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January 8, 2026

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

Pursuant to Section 13-103(b) of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, I hereby reappoint, subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, Ms. Debbi Eleneki as a member of the Fire Commission. Ms. Eleneki will serve a second term set to expire on December 31, 2030. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of Ms. Eleneki's reappointment and request adoption by the City Council in the most expedient manner possible.

I have enclosed a draft resolution and Ms. Eleneki's personal information form for your review. For any general inquiries you may have regarding this appointment, please contact my Chief of Staff, Andy Sugg, at (808) 768-4811.

Sincerely,

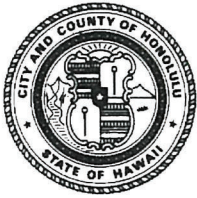
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Rick Blangiardi
Mayor

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Debbi Eleneki
Honolulu Fire Department
Fire Commission
Ethics Commission

MAYOR'S MESSAGE 5(26)



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

No. _____

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DEBBI ELENKI TO SERVE ON THE
FIRE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 6-1005, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended ("Charter"), establishes a Fire Commission ("Commission") consisting of seven members; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-1006, sets forth the powers, duties, and functions of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Section 13-103, the members of the Commission are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council ("Council") and serve for staggered five-year terms; and

WHEREAS, by Mayor's Letter, dated January 8, 2025, the Mayor has reappointed Debbi Eleneki to the Fire Commission; and

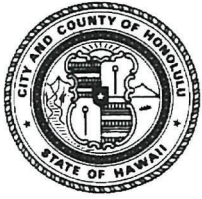
WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Ms. Eleneki will serve a second term set to expire on December 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-103, which applies to the Commission, requires that appointees to all City Boards and Commission be registered voters of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed Ms. Eleneki's qualifications and character and finds that she is qualified to serve on the Commission and deserves confirmation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it confirms the reappointment of Ms. Debbi Eleneki to the Fire Commission for a second term set to expire on December 31, 2029; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Eleneki for her willingness to be considered for public service and actively participate in city government; and



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RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Fire Chief, the Chair of the Fire Commission, and Ms. Debbi Eleneki.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
NOMINEE/APPOINTEE FORM

1. Position Nominated to: Fire Commissioner
2. Name: Debbi Mikala Akiona Eleneki
(First) (Middle) (Last)
3. Are you a citizen of the United States? ~~-select-~~ YES
Are you a resident of the City and County of Honolulu? ~~-select-~~ YES If yes, how long ~~-select-~~ > 20 years
Are you a registered voter in the City and County of Honolulu? ~~-select-~~ YES
4. Occupation: Retired HFD Battalion Fire Chief 1987-2018
5. Name and address of employer or firm:
NA
6. Does your employer do any business with the City and County of Honolulu? ~~-select-~~ No
If yes, state the nature of business and approximate dollar amount in the last five years:
NA
7. Do you or does any member of your immediate family hold office or own stock in any firm? ~~-select-~~ No
8. Does the firm do business with the City and County of Honolulu? ~~-select-~~ No
If yes, provide details including the name(s) of the firm:
NA
9. Do you have any part-time employment, professional activity, or financial interests other than those indicated in the previous question? ~~-select-~~ YES
If yes, provide details:
C + C of Honolulu DEM Honolulu Incident Management Team Reservist.
Consecutive 89 day contract. A resource + deployable asset to assist the city in
all-hazards preparations, incidents, or planned events
10. Do you foresee any possible conflict between your present work, financial investments, business transactions or any other activity which would be incompatible with the proper discharge of your official duties or hinder you from effectively carrying out the duties for which you have been appointed? ~~-select-~~ No
11. Are any members of your family employed by the City and County of Honolulu or any attached agency? ~~-select-~~ YES
If yes, please specify the department and division:
My son + 2 nephews are HFD Firefighters
12. Are there any incidents in your past that may jeopardize your nomination? ~~-select-~~ No
13. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ~~-select-~~ No If yes, provide details:

14. Education:

Please see attached resume

15. Provide a summary of major work experience for the last ten (10) years. Begin with your present job including military (attach additional sheets if necessary or resume):

Please see attached resume

16. Community activities, etc. (also list any service on any other board or commission Federal, State or County):

Please see attached resume

17. Have you ever been a member of a board or commission with the City and County of Honolulu?

~~-select-~~ YES

If yes, provide name(s) of board/commission:

Honolulu County Commission on the Status of Women
Honolulu Fire Commission

18. Will you be able to commit to the full term of this appointment? ~~-select-~~ YES

19. Will you be able to commit to meeting dates and times? ~~-select-~~ YES

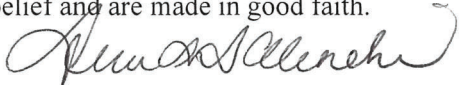
20. Are you regularly away from Honolulu? ~~-select-~~ NO If yes, please explain:

21. Are you willing to make a confidential financial disclosure to the city Ethics Commission upon appointment and yearly thereafter? ~~-select-~~ YES

22. What do you understand to be the prime duties of your county appointment?

I would assure conformance with the RCH. Make recommendations, provide guidance, + offer corrective action options, as appropriate and necessary with regards to HED ops, budget, citizen complaints, + personnel actions. Submit reports to the mayor + city council. Adopt, evaluate, and remove the Fire Chief as appropriate.

The above statements made by me are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.



(Signature)

11/18/25

(Date)

The above statements made by me are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and
The completed form and any attachment(s) will be posted by the City Clerk and available on the City's DocuShare Website.

DEBBI ELENKI

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Born and raised on O'ahu, a graduate of the Kamehameha Schools, and a 32-year veteran with the Honolulu Fire Department, I have a deep-rooted connection and love for our island home and the unique beauty found in nature, our people, and our culture. Privileged and grateful, I continue to have a sincere desire for public service, serving others and influencing positive change in our communities, and leveraging my education, training, and experience to bring value to spaces that I feel I can best impact. Continuing to serve on the Honolulu Fire Commission would allow me such an opportunity. It is not only my civic duty, but also a personal commitment to pay forward and give back where and when possible.

ATTRIBUTES, SKILLS, & ASSETS

My greatest attributes are:

1. My uniquely innovative leadership and management skills
2. My proficiency to improve situations by defining and resolving root issues to problems
3. My ability to influence positive change through meaningful communication, full transparency, and education
4. Being able to foster environments that will thrive in excellence by capitalizing on the talents within
5. Bringing order to chaos through organization and process
6. My commitment to my word
7. My time

WORK EXPERIENCE

Honolulu Incident Management Team Reservist (Contracted): Department of Emergency Management **September 2025 – Present**

- Deliver specialized services to strengthen disaster preparedness and emergency response for natural and human-caused hazards.
- Provide operational support for complex planned events to ensure safety and efficiency.
- Safeguard community health, safety, and welfare through coordinated emergency management.

Board of Director (Volunteer): Hawaii Pacific Foundation 501(c)(3) **April 2024 – Present**

- Provide strategic oversight and guide activities to align with the mission and strategic goals of the Hawai'i Pacific Foundation (HPF)
- Contribute to the development and approval of strategic plans for charitable initiatives.
- Identify and evaluate organizations demonstrating effective community impact to inform funding allocations.
- Build and maintain relationships with community partners and aligned organizations.
- Participate actively in monthly board meetings to advance HPF's objectives.

Fire Commissioner (Volunteer): Honolulu Fire Commission

June 2023 – Present

- Oversee Honolulu Fire Department operations to ensure effective and efficient delivery of services.
- Review, evaluate, and make recommendations for improvement in cooperation with the HFD Fire Chief, C&C of Honolulu Mayor, Honolulu City Council, and other stakeholders.

Chairman of the Board Member, Leadership Team, Mentor (Volunteer): Kūkolu 501(c)(3)

October 2021 – Present

- Provide governance and strategic guidance to ensure alignment with Kūkolu's mission
- Support development of organizational infrastructure and operational capacity.
- Deliver logistical support for facilities, activities, and planned events
- Mentor and educate cohort entrepreneurs to foster growth and innovation.
- Participate in quarterly board meetings to advance organizational goals.

Contract Service for Incident & Emergency Management: Department of Emergency Management

April 2020 – May 2021

- Led city-wide emergency operations during COVID, coordinating food distributions, surge testing, and vaccination efforts.
- Assisted with Hurricane Douglas preparation during concurrent pandemic operations.

Battalion Chief / Captain / Program Manager: Honolulu Fire Department

September 2008 – December 2018

- Effectively managed and directed operations for 8 fire stations, 12 companies & 62 personnel, ensuring effective emergency response and resource management.
- Engineered communication systems to improve safety, efficiency, and accountability.
- Fostered accountability and cultural change, motivating personnel to be their best
- Managed execution of CIP budgets, grants, and master agreements. Authored and delivered classes on the HFD Budget & Procurement Manual
- Authored and revised department policies, SOPs and guidelines
- Program Manager: Blue Card Command (Incident Management Communication Tool)
- Program Manager: Honolulu Fire Department All Hazards Incident Management Team (HFD AHIMT). Built infrastructure for the HFD AHIMT, managing national and local deployments to wildfires, hurricanes, tsunamis, and major planned events. (Kaua'i landslides, Kilauea Fissures, 2010 Tsunami, Hurricanes Iselle, Julio, Ana, Lane, and Douglas, POTUS visits, Pro Bowls, Air Shows, Aloha Stadium Concerts, i.e.)
- Honolulu Incident Management Team (HIMT) Work Group: Co-developed the HIMT in 2015, creating a deployable city resource under the nationally recognized HSPD-5 framework mandated by presidential directive.

Fire Fighter: Honolulu Fire Department

March 1987 – September 2008

- Respond to all-hazards emergencies, prioritizing life safety, incident stabilization, and property conservation.
- Support fire prevention and community emergency preparedness efforts

RECOGNITIONS

- 1989 Honolulu City Council Certificate of Resolution: First Female Fire Fighter, Recipient
- 2001 "A Tribute to Hawaii's Firefighters" Edgy Lee Documentary, Participant
- 2002 Hawaii Foodbank Patriots Honoree
- 2005 Honolulu City Council Certificate of Resolution: First Female Fire Captain, Recipient
- 2005 Midweek Cover Story, "First Family of Fire", Featured
- 2006 Honolulu County Committee "Women's History Month" Honoree
- 2007 Honolulu Advertiser "Fit Life" Article, "Fired Up", Featured
- 2007 Honolulu Magazine Article, Featured
- 2009 Mayor Appointed Member of the Honolulu County Committee on the Status of Women
- 2011 HFD Uniformed Employee of the Year
- 2015 HFD First Female Battalion Fire Chief
- 2022 Honolulu Magazine "Leading Wahine" Article, Featured
- 2023 The Bellator MMA, First Responder, Honoree

EDUCATION

- 1986-1987 University of Hawai'i Manoa, School of Architecture
- 1985-1986 Southern Oregon State College, Business Administration
- 1979-1985 Kamehameha Schools Kapalama

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2018-Present Much of my community service is carried out through relationships and partnerships built in my volunteer work with the Hawaii Pacific Foundation, Honolulu Fire Commission, Kūkolu, and the Honolulu Incident Management Team.

Office of the City Clerk
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STATE OF HAWAII

Voter Certificate

I, Glen I. Takahashi, City Clerk of the City & County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii do hereby certify that,

DEBBI M.A. ELENEKI

a resident of the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii is a duly registered elector (voter) of

Precinct, 02 Representative District, 51 State of Hawaii

Voter ID No: 1476772 Registration Date: 07/28/2000

Date of Birth

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of
Honolulu to be affixed on January 5, 2026.*

Signature Block

Signature of Elector



*Glen I. Takahashi, City Clerk
City and County of Honolulu
State of Hawaii*