HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & ECONOMY

Voting Members:
Augie Tulba, Chair
Esther Kia'āina, Vice Chair
Scott Y. Nishimoto
Val A. Okimoto
Andria Tupola

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
3RD FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Committee on Public Safety & Economy was called to order by Committee Chair Augie Tulba at 1:04 p.m. Councilmembers Kia'āina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), Okimoto (voting member), and Tupola (voting member) were present at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

[1:07 p.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 25-321 – COMMITTEE REPORT 18(26)

   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.

[1:10 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:10 p.m.]

Resolution 25-321 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

MM-173(25) Office of the Mayor

[1:10 p.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 25-322 – COMMITTEE REPORT 19(26)

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.

[1:13 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:20 p.m.]

Resolution 25-322 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

MM-174(25) Office of the Mayor

[1:20 p.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 25-329 – COMMITTEE REPORT 20(26)

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.

[1:22 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:22 p.m.]

Resolution 25-329 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIAʻĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-859(25) Department of Enterprise Services

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

[1:22 p.m.]

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

[1:23 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

William Ornellas (General comment)

Related communications:

CC-251(25) Councilmember Tupola
M-10(26) Testimony on Report of the Honolulu Police Department Staffing and Retention Task Force

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.