

**COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**

# **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE**

May 23, 2023

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

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

Chair and Members:

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee,  
having met on May 11, 2023, makes reference to the following:

1. Resolution 23-132 entitled “APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI.”

Resolution 23-132’s purpose is to approve or disapprove the Mayor’s nominations of Andrea Kimiko Kealoha and Fawn Sherie Kukuanaokala Helekahi-Burns to the Maui Planning Commission for terms expiring March 31, 2028.

2. Resolution 23-133 entitled “APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE SALARY COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI.”

Resolution 23-133’s purpose is to approve or disapprove the Mayor’s nomination of Lois Prey to the Salary Commission for a term expiring March 31, 2028.

By correspondence dated April 19, 2023, and received on April 20, 2023, the Mayor transmitted completed application forms for the nominees.

Your Committee notes general appointment procedures for boards, committees, 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.

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Your Committee further notes specific provisions for the Maui Planning Commission are located in Sections 2.28.010 and 2.28.070, Maui County Code, and Section 8-8.4 of the Charter.

Your Committee further notes specific provisions for the Salary Commission are located in Chapter 2.42 and Section 2.40.210, Maui County Code, and Section 8-17.1 of the Charter.

The Council must approve or disapprove the nominations by June 19, 2023, or the nominations will be deemed approved.

Your Committee received introductions to the nominees from the Mayor's representative. Your Committee also interviewed the nominees to the Maui Planning Commission.

Fawn Helekahi-Burns is the Site Coordinator for the University of Hawai'i Maui College Hāna Education Center and was previously employed as a substitute teacher at Hāna High and Elementary School, where she was part of the Hawaiian Studies Makua Program; and Program Facilitator for Kūkulu Kumuhana. Ms. Helekahi-Burns previously served on the Hāna Advisory Committee and said she prides herself on her positive relationships with her community and her ability to represent East Maui in a way that addresses the community's concerns, needs, and hopes for the future.

Given Ms. Helekahi-Burns' background and experience, the Mayor proposed she be designated to fill the requirement for at least one member to have demonstrated expertise in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices.

Andrea Kealoha is the Director of the Water Quality Lab, University of Hawai'i Maui College, a board member of the Pā'ia Youth and Cultural Center, and is part of the Maui Navigation Team for the Holomua Marine Initiative under the Aquatic Resources Division, Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawai'i. She also serves on the Pā'ia-Ha'ikū

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Advisory Committee but said she would resign if her appointment to the Maui Planning Commission is approved. Ms. Kealoha said she is interested in guiding community plans and Special Management Area rules and is dedicated to protecting the integrity of Maui County's communities.

Given Ms. Kealoha's experience, her bachelor's degree in Global Environmental Science, master's degree in Marine Science, and doctorate degree in Oceanography, the Council proposed she be designated to fill the seat to meet the requirement for at least one member to have a background in conservation, natural resources, or climate change on the Maui Planning Commission, and that Resolution 23-132 be revised accordingly.

A representative from the Office of the Mayor said Lois Prey is interested in serving on County boards and commissions because it allows her to be an active and contributing member of the community. It also allows her to be part of the decision-making on current issues that could positively impact the future of Maui County.

According to Ms. Prey's application, she previously served as Chair to the Committee on the Status of Women and Council on Aging, respectively, and as a member on the Board of Ethics.

Your Committee was satisfied with the nominations and thanked them for their willingness to serve. Your Committee recommended the nominees be approved and that Exhibit "B" to the proposed resolutions be revised accordingly.

Your Committee voted 8-0 to recommend adoption of Resolution 23-132, CD1. Committee Chair U'u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin, and members Cook, Johnson, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted "aye." Committee member Kama was excused.

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Your Committee voted 7-1 to recommend adoption of Resolution 23-133, CD1. Committee Chair U‘u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair Paltin, and members Cook, Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and Sugimura voted “aye.” Committee member Johnson voted “no.” Committee member Kama was excused.

Your Committee is in receipt of Resolution 23-132, CD1, and Resolution 23-133, CD1, approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating your Committee’s recommended revisions and nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Resolution 23-132, CD1, as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled “APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI,” be ADOPTED; and
2. That Resolution 23-133, CD1, as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled “APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE SALARY 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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NOHE U‘U-HODGINS, Chair

# Resolution

No. 23-132, CD1

## APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated April 19, 2023, Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr. notified the Council he nominated the persons listed in Exhibit "A," as attached, as members to the Maui Planning Commission for the County of Maui, in accordance with Sections 2.28.010 and 2.28.070, Maui County Code, and Sections 8-8.4 and 13-2, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"); and

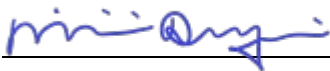
WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2 requires the Mayor's nominees to be approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-2(16) requires the Council to approve or disapprove the nominations within sixty days after the Mayor submits the names of the nominees to the Council; now, therefore,

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

1. That it approves the appointments of the persons listed in Exhibit "B," as attached, as members to the Maui Planning Commission for the terms specified;
2. That it disapproves the appointments of the persons listed in Exhibit "C," as attached, as members to the Maui Planning Commission as nominated by the Mayor;
3. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the appointed members for their willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in County government; and
4. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



Deputy Corporation Counsel  
County of Maui

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## **NOMINATED MEMBERS AND TERMS**

### **Maui Planning Commission**

Andrea Kimiko Kealoha

Term Expiration 3/31/2028

Fawn Sherie Kukuanaokala Helekahi-Burns  
(Native Hawaiian Cultural Practitioner designee)

Term Expiration 3/31/2028

## **APPROVED MEMBERS AND TERMS**

## Maui Planning Commission

Andrea Kimiko Kealoha  
(Conservation, Natural Resources, or Climate Change designee)

Fawn Sherie Kukuanaokala Helekahi-Burns  
(Native Hawaiian Cultural Practitioner designee)

**DISAPPROVED MEMBERS**

**Maui Planning Commission**



INTRODUCED BY:

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ALICE L. LEE

Upon the request of the Mayor.

# Resolution

**No. 23-133, CD1**

## APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE SALARY COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated April 19, 2023, Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr. notified the Council he nominated the person listed in Exhibit "A," as attached, as a member to the Salary Commission for the County of Maui, in accordance with Sections 2.40.210 and 2.42.010, Maui County Code, and Sections 8-17.1 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(16) requires the Council to approve or disapprove the nomination within sixty days after the Mayor submits the name of the nominee to the Council; now, therefore,

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

1. That it approves the appointment of the person listed in Exhibit "B," as attached, as a member to the Salary Commission for the term specified;
2. That it disapproves the appointment of the person listed in Exhibit "C," as attached, as a member to the Salary Commission as nominated by the Mayor;
3. That the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the appointed member for their willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in County government; and
4. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



Deputy Corporation Counsel  
County of Maui

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**NOMINATED MEMBER AND TERM**

**Salary Commission**

Lois Prey

Term Expiration 3/31/2028

**APPROVED MEMBER AND TERM**

**Salary Commission**

Lois Prey

Term Expiration 3/31/2028

**DISAPPROVED MEMBER**

**Salary Commission**

INTRODUCED BY:

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ALICE L. LEE

Upon the request of the Mayor.