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS MEETING. THANK YOU. >> COUNCIL MEMBER [INDISCERNIBLE] >> HAPPY BIRTHDAY. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SINENCI.\r\n\r\n>> HERE AT MY HOME OFFICE BY MYSELF AND NO TESTIFIERS, CHAIR. >> CHAIR ALICE LEE? >> ALOHA EVERYONE. >> CHAIR, YOU HAVE 8 MEMBERS PRESENT. 1 EXCUSED. FOR THE RECORD RECOLLECT I'M THE COUNTY CLERK, YOU HAVE A QUORUM PRESENT TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF COUNCIL. PRESENT FROM LEGISLATIVE STAFF IS [INDISCERNIBLE] [DIFFICULTY HEARING SPEAKER] JOINING FROM OFFICE OF COUNSEL SERVICE IS DIRECTOR DAVID [INDISCERNIBLE] DEPUTY DIRECTOR [INDISCERNIBLE] FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATION IF ANYONE.\r\n\r\n>> YOU SEE ANYBODY? ALRIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FOR THE RECORD WE DID RECONVENE AT 908. BEFORE WE START WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING, MAY I PLEASE-- REQUEST EVERYONE-- [ECHO] MUTED UNLESS IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK. AS A REMINDER, MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. ANYTHING? YOU HEAR ANYTHING?\r\n\r\nMOANA'S BACKGROUND. AS REMINDER, TESTIMONY MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. WHEN TESTIFYING DIRECT YOUR REMARKS TO COUNCIL AND NOT INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBER OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. EACH TESTIFIER IS ALLOWED TO SPEAK UP TO THREE MINUTES. THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY ON TEAMS, PLEASE CLICK RAISE YOUR HAND BUTTON TO ADD TO THE TESTIFIER LOG. IF YOU ARE CALLING IN, FOLLOW THE PHONE PROMPTS TO BE ADDED TO THE LOCK. DE QUORUM MAINTAINED ALL TIMES.\r\n\r\nANY PERSON THAT BEHAVE IN A MANNER [INDISCERNIBLE] DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER, OR MAJORITY OF COUNCIL MEMBERS EJECTED OR BANNED FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS OR IF PARTICIPATED REMOTELY MUTED OR DROPPED FROM THE MEETING. EXAMPLES INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO HECKLING, SHOUTING, USE OF PROFANITY, THREATENING OR SLANDEROUS REMARKS MADE TO COUNCIL, STAFF OR GENERAL PUBLIC. MS. CLERK, PLEASE PROCEED. >> CHAIR, CURRENTLY WE HAVE ONE PERSON SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY AND THAT IS JC LAW. IF THERE IS ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY YOU CAN SIGN UP OR MAKE YOU WAY TO THE PODIUM. >> ALOHA.\r\n\r\nI REQUESTED TO THE ASSISTANT CLERK I SIGN IN AS FIRE HORSE 66, BUT MAYBE HIS BOSS CAN EXPLAIN YOU ARE ALLOWED TO PUT ANY NAME AS LONG AS IT IS ISN'T DEROGATORY. IT IS JAWSEE LAW. LIKE JAWSEE. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM. I WILL TRY TO READ HAWAII REVISED STATUTE SECTION 3.20.010. MAUI COUNTY CODE. CARS, THAT'S ONE OF MY-I DON'T LIKE THE WORD PET PEEVE BUT THE BEST WORD I CAN COME UP WITH RIGHT NOW. I MENTIONED IT AT THE YOUNG BROTHERS RESOLUTION FROM COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, THAT I'M WONDERING WHY THERE ARE SO MANY CARS.\r\n\r\nnWE

WENT OFF TRACK AND BET YOU MR. COOK CAN APPRECIATE THIS BECAUSE HE IS BORN THE YEAR OF THE HORSE. I THINK WE WENT TOO FAR. EVERYBODY KNOWS OIL IS KIND OF RUINING THE WORLD. SOMEWHERE WE WENT OFF THE PATH OF HORSES AND OXES AND I KNOW IT IS MORE CONVENIENT AND ALL TO DRIVE YOUR CAR TO WORK. I WOULD LIKE A CAR TO DRIVE OVER HERE, BUT PLEASE MORE PEOPLE DRIVE THE BUSES. AND I WAS HOPING SOMEBODY ELSE WOULD TESTIFY AND ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED KELLY KING'S ADVICE ON THE FUEL TAXES.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I GIVE THE REST OF MY TIME TO HAWAIIANS. >> ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT TESTIFIER? >> CHAIR, THERE IS CURRENTLY NO ONE ELSE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY, SO THIS WILL BE LAST CALL. IF THERE IS ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY THERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY. YOU CAN SPEAK IN TEAMS OR MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE PODIUM. THIS IS FINAL COUNTDOWN.\r\n\r\n3, 2, 1. >> ANY OBJECTION TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIFY AND ACCEPTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY? >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> SO ORDERED. THERE IS NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL. SO, THIS MEETING AT 915 IS ADJOURNED.