

COUNCIL CHAIR'S MEETING

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CONVENE: 10:10 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Chair
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair, and Chair,
Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee (in 10:14 a.m.)
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Presiding Officer Pro Tempore, and Chair,
Human Concerns and Parks Committee
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Chair, Government Relations, Ethics,
and Transparency Committee
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Chair, Planning and Sustainable Land Use
Committee
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Chair, Agriculture and Public Trust
Committee
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair, Infrastructure and
Transportation Committee

EXCUSED: Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Chair, Affordable Housing Committee
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Chair, Climate Action, Resilience, and
Environment Committee

STAFF: Traci N. T. Fujita, Director, Office of Council Services
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CHAIR LEE: . . .*(gavel)*. . . It is...it's approximately 10:10 on June 22nd, Wednesday. Will the Council Chair's meeting please come to order. . . .*(gavel)*. . . Good morning, everyone. We have to do a roll call, so starting with Vice-Chair Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, excused. Pro Tem Tasha Kama, present.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Good morning, Chair. I am here.

CHAIR LEE: And then you may want to identify anyone in your room if --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

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CHAIR LEE: -- or workspace.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I am here...I am here in my workspace, and Lena and her caregiver are in the other room.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Great. Member Gabe Johnson, excused. Member Kelly Takaya King, excused. Member Michael J. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Hey, good morning, Madam Chair and everybody else joining us, for our wonderful Chair's meeting. I am transmitting from my home in Makawao. And I'm just accompanied by Koji and my wife in the next room.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Very good. And Member...on the West Side, Member Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: La ora na and aloha kakahiaka kākou from Nāpili at my house. I'm broadcasting live and direct. It's a sunny, beautiful day. Little bit of a south swell going on. And with me I have Mr. Icebox Repairman Carl (*phonetic*) and my pocket pit.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Okay. Very good. Yeah, la ora na, yeah, that is a name...a greeting we haven't used for a while. Tahiti, right? Anyway, South Pacific.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Ae.

CHAIR LEE: Member Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Sabaidee, Chair, and aloha from...we're...Hāna. We're at 68 Kauiki Street at the home office with my hound dog Roscoe.

CHAIR LEE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha.

CHAIR LEE: All right. And sabaidee to you as well. Member from jacaranda country, Member Yuki Lei Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good morning, everybody. Ohayo gozaimasu. I'm in the Chambers with our great leader Chair Lee. I'm glad to be here along with Traci, David, Yvette. Am I missing anybody?

CHAIR LEE: Lei Dinneen --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Lei Dinneen.

CHAIR LEE: -- and Jean Pokipala.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And Jean is out there. Hi.

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CHAIR LEE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So glad to be here, and looking forward to having a productive meeting. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you. And I am Alice Lee, your Chair. And we have no one in the Chamber so far to testify. Yeah. Okay. I got the signal. Only in Hawai'i we go like that, no more. Okay. Very good. And so the disclaimer is this meeting is being conducted in accordance with the Sunshine Law. Nothing said in the meeting or included in the agenda is intended to create obligations in excess of those required under the Sunshine Law. If BlueJeans connectivity affecting quorum is lost, the Council Chair's meeting will be in recess. It will not be considered a loss of quorum unless connectivity cannot be restored within 30 minutes. If the BlueJeans connection is prematurely terminated, or for whatever reason, please log back on into the same link. Okay. And you have your agenda for today. Staff has been monitoring individuals joining today's meeting by phone and by video, and we will do our best to take care of each person in an orderly fashion; however, we have apparently no one here to testify and in the district offices as well...right? Any objections to closing public testimony?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. So ordered. And then I see Vice-Chair from Moloka'i has joined us. Good morning.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair, mai Moloka'i nui a Hina. I'm at the Moloka'i District Office, alone here at the office. There are no testifiers. Mahalo.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. So let's get right to the agenda. Some...some of these are like standing items.

1. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH SECURITY MATTERS (Council Chair Lee)

CHAIR LEE: For instance, the Legislative Branch Security Matters, I would defer to our Director Traci Fujita. Traci? Do we have any updates?

MS. FUJITA: Thank you, Chair. Not right now. I haven't heard of any updates. I think everything's been going as we planned. So we are contacting Blake Takayama from the Managing Director's Office for any security matters that occur during regular business hours. And then we have our contractor that is on call if we need security for evening meetings.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Members, any questions or comments about security issues?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No. Thank you for taking care of it.

CHAIR LEE: Yeah. Thank you.

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2. MEETING PROCEDURES (Council Chair Lee)

CHAIR LEE: Next item, Meeting Procedures. I...I...we did cover this in the last meeting, and if...unless there are any new meeting procedures you would like to discuss, I have none. No meeting procedures. Moving on.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Chair?

CHAIR LEE: Number 3, the Hawai'i Congress --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Chair?

CHAIR LEE: -- of Planning Officials. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Oh, sorry, Chair. I don't know if maybe it's the time, maybe we can just talk just a little bit more about what I had brought up yesterday at the Council meeting about, you know, submitting items for the Council agenda and making sure that as the introducer of whatever legislation that, you know, we be present. I don't know if something you want to send out on...on a memo as a...just a friendly reminder to everybody.

CHAIR LEE: Sure, I'd be happy to do that. I think in the case of Member King, it...it wasn't planned well ahead of time, so she didn't know. She was...she left on a family...to a family reunion, I believe, on the mainland. That's what happened in her case. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, if I can add to the conversation. I did...as her Vice-Chair, I did receive some notes from her Staff; however, those were the same notes that you had received, Chair, so...

CHAIR LEE: Yeah. So I...I'm...I guess what Member Molina is saying that ideally we would like to have the initiator, the proposer of an item, to be present. Unfortunately sometimes things happen and that can't be done, but I will remind everyone if they can try to do that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Because, you know, emergencies happen, but if it's not quite an emergency where you have sufficient time to maybe consider pulling something off of an agenda or...or, you know, just plan ahead, yeah. So that way, you know, we're not stuck with an item that might generate a lot of testimony. And...and, you know, Alice, you...you know, back in the day it was just common courtesy, you don't...you know, you be there for your bill. Don't...don't have your bill there and then get all these testifiers come in and your colleagues got to sit through all the testimony. So that way can, you know, it's a way...it's a timesaver too, for everybody as well. Especially the public, they might not know, they anticipate action might be taken on the item, but then

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they come to the meeting and they find out that, you know, the introducer of the bill is unable to be there, yeah. But yeah, appreciate whatever you can do to get the word out.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Any other comments on this? If not, moving on to number 3.

3. HAWAII CONGRESS OF PLANNING OFFICIALS (HCPO) CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2022 (Councilmember Paltin)

CHAIR LEE: HCPO, September 14th through the 16th. Councilmember Paltin, you have any comments on this?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I...I wanted to go.

CHAIR LEE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Because I'm the Planning --

CHAIR LEE: That takes care of that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- Chair, and it's about planning stuff, and I'm not a planner, so trying to learn more stuff about planning.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. I'm going to defer to Traci Fujita. And just in case people are thinking about attending this conference, and which account they might be considering using. Traci, your comments?

MS. FUJITA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. So generally the rule is, is that the central account will pay for one in-State conference that's related to the Councilmember's subject matter...Committee subject matter. So if you would like to attend, Councilmember Paltin, just let our Staff know if this is going to be your one that you're going to be using from the central account. So it's one per calendar year, I believe. And this conference --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: This will be the one.

MS. FUJITA: -- it looks like it's...okay. So September...looks like it's September 14th through the 16th on Kaua'i --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah --

MS. FUJITA: -- for this HCPO (*audio interference*)...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- and I'd also like to try to be excused, I guess, because it's also a Committee week. And then I guess maybe I would probably not have PSLU, because Thursday...it's Wednesday through Friday I believe, or Saturday.

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CHAIR LEE: So you're going to have it on the off week, is that what you're saying?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Well --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Or cancel it.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- if...yeah, maybe.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Are...are you going to HSAC too, Tamara?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's the plan, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Learning a lot, making up for last time.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. We have two hands up. Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I...I would like to attend too, so Member Paltin doesn't need to worry about BFED Committee meeting. I'll cancel that.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh, okay. Cool.

CHAIR LEE: And then we have --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Wonderful.

CHAIR LEE: -- another hand. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I was going to say that if Tamara wanted to take my meeting time on Monday, we could do that, but it sounds like we're losing quorum as --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Quorum.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- everybody goes to --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- the conference.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I guess we'll --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- we'll...we'll see. We'll see what the Staff says.

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CHAIR LEE: Okay. This is in September, so everybody plan well ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah, yeah.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Then we have another hand up. We have Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, just clarification for Ms. Fujita. The HSAC is also in September?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR LEE: Ms. Fujita?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: The latter part.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: The latter part. Okay. Thank you.

MS. FUJITA: Yes, it's September 28th...September 28th through October 1st.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

MS. FUJITA: And then maybe we can discuss the September schedule when we talk about the three-month planning --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: The three month.

MS. FUJITA: -- calendar.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Any more questions on this item? Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thanks, Chair. Just...just more informational sharing. There's going to be an affordable housing conference, National Association...or National Affordable Housing Redevelopment Organization Conference, September 22nd through September 24th in San Diego. I've been kind of eyeing that, so...and it's right before HSAC too. So if anybody might be interested, it's in...it'll be at the Marriott at...in San Diego Harbor, so three-day conference.

CHAIR LEE: September 22nd to --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. The 24th.

CHAIR LEE: -- 24th.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: It starts on Thursday, ends on Saturday in San Diego.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, Chair?

CHAIR LEE: A lot of things in September. That's three things right there.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, all the same time.

CHAIR LEE: Yes, Member...Pro Tem Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, I think when we get to the discussion on the three-month calendars because I know I...I got to do my three-month calendar. I did it already, but I think with all the...the Members traveling, whatnot, I might have to reconsider during that time. Because I...I am going to go to HSAC, but that's the only one. And also to NACo in July. So I think...hopefully when we come to that, we'll all be able to know where we're going and plan our meetings...either going to cancel them because of everyone's travel or put them off at another time, I'm not sure. But when we come to that time, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Good. This is what the meeting is for because I didn't realize that we have three big meetings in September alone, so we're going to have to --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR LEE: -- make changes, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR LEE: Anything else on the HCPO Conference? If not, let's move on to the Elections Calendar...

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry, I have a question.

CHAIR LEE: I'm sorry, I didn't see your hand. Go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I didn't raise it. Sorry. This question is for Traci. I...I put it in the chat.

CHAIR LEE: Traci?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So the question is, you said that Members are allowed to go to...central will cover one conference in the calendar year? I thought...I thought it was a fiscal year, so it's a calendar year, not fiscal?

MS. FUJITA: Yes, it's a calendar year.

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VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: All right.

4. **ELECTIONS CALENDAR/SCHEDULE** (County Clerk)

CHAIR LEE: Then moving on to number 4, Elections Calendar/Schedule. The...is the County Clerk here? Well, Traci --

MS. KAOHU: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: -- Traci knows...where? Okay. Kathy, have...have we made progress with the Administration on taking care of...would be you and...actually you're taken care of, it's...we're not taken care of. Traci, do you have any update on that? Okay. County Clerk Kathy, you have any comments, updates?

MS. KAOHU: I don't have an update. Josiah, the --

CHAIR LEE: Could you turn your volume...

MS. KAOHU: -- Deputy Managing...

CHAIR LEE: ...this--I...I would never have guessed I would ask you this question--can you turn your volume down?

MS. KAOHU: Oh, down.

CHAIR LEE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: You're always so soft.

MS. KAOHU: Okay. Wait.

CHAIR LEE: Try.

MS. KAOHU: Is that better?

CHAIR LEE: Yes.

MS. KAOHU: Okay. I think I got my headphones on, that's why. Deputy Managing Director Josiah Nishita and I are playing phone tag right now, but he did ask me to circle back around for some updates regarding what you had been...your office has been working on him...on their office with. So, I don't have that update yet, but hopefully by the end of the day.

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CHAIR LEE: Okay. Because what we're doing actually is trying to...we're going to assume that you will use the Chambers on the days that you need to. So we need to find alternate sites for those dates. And we have given those dates to Josiah because we are trying to reserve the Mayor's Lounge for those dates for testimony, for public testimony. Our fallback position is on...if we can't get all the dates for the Mayor's Lounge, we plan to use the lobby of the 7th Floor for public testimony. That's what we plan to do. So we're waiting for Josiah to give us confirmation on the Mayor's Lounge on the dates that we need. Yes, Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So what dates are these?

CHAIR LEE: Oh, I don't have them offhand.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I know I've been seeing notices coming regarding elections, but I haven't really opened it. Should I read every single one?

CHAIR LEE: Well, you...you could. You could read the communications going back and forth. But for the Members, it shouldn't be a problem because we would be online. It's the testimony we're worried about. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Could we use...

CHAIR LEE: The testimony in the building that we're worried about.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, you have to be in this address.

CHAIR LEE: Yeah, we have to be...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: What about the planning...old planning...or the Planning Conference Room, is that not available?

CHAIR LEE: Well, that was our first choice.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh.

CHAIR LEE: Yeah. We...we tried that months ago, and we're still negotiating with that. We're having a hard time --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I see.

CHAIR LEE: -- with that.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I see.

CHAIR LEE: When we thought we got Kalana Pakui, we thought we got the whole building, but apparently it's not so. Anyway, we're working on it, we'll find a place for the people to testify. It...it's not going to disrupt the...your Committee schedules because we can

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meet online. And it's basically for the one or two or three or four people who want to testify in person, because we really...you know, we've opened the Chambers, and we haven't had much testimony. The only people that come here are the ones for the ceremonial resolutions.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Nice.

CHAIR LEE: Yeah. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So just double checking, will we put hold on ceremonial resolutions for those dates that the Chamber isn't available? That sounds like a...just a good idea.

CHAIR LEE: Yes, we can have...we'll send you all another email showing you which dates the Elections Office needs to use the Chambers.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And...and we won't...

CHAIR LEE: In other words...pardon me?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And...and we won't do ceremonial resolutions those dates?

CHAIR LEE: We're going to --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Unless...

CHAIR LEE: -- have to defer them unless we do them in the Mayor's Lounge. That's also possible.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Or if it's just like one virtual recipient or something like that, how you did with the librarian?

CHAIR LEE: Yeah. Or they could be virtual, they all could be virtual like before, they were. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So no...just no in-person ceremonial resolution?

CHAIR LEE: For the...well, yeah, until we get confirmation on sites. We're still working on that. Yeah. It isn't easy. Space is not easy. Any...any...anything you want to add, Traci? No. Anything you want to add, Kathy?

MS. KAOHU: Just that there's a lot of moving parts right now, and traditionally our processing occurred over the span of one day, and now it's out a couple weeks of daily...every other day processing. But kind of what you guys went through with the various conferences, that was always times when Councilmembers would be out of the office, basically, attending conferences, so that didn't...because of that, it didn't impact your ability to access the 8th Floor because you were at a conference. So as these different events

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open up and Councilmembers RSVP to them, that also allows us to bridge the time needed for processing ballots or trainings that are lined up in the calendar for elections.

CHAIR LEE: All right. Any questions for Kathy or Traci? Okay. Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and Member Sugimura.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Is it different now, Kathy, because it's a mail-in ballot, because of the mail-in ballot system?

MS. KAOHU: Yes, it's part of that system.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thanks for that clarification. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: With MPO, we use the new service center, they have a nice conference room there. So that might be another alternative if you run out of opportunities in this building.

CHAIR LEE: Yes, thank you. Anybody else? If not, we'll move on to the next item. which is the three-month calendar.

5. 3-MONTH PLANNING CALENDAR

CHAIR LEE: Now, who would like to go first? Oh, I see James. James, did you have your hand up? Krueger, James Krueger.

MR. KRUEGER: Oh, no, Chair, I was waving bye. Apologies.

CHAIR LEE: Oh, you're waving bye. Oh, okay. Bye. All right. Now, the next item, the three-month calendar, anybody want to say anything on that? Traci, you have any comments on that?

MS. FUJITA: Maybe we could look at September unless anybody has any dates to look at in July and August. I know already in September there were some...probably some changes, right?

CHAIR LEE: Well, the Members --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR LEE: -- will have to decide. The Members will have to let us know if they're going to be postponing their Committee meetings or canceling them or --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

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CHAIR LEE: -- rearranging with other Committees. We need to hear from...from all of you, okay, as soon as possible.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR LEE: Pro Tem Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. So I'm going to the NACo Conference in July, and so I think on my three-month calendar I cancelled my HCP.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. So you already did that.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Good. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I just...July...when we go to NACo...I'm...I'm going to NACo as well, but I...I thought it wasn't a Committee week. The Committee week is before. So...

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Is it a...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The...the Committee week is 11th through the 15th, and NACo starts the 21st through the 24th. Personally, I'm leaving the night of the 19th through the 25th. And just a heads-up, that the Kūku'ia --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- Kūku'ia Kaiāulu, Kūku'ia blessing could possibly be the morning of the 19th.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Good to know.

CHAIR LEE: All right. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, just was inquiring if anybody else was attending the NACo. We probably have some leis for James Gore, who's...Gore County, he's running for President, NACo President. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Traci, do we normally provide, you know, something for the people?

MS. FUJITA: In the past, I think HSAC has organized --

CHAIR LEE: Oh, okay.

MS. FUJITA: -- gifts, so I'm not sure if they're going to be doing *(audio interference)*...

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CHAIR LEE: Okay. Member Paltin, since you're the HSAC representative, do you know if the HSAC is planning to give leis or...or gifts that we would --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I didn't attend --

CHAIR LEE: -- participate?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- the last meeting because I wasn't informed that the main representative would not be attending. Maybe Kasie is aware?

CHAIR LEE: Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, what...what Traci said is...is accurate. Like whenever we...I've gone to the D.C. one, and the Executive Director of HSAC organizes the gift bags for everyone. *(audio interference)*...

CHAIR LEE: Member Sinenci, are you doing this on your own?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, this...yeah. Yes, Chair. Just from our office for Mr. Gore, who'll be...we normally do this anyway when we go to the WIR Conference, we'll...we'll share some gifts from Maui, but this is just personal from our office to Mr. Gore.

CHAIR LEE: Oh, I see. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I...Chair? Oh, yeah. Okay.

CHAIR LEE: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, you know, I...I sit on the subcommittee of NACo, and usually when...and...and so every...you know, all the committees meet usually the first or second day when we get together, so usually that's when I...I would always take leis or something, you know, to give to the members of my...my Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee. And then the subcommittee also meets too, so I usually take something for the members of the subcommittee. But I just do that because we've always done that, you know, for years and years and years. Whatever conference we've attended, we've always done it on our own, but...so I just think we just automatically do that because it's just innate in us to do that. But nice you've got help too, though. But thank you, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Well, you have to check with the boss and the boss is sitting right there --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR LEE: -- and Traci...Traci will let you know --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes --

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CHAIR LEE: -- what's --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: -- that's fine.

CHAIR LEE: -- acceptable and what's not.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. But I just thought I'd bring it up just in case we can contribute.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you so much.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Anybody else on this?

6. HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (HSAC)/NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACo)/WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION (WIR) MATTERS

CHAIR LEE: If not, we'll go on to the next item, which is HSAC, the Western Interstate Region (WIR) matters. Traci, you have any comments on this?

MS. FUJITA: This is another standing item, just in case there are any matters that the Members need to discuss regarding HSAC and NACo. I'm not aware of anything in particular, but it's a standing item on our agenda.

CHAIR LEE: Any comments or questions on this matter, Members?

7. COVID-19 MANDATES AND PROTOCOLS

CHAIR LEE: If not, then the last item is COVID. Do we have any updates on COVID, Traci?

MS. FUJITA: Again, this is another standing item on our agenda, if there's any COVID matters that need to be discussed. I'm not aware of anything at this time.

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CHAIR LEE: Members, you have...you had any problems in your districts or anywhere with COVID that we should be aware of? Okay. Things are getting better. Good. That brings us to the end of the agenda. Anything else, Members, you want to talk about that we can talk about next time, put it on the next agenda. If not, it's approximately 10:39, and this meeting is adjourned. Thank you. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

ADJOURN: 10:39 a.m.

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ALICE L. LEE
Council Chair

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DATED the 22nd day of July 2022, in Kula, Hawai'i



Daniel Schoenbeck