HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & ECONOMY

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026
1:00 P.M.

Remote and in-person oral testimony will be permitted on all items on the agenda when each agenda item is taken up. Each speaker may not have anyone else read their statement and is limited to a one-minute presentation.

As both English and Hawaiian are official languages of the State of Hawaiʻi, pursuant to Article XV, Section 4 of the Hawaiʻi State Constitution and Section 1-13 of the Hawaiʻi Revised Statutes (HRS), members of the public may testify in either language. For oral testimonies offered in ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi, additional time as may be necessary will be allowed for the testifier to provide an English translation of their testimony.

Remote Testimony

1. For direct access to submit oral testimony call: +1-253-215-8782, enter ID: **84673809297** and Passcode **750764**.

2. To testify by videoconference visit the Honolulu Records Collection website, type the following into the address bar of the browser: https://hnldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/testimony. Videoconference access information will be provided upon registration. Testifiers are encouraged to register/submit testimony at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Although remote oral testimony is being permitted, this is a regular meeting and not a remote meeting by interactive conference technology under HRS Section 92-3.7. Therefore, the meeting will continue notwithstanding loss of audiovisual communication with remote testifiers or loss of the public broadcast of the meeting.

Persons wishing to testify in the Council Chamber are requested to register by 1:00 p.m. by filling out the registration form in person. Persons who have not registered will be given an opportunity to speak following the oral testimonies of the registered speakers.

Written testimony may be uploaded through the Honolulu Records Collection website, type the following into the address bar of the browser: https://hnldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/testimony, or mailed to Office of the City Clerk, Attention: Information Section, 530 South King Street, Room 100, Honolulu, HI 96813. If submitted, written testimonies, including the testifier's address, e-mail address, and phone number, will be available to the public on the Honolulu Records Collection website, type the following into the address bar of the browser: https://hnldoc.ehawaii.gov.

Should you have any questions, please call (808) 768-3816 or send an email to kiana.pascual@honolulu.gov.

Meeting materials are accessible on the Honolulu Records Collection website, type the following into the address bar of the browser: https://hnldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/browse/agendas by clicking on the appropriate Committee meeting.

The meeting will be viewable: (1) by internet live streaming on the Honolulu City Council YouTube Channel, type the following into the address bar of the browser: https://www.youtube.com/@HonoluluCityCouncil; (2) by televised live broadcast on ʻŌlelo TV Channel 54; and (3) on the monitor situated outside the Council Chamber. Viewers who experience a loss of viewing signal should try switching to another viewing option.

After the meeting, the meeting will be viewable on demand on the Honolulu City Council YouTube Channel, type the following into the address bar of the browser: https://www.youtube.com/@HonoluluCityCouncil. Copies of older meeting videos may be requested by calling the City Clerk's Office at (808) 768-5822, charges may apply.

If you need auxiliary aid/service or other accomodation due to a disability or an interpreter for a language other than English, please call the Office of the City Clerk Information Section at (808) 768-5822, Monday through Friday, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., excluding State holidays,or send an email to kiana.pascual@honolulu.gov as soon as possible or at least three (3) business days before the scheduled meeting. Requests made as early as possible have a greater likelihood of being fulfilled.

Committee on Public Safety & Economy Agenda
Thursday, January 15, 2026

FOR ACTION

1. **RESOLUTION 25-321 – APPOINTMENT OF GAISON ONTAI TO SERVE ON THE FIRE COMMISSION.** Confirming the appointment of Mr. Gaison Ontai to the Fire Commission of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on December 31, 2029. (Transmitted by Communication MM-173[25]; public hearing held 12/3/25)

2. **RESOLUTION 25-322 – APPOINTMENT OF GARY YABUTA TO SERVE ON THE POLICE COMMISSION.** Confirming the appointment of Mr. Gary Yabuta to the Police Commission of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on December 31, 2030. (Transmitted by Communication MM-174[25]; public hearing held 12/3/25)

3. **RESOLUTION 25-329 – ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT (DES).** Accepting a gift valued at $125,000 to the City from The Honolulu Zoological Society for the installation of new fencing around the giraffe exhibit perimeter at the Honolulu Zoo to meet AZA accreditation standards. (Transmitted by Communication D-859[25])

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

4. **REPORT OF THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING AND RETENTION TASK FORCE.**

   Related communication:

CC-251(25)	Councilmember Tupola, submitting Report of the Honolulu Police Department Staffing and Retention Task Force Resolution 25-160, CD1, Establishing A Task Force To Address Honolulu Police Department Vacancies And Officer Retention.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

If the need arises with respect to any item on this agenda, then pursuant to Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(4), the Committee may consult in a closed meeting with its attorneys in executive session on questions and issues pertaining to the City’s and the Council’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities and/or liabilities relating to that item.

AUGIE TULBA, Chair
Committee on Public Safety & Economy