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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE (2023-2025)

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

1:30 p.m.

MEETING SITE:

Online via Teams: <http://tinyurl.com/2s9hsuhk>

Phone testimony: 1-808-977-4067, code 423 765 169#

In-person testimony and viewing: Council Chamber, Kalana O
Maui Building, 8th Flr., 200 South High St., Wailuku, Hawai'i

AGENDA

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS (RESOLUTION 24-10, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KATE BLYSTONE AS PLANNING DIRECTOR) (GREAT-1(6))

Description: The Committee is in receipt of Resolution 24-10, entitled "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF KATE BLYSTONE AS THE PLANNING DIRECTOR." Resolution 24-10's purpose is to approve the appointment of Kate Blystone as the Planning Director, under Sections 6-2(5) and 8-8.2 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended.

Status: The Council must approve or disapprove the appointment by March 25, 2024, or the appointment will be deemed approved. The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of Resolution 24-10 to approve the appointment, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider whether to revise Resolution 24-10 to disapprove the appointment, and other related action.

Note: With reference to this agenda item, one or more executive meetings are anticipated under Section 92-5(a)(2), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to consider the hire, evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of officers or employees.

[Resolution 24-10](#)

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RESOLUTION 24-15, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE INDEPENDENT NOMINATION BOARD (GREAT-17)

Description: The Committee is in receipt of the following:

1. Resolution 24-15, entitled “APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE INDEPENDENT NOMINATION BOARD FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI.” Resolution 24-15’s purpose is to approve or disapprove the appointments of Viola Kauakea Diego (East Maui) and Kilia Waiomina Ilona Purdy-Avelino (Molokai) as members to the Independent Nomination Board.
2. Correspondence dated January 29, 2024, from the Mayor, with completed application forms for the nominees.

Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of Resolution 24-15, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider filing Resolution 24-15 and other related action.

Note: With reference to this agenda item, one or more executive meetings are anticipated under Section 92-5(a)(2), Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, to consider the hire, evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of officers or employees.

[Resolution 24-15](#)

[Correspondence from Mayor 01-29-2024](#)

RESOLUTION 23-242, RELATING TO SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION: VARIOUS 2023 WILDFIRE CLAIMS INVOLVING DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY (GREAT-11(36))

Description: The Committee is in receipt of Resolution 23-242, CD1, entitled “AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF VARIOUS 2023 WILDFIRE CLAIMS INVOLVING DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY.” Resolution 23-242, CD1’s purpose is to authorize settlement of various 2023 Wildfire Claims involving death or serious bodily injury, in the sum of \$10,000,000.

Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of Resolution 23-242, CD1, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the filing of Resolution 23-242, CD1 and other related action.

Note: With reference to this agenda item, one or more executive meetings are anticipated under Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, to consult with legal counsel on questions and issues pertaining to the powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities of the County, the Council, and the Committee; and Section 92-5(a)(8), Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, to deliberate or make a decision upon a matter that requires the consideration of information that must be kept confidential pursuant to a State or Federal law, or a court order.

[Resolution 23-242, CD1](#)

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Kasie Apo Takayama, Clarissa MacDonald, Pauline Martins, and Richard E. Mitchell

BOARD PACKETS

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Oral testimony via phone by dialing: 1-808-977-4067 and entering meeting code 423 765 169#

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

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MEDB Building	Lāna'i District Office
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(808) 793-0012	(808) 565-7094

Molokai	East Maui	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia
Molokai District Complex	Hāna Cultural Center & Museum	Heritage Hall
100 Ainoa Street, Kaunakakai	4974 Uakea Road, Hāna	401 Baldwin Avenue, Suite 102, Pā'ia
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