

# GOVERNANCE, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

## MINUTES

Council Chamber

February 5, 2019

**RECONVENE:** 2:09 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Chair  
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Riki Hokama (left at 7:01 p.m.)  
Councilmember Tasha Kama  
Councilmember Kelly T. King  
Councilmember Alice L. Lee  
Councilmember Tamara Paltin  
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci  
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura

**STAFF:** Shelly Espeleta, Legislative Analyst  
Kasie Apo Takayama, Legislative Analyst  
Pauline Martins, Committee Secretary

Don Atay, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Sinenci  
Gina Flammer, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Sinenci

**ADMIN.:** Edward S. Kushi, Jr., First Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department  
of the Corporation Counsel  
Deidre Tegarden, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor  
William Spence, Acting Director of Housing and Human Concerns

**OTHERS:** Zandra Amaral  
Bill Medeiros  
Brian Bilberry  
Plus (2) other people

**PRESS:** Akaku Maui Community Television, Inc.  
Melissa Tanji, The Maui News

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CHAIR MOLINA: ... (gavel) ... The recessed GET meeting of January 29, 2019 is now in session. Members, today is Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, twelve minutes after the hour of 2:00 p.m. Due to the length of our recessed meeting for January 23, 2019, the Chair would like to complete that agenda first. So with that being said, the Chair will recess this meeting, which is the recessed meeting of January 29, 2019 until 3:30 p.m. Members, are we clear on that? So we will come back into session and see where we're at for the recessed meeting for January 29<sup>th</sup>. So meeting in recess, and then we will

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open up after that for this morning's agenda. We'll reconvene in open session for that. Okay?

CHAIR MOLINA: Seeing none, this meeting is in recess. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

**RECESS: 2:10 p.m.**

**RECONVENE: 3:30 p.m.**

CHAIR MOLINA: . . . *(gavel)* . . . The GET recessed meeting of January 29<sup>th</sup> is now in session. Members, because of the extraordinary circumstances related to our meeting from this morning, we're going a little bit long. So what we're going to do, the Chair's going to make a recommendation to start the recessed meeting of January 29<sup>th</sup> at a later time today. Chair's going to recommend that we reconvene the recessed meeting of January 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. today. Members, any comments or questions as it relates to the Chair's recommendation for the start of the recessed meeting of January 29<sup>th</sup>? No objections? Okay. The recessed meeting of January 29, 2019 is now in recess until 5:30 p.m. today. Today's date is Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

CHAIR MOLINA: Meeting in recess. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

**RECESS: 3:31 p.m.**

**RECONVENE: 5:30 p.m.**

CHAIR MOLINA: . . . *(gavel)* . . . The recessed GET meeting of January 29<sup>th</sup> will now come to order. Members, as stated earlier, the first two matters from this morning until now have gone a bit beyond, but certainly a very thorough vetting process, which is why we're getting a late start for the recessed meeting of January 29<sup>th</sup>. So with that being said, the Chair will extend the start time to now 6:30 p.m. tonight for the recessed GET meeting of January 29<sup>th</sup>. Any concerns? Right now, by the way, it's just after 5:30 p.m., February 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday. Members, any concerns, objections?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair. So you're saying that we're going to complete Mr. Wong by, actually what you're saying is by 6:30 p.m.

CHAIR MOLINA: It is the Chair's hope.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That's what you're suggesting?

CHAIR MOLINA: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR MOLINA: And of course it is the will of this body if it so chooses.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR MOLINA: So everybody understand what we're doing?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR MOLINA: Council Chair King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I just wonder if it might be more cautious to recess it until 7:00 p.m. just given the fact that we've only barely made it through one round of questions.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Well we have a consideration for 7:00 p.m. and you know maybe that may not be a bad consideration because--

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Finish . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR MOLINA: --we're getting into dinner hour. So if we happen to complete our task with Mr. Wong well before 6:30 p.m., then it gives you the Members ample opportunity to once again refresh yourselves. So Members, what is the pleasure of the body - 6:30, 7:00 p.m.? Going once, let's go with 7. All right the GET recessed meeting of January 29<sup>th</sup> has now been recessed to 7:00 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

CHAIR MOLINA: Meeting in recess. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

**RECESS:            5:32 p.m.**

**RECONVENE:      7:12 p.m.**

CHAIR MOLINA: . . . *(gavel)* . . . The Recessed GET meeting of January 29<sup>th</sup> is now in session. Members, it is 7:15 p.m. February 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 2019. We have had an extraordinarily long day as it relates to the January 23<sup>rd</sup> agenda, which we have completed all decision making on the seven nominees for that particular agenda. We are now on the recessed meeting of January 29<sup>th</sup>, where we are considering the nominations of Mr. Spence for Director of Housing and Human Services as well as Mr. Goode for the Director of Public Works. We have lost one Member, and we are down to eight people. Members, the Chair has looked at all of you and he senses that you need some time off, unless you guys want to go as late as you can. However, the Chair has a personal belief that we should be more refreshed so to speak. Okay. And I myself, I will include myself as not looking refreshed. It's been long and \_\_\_\_\_. I was real careful with that one. So Members, the Chair is looking at a potential recess date of Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. I

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do have to consult with, well I just want to get the thoughts of our Council Chair, if we have permission to use the Chambers for that date. Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yes, you do have permission, and I was just going to offer that this is going to cost you a lot in meals, so I'm happy to help you pay for the meals on the 7<sup>th</sup>. . . . *(chuckle)* . . .

CHAIR MOLINA: Oh, I'm being held hostage here. . . . *(chuckle)* . . . Okay, Members, any objections or concerns with recessing this meeting to Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. right here in the Council Chambers?

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

CHAIR MOLINA: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you to . . .

CHAIR MOLINA: So be it.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair, if I could just have personal privileges.

CHAIR MOLINA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I want to thank Mr. Spence for hanging around and apologize for not getting to you today. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR MOLINA: And Chair also agrees with Council Chair King, and expresses his aloha to you Mr. Spence as well as Ms. Tegarden for the long wait, but I assure you that you will be heard on our recessed date of February 7<sup>th</sup>. As a matter of fact, we will take you up first. So please get a good night rest and prepare for a potentially long line of questioning if that is the will of this body. So Members, with that being said, Staff, is there anything else the Chair needs to be aware of prior to recessing?

MS. ESPELETA: No.

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CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. With that being said, the recessed January 29th meeting of the Governance, Ethics, and Transference [sic] Committee . . . (*chuckled*) . . . Transparency Committee is now in recess until Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. Meeting in recess. . . . (*gavel*) . . .

**RECESS: 7:15 p.m.**

APPROVED BY:



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