



**HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL**  
**KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

**COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL  
& LEGAL AFFAIRS**

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**Voting Members:**  
Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair  
Matt Weyer, Vice Chair  
Radiant Cordero  
Tyler Dos Santos-Tam  
Esther Kia'aina  
Val A. Okimoto  
Augie Tulba  
Andria Tupola  
Tommy Waters

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## **WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD**

REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

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The time references below indicate the point in the video recording when the stated actions began.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Committee on International & Legal Affairs was called to order by Committee Chair Scott Nishimoto at 1:10 p.m. Councilmembers Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Kia'aina, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Waters, and Weyer were present at the meeting. (All Councilmembers are voting members.)

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **FOR ACTION**

[1:13 p.m.]

1. **RESOLUTION 25-5 – COMMITTEE REPORT 39**

NOMINATION OF MICHAEL D. FORMBY TO SERVE AS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR. Confirming Michael D. Formby as the Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu.

[1:15 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:31 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[1:34 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[1:36 p.m.]

The Chair recommended to pass unamended.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,  
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER – 9.

NOES: None.

(Note: Later in the meeting, the Committee Chair reconsidered the recommendation to the Resolution at 1:42 p.m. See Page 3)

[1:36 p.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 25-8 – COMMITTEE REPORT 40

NOMINATION OF DANA M.O. VIOLA TO SERVE AS THE CORPORATION COUNSEL. Confirming Dana M.O. Viola as the Corporation Counsel of the City and County of Honolulu.

[1:41 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:42 p.m.]

Resolution 25-8 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,  
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communications:

MM-1 Office of the Mayor

M-83 Testimony on Resolution 25-8

[1:42 p.m.]

At this juncture, the Committee Chair returned to Agenda Item No. 1, Resolution 25-5.

[1:42 p.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 25-5 – COMMITTEE REPORT 39

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[1:42 p.m.]

Resolution 25-5 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,  
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

MM-1 Office of the Mayor

The Committee Chair returned to the agenda order.

[1:42 p.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 25-15 – COMMITTEE REPORT 41

NOMINATION OF NOLA N. MIYASAKI TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES. Confirming the nomination of Nola N. Miyasaki as the Director of Human Resources of the City and County of Honolulu.

[1:44 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[2:00 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[2:02 p.m.]

Councilmembers Kia'āina entered and Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

[2:05 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola entered the Council Chamber.

[2:15 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[2:16 p.m.]

Resolution 25-15 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,  
TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER – 8.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: TULBA – 1.

Related communications:

MM-1 Office of the Mayor

M-62 Testimony on Resolution 25-15

[2:16 p.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 25-22 – COMMITTEE REPORT 42

NOMINATION OF LLOYD M. YONENAKA TO SERVE AS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION. Confirming the nomination of Lloyd M. Yonenaka as the Executive Secretary to the Neighborhood Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

[2:17 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[2:18 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[2:32 p.m.]

Resolution 25-22 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,  
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER – 9.

NOES: None.

Related communications:

MM-1 Office of the Mayor  
M-63 Testimony on Resolution 25-22

[2:32 p.m.]

5. BILL 33 (2024), CD1 – COMMITTEE REPORT 38

RELATING TO CHAPTER 1, REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 2021, AS AMENDED. Amending Chapter 1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, by repealing or amending certain obsolete or unnecessary provisions.

[2:32 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

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[2:32 p.m.]

Bill 33 (2024), CD1 reported out for passage on third reading.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,  
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS, WEYER – 9.

NOES: None.

[2:32 p.m.]

6. REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 24-20, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 15, REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 2021. The Committee will review and evaluate the Youth Commission and make recommendations to the Council on whether the Charter provision(s) establishing the Commission should be retained, amended, or repealed.

[2:33 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[2:33 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

[2:33 p.m.]

Action on the matter postponed to a date and time to be determined by the Committee Chair.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO,  
TULBA, WATERS, WEYER – 8.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: TUPOLA – 1.

Related communication:

MM-15 Managing Director

[2:33 p.m.]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Before convening into Executive Session, Committee Chair Nishimoto took up the items for Executive Session individually to allow for oral public testimony on each item.

[2:34 p.m.]

7. Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Pamela Nonaka v. City and County of Honolulu, Civ. No. 1CC141000077, Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii.

[2:34 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[2:34 p.m.]

8. Resolution to retain the legal services of Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons, LLP as Special Counsel to represent Defendant Zane De Cambra in the legal action entitled Diann Taua, et al, v. City and County of Honolulu, et al.; Civil No. 1CCV-23-0001436 KTM (Cir. Ct.).

[2:34 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[2:34 p.m.]

9. Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Sefo Fatai v. City & County of Honolulu, et al.; Civil No.19-00603 MWJS-WRP (U.S.D.C.).

[2:34 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[2:34 p.m.]

10. Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Darlene Tamashiro, Individually and as Guardian of R.B., a Minor, et. al. v. City and County of Honolulu, et. al., CIVIL NO. 1CCV-23-0000924.

[2:34 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[2:34 p.m.]

11. Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Bonnie Chermak, et al. v. KS Ilima at Leihano, LLC, et al, Civ. No. 1CCV-23-0001455 SMK (Cir. Ct.).

[2:34 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[2:34 p.m.]

12. Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Nancy J. Sublette v. City and County of Honolulu; Civ. No. 1CCV-22-0000861 (Cir. Ct.).

[2:34 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

### RECESS / RECONVENE

Committee Chair Nishimoto called for a recess at 2:34 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

At 2:38 p.m., with no objections from the seven members present (Ayes: Cordero, Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Waters, Weyer – 7), the Committee resolved into a closed meeting pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes Sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(4), to consult with the attorneys for the Council's Committee on International & Legal Affairs on questions and issues pertaining to claims and other matters on the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and/or liabilities.



MEETING RESUMED IN OPEN SESSION

With seven members present (Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Waters, Weyer), the Committee resumed the meeting in open session at 3:33 p.m.

[3:33 p.m.]

7. COMMITTEE REPORT 44

Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Pamela Nonaka v. City and County of Honolulu, Civ. No. 1CC141000077, Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii.

[3:33 p.m.]

Committee Report 44 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, WATERS, WEYER – 7.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: TULBA, TUPOLA – 2.

[3:34 p.m.]

8. RESOLUTION 25-59 – COMMITTEE REPORT 43

Resolution to retain the legal services of Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons, LLP as Special Counsel to represent Defendant Zane De Cambra in the legal action entitled Diann Taua, et al, v. City and County of Honolulu, et al.; Civil No. 1CCV-23-0001436 KTM (Cir. Ct.).

[3:34 p.m.]

Resolution 25-59 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, WATERS, WEYER – 7.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: TULBA, TUPOLA – 2.

[3:34 p.m.]

9. COMMITTEE REPORT 45

Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Sefo Fatai v. City & County of Honolulu, et al.; Civil No.19-00603 MWJS-WRP (U.S.D.C.).

[3:34 p.m.]

Committee Report 45 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, WATERS, WEYER – 7.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: TULBA, TUPOLA – 2.

[3:35 p.m.]

10. COMMITTEE REPORT 46

Request for authorization to settle a case against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Darlene Tamashiro, Individually and as Guardian of R.B., a Minor, et. al. v. City and County of Honolulu, et. al., CIVIL NO. 1CCV-23-0000924.

[3:35 p.m.]

Committee Report 46 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, WATERS, WEYER – 7.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: TULBA, TUPOLA – 2.

[3:35 p.m.]

11. COMMITTEE REPORT 47

Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Bonnie Chermak, et al. v. KS Ilima at Leihano, LLC, et al, Civ. No. 1CCV-23-0001455 SMK (Cir. Ct.).

[3:35 p.m.]

Committee Report 47 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO\*, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, WATERS, WEYER – 7.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: TULBA, TUPOLA – 2.

\*Councilmember Cordero voted aye with reservations.

[3:36 p.m.]

12. COMMITTEE REPORT 48

Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Nancy J. Sublette v. City and County of Honolulu; Civ. No. 1CCV-22-0000861 (Cir. Ct.).

[3:36 p.m.]

Committee Report 48 reported out for adoption.

AYES: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM, KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, WATERS, WEYER – 7.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: TULBA, TUPOLA – 2.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.