

**BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**
Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

April 16, 2025

Online Only via Teams

RECONVENE: 9:32 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Tom Cook, Member
Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member (arrived at 9:40 a.m.)
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member (left at 9:55 a.m.)
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Member (arrived at 9:42 a.m.)
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember Nohelani U'u-Hodgins, Member

STAFF: Kirsten Szabo, Legislative Analyst
Pauline Martins, Senior Committee Secretary
James Krueger, Senior Legislative Analyst
Peter Hanano, Legislative Attorney
Richelle Kawasaki, Deputy Director, Office of Council Services
Jarret Pascual, Legislative Analyst
Clarissa MacDonald, Legislative Analyst
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Kristina Toshikiyo, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel
Kristie Wigglesworth, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: ...*(gavel)*... Welcome every...everybody to the Budget, Finance, Economic Development Committee. It is now 9:32 a.m. Sorry for this day...delay. We're having some connectivity problems. Today is April the 16th, and this is a recessed meeting from yesterday. And Members who are here, introduce yourself. And then if you're not in the Chambers, please identify if there are...is anybody you in...anybody with you in your workspace. Minors do not need to be identified. Good morning, Vice-Chair Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Good morning, Chair. It's good to be here.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is Alice...Chair Lee is not there. Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aloha and good morning.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: There's nobody in the Kihei office.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you. There's nobody in the Kihei office wishing to testify. We do have personnel at the Kihei office.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you do. It's a recessed meeting, so they'll standby for 10:00. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aloha, Chair. I'm present, and ready to work.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yay, and you were early. Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha and good morning, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning. I saw Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka kākou, streaming live and direct from One Main Plaza. I have a doctor appointment at 10:00, so I'll be a little bit late to the 10:00.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. I guess we'll have Chair Lee joining us. Did I miss anybody? Chair Lee will be joining us, I guess...I haven't heard otherwise. Member

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Rawlins-Fernandez and Member U'u-Hodgins. Okay. Office of the Mayor--thank you, Budget Directing...Director Milner; Department of Corporation Counsel, we just saw earlier in the Chambers, Kristina Toshikiyo and Kristie Wiggleworth [sic]; Committee Secretary, Pauline Martin [sic]; Kirsten Szabo, Legislative Analyst--got that, right?--James Krueger, Senior Legislative Analyst; Jarret Pascual, as well as Clarissa McDonald, Legislative Analyst; Peter Hanano, Legislative Attorney; Richelle Kawasaki...Kawasaki, Deputy Director of Council Services; and Lei Dinneen, Council Services Assistant Clerk. Please see the last page of...of the agenda for information on meeting connectivity.

**ITEM 1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY
 OF MAUI**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, let's continue with our one item on the agenda, which is BFED-1, Proposed Fiscal Year '26 Budget for the County of Maui. And we have closed testimony on this item from yesterday. And today, the reason that we are meeting is so that we can have a...like a 7(B) discussion on Bill 15. Members, as you recall, earlier this...this year, the Administration noticed...notified us that the County was approaching the cap on transfers to the Bond Fund. To resolve this issue, they...they submitted Bill 15, which would use approximately 51 million in Carryover/Savings to transfer several CIPs from bond funding to cash. Shortly afterwards, the Administration also submitted Bill 17, to raise the cap to transfer the Bond Fund. We ultimately acted on Bill 15 to resolve the issue. However, we kept Bill 15 in Committee in case an issue with the transfer cap arose again. Bill 15 is a posted...is posted for discussion today under BFED-1 because the Carryover/Savings recognized in that bill is also recognized in the Mayor's Proposed Fiscal Year '26 Budget. The bill is also posted on today's...on...on this Thursday's Council agenda, which is tomorrow...and in general...well, as you know, we cannot...we cannot recognize...well, we...we have to do something about this because right now we have an unbalanced budget, right? The Mayor submitted to us a budget, Bill...Bill 41, which we've been talking about. And the day before he gave us the budget on the 25th, he sends us a letter saying, oh, I going suspend this, right? I'm going to suspend Bill 15. But we still have it in our...in our purview as a live item because we took no action on it. So, today's...what I'm trying to do is figure out...have a discussion. We'll have the...we'll have the action taken at the Council meeting on the 17th. But I wanted to have your questions discussed and talked about so that we can take the appropriate action tomorrow at Chair Lee's agenda. By the way, there's Chair Lee. Good morning, Chair Lee. Good morning. Okay. So...so, this is like a...I guess a 7(B) for us to take action tomorrow on the...on...on the Council agenda. I will say, the kind of questions that it brought up was what does that mean for Carryover/Savings, right? We...we did get that it's \$122 million, which is huge. And where was this 51 million? I don't think it was included in that. The bill that was given to us on March 25th by Charter, which we received, the Mayor had already included this 51 million in the budget, and used it throughout the budget. So, this budget is, to me, out of balance because the 51 million is still in our possession...this Carryover/Savings. And kind of disheartening, you know. We're trying to establish a working relationship with the Administration, we have such serious problems before us. And, yeah, we do...we...we are going to do the right

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thing, and we will. But at the last minute, to kind of willy-nilly--as...as my husband likes to use that word, willy-nilly--to send a letter saying, oh, you know, I'll suspend that bill...we still have it. It's a live bill, Bill 15, \$51 million. And so, today is for discussion. I'm going to open with...you can have three minutes, Member Kama, and I'll just go straight down. Yes, Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Would you like Ms. Milner to speak to it?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Maybe after.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: She's representing the --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: She'll...she'll...she'll probably...can help us answer some questions, I guess, so...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, it's rescinded. I'm sorry. He asked us to rescind the bill, not suspend...to rescind the bill. Yeah. All right. So, let's hear your questions. I wonder if our legal partners can answer the questions as you understand Bill 15? And Member Kama, followed by Chair Lee, Paltin, Johnson, Rawlins-Fernandez, Cook, U'u-Hodgins--when they come--and Sinenci. Okay. So, Member Kama, do you have a question?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. So, if I understand this correctly, we had Bill 15 before us before the budget. And this is the bill where the Administration came because they were getting close to their ceiling. And then they wanted us to be able to add more money, so that they could have more money, so that they could do whatever it is they need to get done. And so, in bringing forth Bill 51...I mean, Bill 15, we ended up not giving them the money they asked for, right? So, they wanted, I think...oh, I remember that they only...we only gave them 150 million, I think, and we held back this 51, right? Just trying to keep track and...with the timeline was, and what we did. And therefore...so, because we ended up giving them less money than what they wanted, this ended up being on the table, right? And then I know we hadn't...and talking...talk story, or a discussion about where's the 51 million, right? So, this 51 million, you were saying, is in this budget, the --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Uh-huh. 20-41.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- '26...2026 Budget.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Uh-huh.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Right? So, therefore, because the 51 million is here, the budget is now out of sync?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Out of balance.

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Out of balance --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Uh-huh.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- by 51 million over; is that right?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Depends on whose perspective you look at it, but yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, it's out of sync by 51 million.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Uh-huh.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. I just wanted to make sure that I understood that. Is that what everybody else understands?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I just want to make sure.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- maybe--Mr. Hanano --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Mr. Hanano.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- you want to give a summary of the sequence of events, and answer some of these questions? We took action on Bill 17 --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- which was also submitted. And so, this Bill 15, which was the 51 million with --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Balance, yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- Carryover/Savings recognized was hanging out there, right, and it's in our possession. Mr. Hanano.

MR. HANANO: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, that's correct. The...this bill was basically considered at the same time as Bill 17, I believe.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Uh-huh.

MR. HANANO: And Chair characterized it correctly, that...that Bill 17 was passed. I think the Council amended it from --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Uh-huh.

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MR. HANANO: -- 250 million to 150.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Uh-huh.

MR. HANANO: And as a result, Bill 15 was basically deferred, where it sits in Committee right now.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. HANANO: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Chair Lee, you have a question? Three minutes. Cannot hear you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm trying to...I'm trying --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, can...we can hear you now. Oh, you just went back mute. Yeah. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Now, I...I clicked it again, so it should be working. So...so, the question...the question is, are we over or under? And who would that question...can we ask the Budget Director?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I don't know how to --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Budget Director, are we --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- are we short 51 million?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Milner, hard for you to answer this...questions, right?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Chair Lee. At the moment, the budget is neither short or...it's neither...it...it's balanced as is, with the revenues that are in the bill. I think what Chair's point is, if the body chooses to pass Bill 15, then there would be concerns that there's too much Carryover/Savings in the bill, and the budget would need to be reduced by \$51 million. I would just say that the Administration is only asking for filing of the bill, we are not asking for action. We asked for action on 15 or 17, and the body chose 17. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm still...but I'm...Ms. Milner, I'm still not clear. What happens to the balance of...you know, here's a bill that's worth \$ 51 million. And when you file it, what happens to the \$51 million?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Chair, what they have done --

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- is...what I'm trying to explain is that they've used the money twice. They gave it to us once on Bill 15 in Carryover/Savings, and then they used it in the budget already. It's spent, according to them. So, it...it sits two places right now, unless...if we take action.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: It's spent.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Uh-huh. They spent it in this --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No. So, I...so, I don't see why we...there's any money left then, if it's spent. So, the only action would be to file then, right?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Or...I mean, there's other things that we could --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Or --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- do, right?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Point of clarification. The money is not spent. That's not the correct word. It's allocated.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. It's allocated. So...and welcome, Member Rawlins-Fernandez, to the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Aloha kakahiaka, mai Moloka'i nui a Hina. I am at the...my home alone.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Okay. Chair Lee, continue.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, we want--so, Ms. Milner, what is the status of the \$51 million?

MS. MILNER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MS. MILNER: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Can't see you.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Chair Lee. The \$51 million was included in the Carryover/Savings for Fiscal Year '26. After the Committee chose not to take action, I met with several departments, which are detailed in one of our written correspondence.

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And we determined that it was appropriate because we were not asking for action on Bill 15 anymore. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. It's already earmarked in...in the...in FY '26 budget.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes. . . .*(timer sounds)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. That's all I have. That's all I have. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Is Ms. Toshikiyo on?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: She's online. She actually came to the Chambers earlier. Oh, there you are. Nice to see you.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Hi. Good morning.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Good morning, Ms. Toshikiyo. Can I ask you my question?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. So, in the scenario in which the Administration did not recognize the 50-something million in the proposed FY '26 budget, and then it would have to be recognized eventually as Carryover/Savings. And then in that case, we would be raising the Mayor's proposed budget by 51 million? So, he would've proposed something that was 51 million short, and then we would've had to recognize it. So, we would be increasing the Mayor's proposal by 51 million?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: In the scenario that it wasn't included in the Carryover/Savings that's included in the Fiscal Year '26, yes, eventually. So, if that was not appropriate in the Fiscal Year '25 budget, and not included in the Fiscal Year '26, then eventually it would be recognized as Carryover/Savings.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then the Council's budget proposal would be 51 million higher than the Mayor's budget proposal. Like the press would be, Council Raises the Mayor's Proposal By 51 Million.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Oh. In this scenario, where you're deliberating over the Fiscal Year '26, yes. Because if the 51 million is already allocated with projects and, you know, appropriations, then, yes. You would need to raise it by 51 million if it wasn't included.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No further questions. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Johnson.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Good to see you, Ms. Toshikiyo.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I...I think I heard two actions--to rescind, or to file. Director Milner, you said file, and then Chair said rescind. Is --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- is...am I...am I hearing that right? Is...there's two...there's two paths, or are they the same-same? I...I don't...they're not the same --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- but two people are saying two different things. So, Director?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember Johnson. So, the Administration doesn't have the power to dictate what the Council does --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Sure.

MS. MILNER: -- but we requested rescindment of the bill, which would mean we are asking you to file the bill if the body would like to consider that.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. All right. So, I...if...I feel like the Carryover/Savings might be a moving target. Can...what is the...as it stands now, what is our Carryover/Savings?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember Johnson. We sent a breakdown in one of our written correspondence, but what the Carryover/Savings is, is the unappropriated fund balance from the *(audio interference)* . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . along with...then we reduce it from any...Carryover/Savings that we've already recognized throughout the year. And we had some additional revenues from Fiscal Year '25, based on actuals-to-date, that we're also recognizing as Carryover/Savings, and that gets us to our total of 122 million.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. That's what I have down. So, 122. My time is up. Thanks, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I think that was the bell from me because that was real fast, and I didn't hear the bell for me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Well --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Well, I'm...I'm going to hold off because some of my questions already been answered, and I want to hear...see where this is going. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, Member Paltin, did you have more questions?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, no. I just was saying, I think that was...that wasn't Member Johnson's three minutes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But if he didn't have any other questions, whoever is next, they should get a full three minutes if they want it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez, then Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. And mahalo, Member Paltin, for making sure that Member Johnson didn't get gypped.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm going to go to the doctor now, guys. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh. Okay. See you at 10:00-ish.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh. I...I just...I just realized that was a slur. My apologies. I think that...anyway. Oh. Ripped off...that Member Johnson would have gotten ripped off. All right. So, hypotheticals aside, the 51 million was recognized as Carryover/Savings, and was appropriated in the budget that we received. So, our actions here are either we file the bill, and then we go with the proposed budget as we received it from the Mayor, or we pass the bill, and figure out where we're going to --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Cut.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- what projects of \$51 million-worth we're going to delete from --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- the FY '26 budget as the Mayor proposed...which I am not interested in doing. There wasn't \$51 million-worth of projects that I...I didn't think was deserving of being in the budget, that's needed and necessary for the quality of life of our people, and for the continued operations of our County. So, that...that's what I see as our...our...basically our two options forward. So, my support would be to file Bill 15, and move forward with the budget that we have. I think that the point that the Chair is making, that this is unprecedented and we haven't done this before--and that's true. But I...I'm...I'm not really interested in political theatrics to prove that point. I think the point was made adequately enough times. So, if the Chair wants to provide another option besides the two, or, you know, if the Chair wants to go through the budget to remove \$51 million-worth of projects, I am open to hearing what your proposal is. Because that's the two that I understand it.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair. So, is it possible...basically, this \$51 million is...the Carryover/Savings in the budget is reduced by \$51 million? Because this \$51 million has to come from somewhere. So, we didn't have as much Carryover/Savings as was projected, is the question?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I...well, in...in my nonlegal understanding of what...what happened is, the 51 million was in your hands, and the Administration used it in this budget, and sent us that letter to rescind. Basically saying, oh, you know what? I going...I need it. So, it's in the...in...in Bill 41.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No. I grasp that, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: What I'm saying is reconciliation, not cutting back on any of the projects, and the granular aspects of the...the budget, as we received, but recognizing that \$51 million was...is there, apparently. Does that potentially come out of the Carryover/Savings and not impact the other aspects? And that's my question for, I don't know, Budget Director . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Budget Director, you...you utilized the 51 million in the budget?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember Cook. The 51 million has been appropriated to different projects under General Funds. So, if the Carryover/Savings were reduced by that amount, the equivalent amount of expenditures would also need to be reduced.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay. That didn't work. I don't have any further questions.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair, and mahalo for the discussion. I...I would be supportive of filing, Chair, at this time. Thank you.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you very much. So, Members, the item is going to come up tomorrow in Council Chair's agenda. Today was like a 7(B)-ish so that you could all talk about it, and get some questions answered. And then you will be asked to vote tomorrow whatever way you decide. Any...any more questions? Member Kama, you have a --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I don't have a question, I just have a comment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I think that what happened with this 51 mil kind of...I mean, you could look at a whole bunch of ways, right? That the Administration wasn't being upfront, or you could look at it through the other way, that people make mistakes, right? And maybe...like we all do during budget time, right? We add numbers wrong, and we do all kinds of stuff. But I would hope that this would never happen again, that when...when things like this do come up, and mistakes are made, that we just say, hey, I made a mistake. Would you please rescind by filing? Or say that, and not have to go through this. That's my comment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Anybody else have any comments? All right. So, Members, I am going to adjourn this recessed meeting because we have our 10:00 meeting and people are waiting. If no...if there are no other questions--Chair Lee, we're going to take this up on your agenda tomorrow, and we'll call for the vote then. Okay. So, this meeting is now adjourned, and this item is deferred until tomorrow. Any other...anything else? No? Okay. And it's good that we got online, right? The miracles of...of--oh, Chair Lee. Okay. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I can't believe that Member Tamara Paltin went to the doctors. I have an appointment at 11:00. I haven't been to the doctors in five years --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: *(Audio interference)* --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- and she picks the same day as me. Are you going to have a quorum?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, we'll have quorum.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: For your next meeting?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I don't know of anybody else leaving.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Because, you know, I can always change mine. I haven't seen him in five years, so --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You're the one that was sick --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- but my --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- so...good. Go --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, I am sick, but...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, go doctor.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Members --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: All right. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- at this time, then, I'm going to defer this item, Bill 15.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

ACTION: DEFER.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And then this meeting now adjourned. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

ADJOURN: 9:58 a.m.

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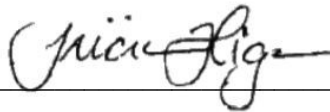
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CERTIFICATION

I, Tricia Higa, hereby certify that pages 1 through 13 of the foregoing represents, to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 6th day of May 2025, in Mililani, Hawai'i

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tricia Higa", is written over a horizontal line.

Tricia Higa