MICHAEL P. VICTORINO Mayor

SANANDA K. BAZ Managing Director





OFFICE OF THE

COUNTY OF MAUI

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

200 SOUTH HIGH STREET WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793

September 14, 2021

The Honorable Alice Lee and Members of the Council 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

SUBJECT: LACK OF MEETING ATTENDANCE OF AGNES GROFF FROM THE MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

Pursuant to Section 2.41.090.E, Maui County Code, I am submitting a copy of a letter from the Chair of the Maui County Council on Aging regarding the lack of meeting attendance of Agnes Groff.

Ms. Groff was appointed by the Maui County Council on March 13, 2020 to the Maui County Council on Aging. The Council on Aging meets virtually a total of six times on the second Tuesday of each even-numbered month each year. Ms. Groff has been absent without excuse from all meetings from April 2021 to present (3 absences). Numerous attempts via telephone calls and emails were made with no response. Attached is a proposed resolution to remove Ms. Groff.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ipo Mossman, Community Liaison at the Office of the Mayor at 270-8211.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO

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Mayor

Attachments

cc: Daniel Kunkel, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Ipo Mossman, Community Liaison

Resolution

No.

REMOVAL OF AGNES GROFF FROM THE COUNCIL ON AGING FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WHEREAS, by letter dated September 14, 2021, Mayor Michael P. Victorino recommended the removal of member Agnes Groff from the Council on Aging for the County of Maui due to her non-attendance at any meetings this year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Groff was asked by staff to confirm whether she could continue on the Council on Aging for the County of Maui, and to date, staff has not heard from Ms. Groff, attached hereto as Exhibit "1"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Groff was appointed to the Council on Aging for the County of Maui by Resolution 20-32, adopted on March 13, 2020, for a term expiring on March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-2(5) of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, provides that members of boards and commissions appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the Council may be removed for cause upon recommendation of such removal by the Mayor and the approval of two-thirds of the entire membership of the Council; now, therefore,

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

- 1. That it hereby approves the removal of Agnes Groff from the Council on Aging for the County of Maui;
- 2. That such removal shall be effective upon adoption of this resolution; and

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3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

/s/ Mimi Desjardins
MIMI DESJARDINS
Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui
2021-0029
2021-09-14 COA Groff Removal

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Members: The Honorable Michael P. Victorino

Mayor, County of Maui

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Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Arleen Gerbig

Agnes Groff

Dear Mayor Victorino,

Teana

Kaho'ohanohano

Vivian Lindsey

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Judith Mikami

Miguel Morales

Ed Romson

Leonardo Sequeira

Yuki Lei Sugimura

Laura Vo

Vacant

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As Chair of the Maui County Council on Aging I am wri

As Chair of the Maui County Council on Aging, I am writing on behalf of the Council to inform you of the lack of meeting attendance by Council on Aging Members Agnes Groff & Vivian Lindsey.

Pursuant to Chapter 2.41.090 of the Maui County Code; "Attendance at board, commission, and committee meetings by appointed members", appointed members of all boards, commissions, and committees are responsible to "fully and faithfully serve and attend all duly noticed, regularly scheduled meetings of their respective boards, commissions, and committees".

Currently, the Council on Aging meets virtually a total of six times on the second Tuesday of each even-numbered month (February, April, June, August, October and December).

Unfortunately, Ms. Groff & Ms. Lindsey have not been fulfilling their responsibility to the Council on Aging, to you as your appointee, or the citizens of Maui County. Council Member Groff has been absent without excuse from all meetings from April, 2021 to present. Council Member Lindsey has been absent without excuse from all meetings from February, 2021 to present.

Despite numerous attempts to contact Ms. Lindsey and Ms. Groff, both have not responded to either emails or phone calls. Therefore, as Chair of the Maui County Council on Aging, I am recommending that both Agnes Groff & Vivian Lindsey be relieved of their duties as Council Members and replacement Council Members be recommended and appointed as soon as possible.

On behalf of the Council on Aging, I appreciate your consideration of this request and hope that replacements can be found expeditiously.

The Honorable Michael P. Victorino Mayor, County of Maui August 27, 2021 Page 2

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require additional information or any documentation, please contact either myself or James Mariano, Temporarily Assigned Executive on Aging. I can be reached at 870-6871 or dforsberg@peopleready.com. James can be reached at 270-7349 or james.mariano@co.maui.hi.us.

Sincerely,

Doreen Forsberg, Chair Council on Aging

Attachment

cc: Maui County Council

Lori Tsuhako, DHHC Director

Linda Munsell, DHHC Deputy Director
Daniel Kunkel, Deputy Corporation Counsel

James Mariano, Temporarily Assigned Executive on Aging lpo Mossman, Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor

ATTENDANCE REPORT

FOR PERIOD:

January 2021 - August 2021

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMIT Council on Aging

RESPONSIBLE DEPART DHHC / Office on Aging

CY2021		MEETING DATES							
MEMBERS	9-Feb 2021	13-Apr 2021			12-Oct 2021	14-Dec 2021			
Agnes Groff	P	NR	NR	NR					
Arleen Gerbig	P	P	P	P					
Debra Cabebe	P	P	P	P					
Doreen Forsberg	P	P	P	Р					
Edward Romson	Р	N/A	N/A	Р					
Helen Tabura	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A					
Jim Diegel	N/A	P	E	Р					
Judith Mikami	P	Р	E	Р					
Katherine K. Smith	P	Р	P	R					
Laura Vo	N/A	Р	P	Р		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Leonardo Sequeira	P	Р	P	Р					
Miguel Morales	Р	P	Р	Р	Ü				
Teana Kahoʻohanohano	N/A	N/A	P	P					
Vivian Lindsey	NR	NR	NR	NR					
Yuki Lei Sugimura	E	E	E	Р					

P-Present **E-**Excused **A-**Absent **C-**Canceled **R-**Resigned **NR-**No Response