

**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MINUTES**

**JANUARY 2, 2025
2:00 PM**

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: 2:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember	Pres.	Abs.	Exc.	Time(s) In/Out (during meeting)
CM Tasha Kama	√			
CM Yuki Lei Sugimura	√			
CM Tamara Paltin	√			
CM Gabe Johnson	√			Exc. 5:43 p.m. – 5:47 p.m.
CM Keani Rawlins-Fernandez	√			
CM Tom Cook	√			
CM Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins	√			
CM Shane Sinenci	√			
CM Alice L. Lee	√			
TOTAL PRESENT	9			

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Reso 25-1 "ELECTING THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:56 p.m.
CM Kama	√			Time Motion Made	3:02 p.m.
CM Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT, as amended

CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	3:04 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
CM Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
CM Kama	√			Time Motion Made	3:02 p.m.
CM Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	3:04 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
CM Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-2 "ELECTING THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	3:15 p.m.
CM Kama	√			Time Motion Made	3:15 p.m.
CM Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT, as amended
CM Paltin		√		Maker	Kama
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	U'u-Hodgins
CM Rawlins-Fernandez		√		Time Vote Taken	3:42 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci		√			
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	6	3		MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
CM Kama		√		Time Motion Made	3:15 p.m.
CM Sugimura		√		Motion	AMEND

CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Second	Johnson
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	3:24 p.m.
CM Cook		√			
CM U'u-Hodgins		√			
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee		√			
TOTAL VOTES	4	5		MOTION FAILED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
CM Kama	√			Time Motion Made	3:25 p.m.
CM Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin		√		Maker	Kama
CM Johnson	√			Second	U'u-Hodgins
CM Rawlins-Fernandez		√		Time Vote Taken	3:28 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci		√			
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	6	3		MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-3 "APPOINTING THE PRESIDING OFFICER PRO TEMPORE OF THE COUNCIL"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	3:28 p.m.
CM Kama	√			Time Motion Made	3:28 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT, as amended
CM Paltin		√		Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson		√		Second	U'u-Hodgins
CM Rawlins-Fernandez		√		Time Vote Taken	3:31 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci		√			
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	5	4		MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
CM Kama	√			Time Motion Made	3:29 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin		√		Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson		√		Seconders	U'u-Hodgins
CM Rawlins-Fernandez		√		Time Vote Taken	3:30 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci		√			
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	5	4		MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-4 "ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	3:32 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	3:33 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT, as amended
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Seconders	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	5:40 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	4:07 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Seconders	Johnson
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	4:16 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	4:16 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND per ASF
CM Paltin		√		Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson		√		Seconders	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	4:23 p.m.
CM Cook		√			
CM U'u-Hodgins		√			
CM Sinenci		√			
Chair Lee		√			
TOTAL VOTES	3	6		MOTION FAILED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	4:26 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND per ASF
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson		√		Seconders	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	4:16 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee		√			
TOTAL VOTES	7	2		MOTION PASSED	

CC 25-1 COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, transmitting an amendment to the resolution entitled "ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL".

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	4:29 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	5:09 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND per CC 25-1; FILE CC 25-1
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Seconders	Sinenci
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	5:11 p.m.
CM Cook	√				

CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

CC 25-2 COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, transmitting an amendment to the resolution entitled "ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL".

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	5:12 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	5:35 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND per CC 25-2; FILE CC 25-2
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins- Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Kama
CM Rawlins- Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	5:37 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	5:37 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins- Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Kama
CM Rawlins- Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	5:39 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-6 "APPOINTING DAVID M. RAATZ, JR. DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL SERVICES AND SETTING THE SALARY"

Reso 25-7 "APPOINTING RICHELLE K. KAWASAKI DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL SERVICES AND SETTING THE SALARY"

Reso 25-8 "APPOINTING THE STAFF OF THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	5:41 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	5:41 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT Resos 25-6, 25-7, and 25-8
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Kama
CM Rawlins- Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	5:44 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

ORDINANCES

Bill 1 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.08.060, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO REVISE THE PAY PLAN IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	5:45 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	5:45 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on first reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson			√	Seconder	Kama
CM Rawlins- Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-9 "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCILMEMBER AS A MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION PLANNING COMMITTEE"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	6:05 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	6:06 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT, as amended
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	6:07 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	6:06 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	U'u-Hodgins
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	6:07 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-10 "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCILMEMBER AS A MEMBER OF THE KULA AGRICULTURAL PARK COMMITTEE"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	6:07 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	6:08 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT, as amended
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Kama
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	6:09 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				

CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	6:08 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Kama
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	U'u-Hodgins
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	6:09 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-11 "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCILMEMBER AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	6:09 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	6:09 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT, as amended
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	6:11 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	6:09 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	6:09 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	6:10 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				

CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-5 "ESTABLISHING THE COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEES, DEFINING THEIR DUTIES, AND APPOINTING THEIR MEMBERS"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	6:11 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	6:12 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT, as amended
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Second	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez		√		Time Vote Taken	8:15 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8	1		MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	6:13 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Cook
CM Johnson	√			Second	Sinenci
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	6:17 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	6:22 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Second	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	6:25 p.m.
CM Cook	√				

CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	6:29 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sinenci
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Cook
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	6:29 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	6:32 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	6:32 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	6:32 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	6:33 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	6:33 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Second	U'u-Hodgins
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	6:35 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	6:36 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Second	Paltin
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	6:36 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	6:37 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Second	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	6:37 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	6:40 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND

CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	6:41 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	6:41 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin		√		Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson		√		Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez		√		Time Vote Taken	7:51 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci		√			
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	5	4		MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama		√		Time Motion Made	6:53 p.m.
VC Sugimura		√		Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Paltin
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	7:37 p.m.
CM Cook		√			
CM U'u-Hodgins		√			
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee		√			
TOTAL VOTES	4	5		MOTION FAILED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	7:52 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	U'u-Hodgins
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Paltin
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	7:54 p.m.

CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	7:54 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Cook
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Johnson
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	8:01 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	8:02 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sinenci
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	8:04 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	8:05 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Sinenci
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	8:07 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				

Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	8:10 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin		√		Maker	Kama
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez		√		Time Vote Taken	8:14 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7	2		MOTION PASSED	

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:18 p.m.