



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

Voting Members:

Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Chair
Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Radiant Cordero
Esther Kia'aina
Matt Weyer

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD 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 special meeting of the Committee on Budget was called to order by Committee Chair Tyler Dos Santos-Tam at 9:08 a.m. Councilmembers Cordero (voting member) (via videoconference), Kia'aina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), Okimoto (non-voting member), Tulba (non-voting member), and Tupola (non-voting member) were present at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

[9:11 a.m.]

1. ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

[9:12 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[9:12 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer and Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

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[9:15 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Director Kawano of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services to provide a presentation of the Administrative Overview for Fiscal Year 2026 Budget to the Committee. (D-174)

[10:02 a.m.]

Councilmember Okimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[10:13 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[10:15 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered and Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[10:21 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[10:23 a.m.]

2. EXECUTIVE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW

[10:23 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Liza Ryan-Gill, Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights (M-147) (General comment)

[10:25 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Deputy Managing Director Jayaram along with Executive Director Trask O'Connell, Executive Director Asselbaye, Executive Director Sullivan, and Executive Secretary Yonenaka to provide brief presentations of Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget of the Office of the Mayor and Managing Director to the Committee. (MM-38)

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[10:26 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[10:27 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[10:31 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[10:35 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[10:39 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto and Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[10:44 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto and Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[11:01 a.m.]

Committee Chair Dos Santos-Tam exited the Council Chamber.

[11:03 a.m.]

Committee Chair Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[11:30 a.m.]

Councilmember Okimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[11:34 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

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[11:44 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[11:45 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the meeting.

[11:48 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the meeting via videoconference.

[12:03 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

RECESS / RECONVENE

At 12:03 p.m., with no objections, Committee Chair Dos Santos-Tam called for a lunch break and stated that the meeting would reconvene at 12:35 p.m. With Councilmembers Cordero (voting member) (via videoconference), Kia'āina (voting member), Tulba (non-voting member), Tupola (non-voting member), and Weyer (voting member) present, the meeting was reconvened at 12:38 p.m.

[12:39 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Director Kawano of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS) to provide a presentation of the BFS' Fiscal Year 2026 Budget to the Committee. (D-167)

[12:39 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[12:40 p.m.]

Councilmember Okimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[12:43 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

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[1:15 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[1:21 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[1:31 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[1:33 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[1:35 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[1:43 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[1:50 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[1:56 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Jennifer Walter, Acting Director of the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to provide a brief presentation of the DEM's FY2026 Operating Budget to the Committee. (D-168)

[1:57 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the meeting.

[2:04 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

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[2:10 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Prosecuting Attorney Alm of the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney (PAT) to provide a brief presentation of the PAT's Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY 2026) to the Committee. (D-169)

[2:10 p.m.]

Committee Chair Dos Santos-Tam exited the Council Chamber.

[2:12 p.m.]

Committee Chair Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[2:18 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[2:36 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[2:39 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Band Master Bright of the Royal Hawaiian Band (RHB) to provide a brief presentation of the RHB's Operating Budget Request FY 2026 to the Committee. (D-170)

[2:39 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[2:45 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Medical Examiner Kobayashi of the Department of the Medical Examiner (MED) to provide a brief presentation of the MED's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Request to the Committee. (D-171)

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[2:56 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Corporation Counsel Viola of the Department of the Corporation Counsel (COR) to provide a brief presentation of the COR's Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget to the Committee. (D-172)

[3:10 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Executive Director and Legal Counsel Yamane of the Ethics Commission to provide a brief presentation of the Commission's Operating Budget – FY2026 to the Committee. (D-133)

Related communications:

D-186	Ethics Commission
M-147	Testimony on the Executive Capital and Operating Budget Review

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.