REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ZONING

Voting Members:
Esther Kia'āina, Chair; Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Vice-Chair;
Radiant Cordero, Val A. Okimoto, Matt Weyer

Committee Meeting Held
May 29, 2025

Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Zoning, which considered Resolution 25-103 entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN UNO TO SERVE ON THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU,"

introduced on April 2, 2025, reports as follows:

The purpose of Resolution 25-103 is to confirm the appointment of John Uno to serve on the Building Board of Appeals of the City and County of Honolulu, for a term to expire on December 31, 2029. The Mayor has requested Council confirmation of Mr. Uno's appointment through Mayor's Message 51 (2025).

A public hearing on John Uno's appointment was held at the Council meeting on April 16, 2025.

At your Committee's meeting on May 29, 2025, Mr. Uno provided a brief introduction, expressed his willingness to serve on the Building Board of Appeals, and responded to questions from Councilmembers. Mr. Uno stated that his employer, SSFM International, is an engineering firm that provides project management, construction management, planning, and various engineering services, and does business with the City. He will provide the Council with more information about the scope and dollar amounts involved, as required on his nomination form.

The Director of Planning and Permitting responded to questions from Councilmembers regarding vacancies on the Building Board of Appeals. The Director

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stated that the Administration has every intention of filling all vacancies on the Board, but it is difficult to get people to volunteer to serve. The Committee Chair shared concerns that the fire safety member, which has been vacant since December 31, 2022, needs to be placed as a high priority to fill as soon as possible.

Your Committee received no verbal or written public testimony on the Resolution.

Your Committee prepared a CD1 version of the Resolution that makes the following amendments:

A. Throughout the resolution, updates the reference to the ROH provision establishing the Building Board of Appeals, its membership, and duties (currently ROH Section 16-1.1(18)).

B. In the first WHEREAS clause, updates the reference to the general ordinances of the City and County of Honolulu to "Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021."

C. In Item (1) of the second WHEREAS clause, clarifies that the Building Board of Appeals also hears and determines appeals of decisions regarding the administration of the Energy Code.

D. In the third WHEREAS clause, adds a reference to Mayor's Message 51 (2025), dated March 25, 2025.

E. In the sixth WHEREAS clause, changes the reference to "Section 13-103(a)" to "Section 13-103.1(a)."

F. Adds the Director of Planning and Permitting as a recipient of a copy of the resolution.

G. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

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Your Committee finds that John Uno meets all qualifications required to serve as a member on the Building Board of Appeals.

Your Committee on Zoning is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 25-103, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 25-103, CD1. (Ayes: Cordero, Kia'āina, Weyer – 3; Noes: None; Absent: Dos Santos-Tam, Okimoto – 2.)

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Kia'āina

Committee Chair

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. **25-103, CD1**

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN UNO TO SERVE ON THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 16-1.1(18), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH"), establishes the Building Board of Appeals consisting of nine members who are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council ("Council") to five-year terms; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 16-1.1(18) provides that the Building Board of Appeals has the duties of hearing and determining the following:

(1) Appeals of decisions regarding the administration of the Building Code, Electrical Code, Plumbing Code, Housing Code, Fire Code, Energy Code, Building Energy Efficiency Standards, and the building permit ordinance;

(2) Petitions for variances from the Building Code, Electrical Code, Plumbing Code, Fire Code, and Building Energy Efficiency Standards;

(3) Appeals of decisions regarding the administrative enforcement of the litter control ordinance; and

(4) Appeals concerning the summary removal of unlawful signs from street rights-of-way and public malls; and

WHEREAS, by Mayor's Message 51 (2025), dated March 25, 2025, the Mayor has appointed John Uno to the Building Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, John Uno will be appointed as an Engineer/Architect member on the Building Board of Appeals and serve for a term to expire on December 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 16-1.1(18) establishes a general qualification requiring four members of the board to be "currently licensed as engineers or architects with the State of Hawai'i board of registration of professional engineers, architects, land surveyors, and landscape architects"; and

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WHEREAS, Section 13-103.1(a), Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017), as amended, which applies to the Building Board of Appeals, requires a member to be a registered voter of the City and County of Honolulu ("City"); and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed John Uno's qualifications and finds that John Uno qualifies to serve on the Building Board of Appeals and deserves confirmation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that this body confirms the appointment of John Uno to the Building Board of Appeals for a term to expire on December 31, 2029; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to John Uno for his willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in City government; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Chair of the Building Board of Appeals, the Director of Planning and Permitting, and John Uno.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

April 2, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

Report Title:
Appointment; Confirmation; Boards and Commissions; Building Board of Appeals

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