

# **BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Council of the County of Maui**

## **MINUTES**

**November 30, 2022**

**Online Only via BlueJeans**

**CONVENE:** 2:08 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair  
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member  
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member  
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Member  
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member

**EXCUSED:** VOTING MEMBERS:  
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member  
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member  
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member

**STAFF:** Kasie Apo Takayama, Legislative Analyst  
Alison Stuart, Legislative Analyst  
Richard Mitchell, Legislative Attorney  
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary  
Jean Pokipala, Council Services Assistant Clerk

Executive Assistant for Councilmember Tamara Paltin:  
Angela Lucero

Executive Assistants for Councilmember Gabe Johnson:  
Kate Griffiths

Executive Assistants for Councilmember Tasha Kama:  
Lois Whitney  
Evan Dust

Executive Assistants for Councilmember Kelly Takaya King:  
Axel Beers  
Ellen McKinley

District Office Staff:  
Mavis Oliveira, Council Aide, East Maui District Office  
Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lanai District Office

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Christian Balagso, Council Aide, West Maui District Office  
Daniel Kanahele, Council Aide, South Maui District Office

**ADMIN.:** Kristina Toshikiyo, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

**PRESS:** Akaku: Maui Community Television, Inc.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(gavel). . . Aloha ‘auinalā kākou. ‘Ewalu minuke i ka hala o ka hola ‘elua ma kanakolu o Nowemapa i ka makahiki ‘elua kaukani iwakāluakūmālua. E ‘olu‘olu mai, e ho‘omalū ke Kōmike Mo‘ohelu Kālā a me Ho‘omohala Waiwai. ‘O wau o Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, ka luna ho‘omalū o kēia Kōmike. Aia au i ka Executive Center ma Oahu. It is 2:08 p.m. on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please come to order. I’m your Chair Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. I’m in a public space on Oahu for the trial at the Executive Center Hotel, um...and the room is not ready yet so I’m in the lobby. My apologies for any background noises. So, because I’m in a public space, I don’t think I have too many people that are walking. Okay. And I believe there are no testifiers at the Molokai District office. And if I lose service, our reliable Committee Vice-Chair Tamara Paltin will take over for me. I keia lā me ko kākou hope luna ho‘omalū o Tamara Paltin. Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Aloha ‘auinalā broadcasting live and direct from the Historic Lahaina Town. With me I have Angela Lucera and Christian Balagso, and we have no testifiers waiting to testify at this time. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Next we have committee Member Shane Sinenci, aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha ‘auinalā kākou mai ko‘u hale umi hālāwai. I’m here by myself. I’m happy to join this afternoon from my work office, and Ms. Medeiros said there’s no testifiers at the Hana district office. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahao. And next we have. . .Member Mike Molina is excused, and I don’t see committee Member Alice Lee. I think she might have been excused as well. Am I freezing?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Not yet.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, okay. Next committee Member Kelly King, aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Aloha ‘auinalā, Chair, and I am broadcasting from my 8<sup>th</sup> floor Wailuku office. Ellen McKinley is in the next room, and there are currently no testifiers at the South Maui district office.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Next we have committee Member Gabe Johnson, aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aloha, Chair, community members, Councilmembers. There are no testifiers at the Lanai district office, and I am alone in my workspace on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor, and I'm here and ready to work, mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And then committee Member Yuki Lei Sugimura is excused, and last we have committee Member Tasha Kama, aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha 'auinalā, Chair. I'm in my home office and I am alone, and I just wanted to just go for broke you sound good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. All right, my computer connected for a second. And then from Corporation Counsel we have Kristina Toshikiyo, Deputy Corporation Counsel, aloha.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Aloha, Chair. Aloha, committee Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. And committee staff Yvette Bouthillier, Kasie Apo Takayama, Alison Stewart, Richard E. Mitchell, and Jean Pokipala. Please see the last page of the agenda for information on meeting connectivity. We have one item on today's agenda, uh, communications for referral to the Council Chair for the 2023-2025 Council term. . .*(lost connectivity)*. . .

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, there are no individuals who have indicated--

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Anyone wanted to testify--

MS. APO TAKAYAMA --they wanted to testify at this time.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay, nobody wants to testify, and I can take over. So, any objection to closing public testimony?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I see our Chair is back. Do you want to take over? We just closed public testimony.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Vice-Chair. Okay, public testimony is now closed. Communications for referral to the Council Chair for the 2023-2025 Council term. Members, your Chair has posted a number of communications pending before the Committee for your consideration to refer to the Council Chair for the term beginning January 2, 2023, in accordance with Rule 23 of the Rules of the Council. These items are currently listed on the Committee's master agenda which is, which, if not referred, will be deemed filed at the end of this term. As a reminder, requests can be made to remove items from the discretionary referral list, but, at this point, no items can be added. Please also keep in mind that any items, any filed items can be re-introduced in

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the next Council term. All right. Are there any questions, Members? No questions? Wonderful. Okay. . .(laughing). . . The Chair will now entertain a motion to refer to the Council Chair for the term beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, in accordance with Rule 23 [sic] of the Rules of the Council.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by committee Vice-Chair Paltin, seconded by Member Kama. Any discussion? Hearing no discussion, I will call for the question. All those in favor please raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, all ayes; zero noes; and three excused, Member Lee. . .(audio interference). . .

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Member Lee, Member Molina, and Member Sugimura that part didn’t come through.

**VOTE:        AYES:        Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, Kama, King, and Sinenci.**

**NOES:        None.**

**ABSTAIN:     None.**

**ABSENT:      None.**

**EXC.:        Councilmembers Lee, Molina, and Sugimura.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:       Recommending REFERRAL of communications to the Council Chair for the term beginning January 2, 2023.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, mahalo, committee Vice-Chair Paltin. Okay, this concludes today’s Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee meeting. Mahalo, Members for being here so that we have quorum to take care of this at the end of the year. I appreciate all of you, and might not be going through...I appreciate all of you. Did you get all of that part? . . .(laughing). . .

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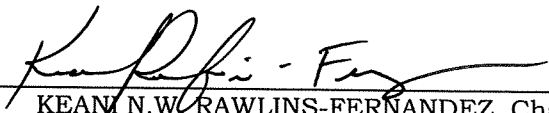
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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: We appreciate you too, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(laughing). . .okay. Okay, mahalo, Members. Any announcements before we adjourn? We'll adjourn today's meeting. It's 2:17 on November 30<sup>th</sup>, and the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee is now adjourned. . .(gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 2:17 p.m.

APPROVED:



KEAN N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair  
Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee

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