



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, FEBRUARY 5, 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 1:01 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

[1:04 p.m.]

1. RESOLUTION 26-11 – COMMITTEE REPORT 40(26)

REAPPOINTMENT OF DEBBI ELENEKI TO SERVE ON THE FIRE COMMISSION. Confirming the reappointment of Debbi Eleneki to the Fire Commission of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on December 31, 2029.

[1:05 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

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[1:08 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[1:10 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[1:13 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[1:15 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:15 p.m.]

Resolution 26-11 amended to CD1 (OCS2026-0081/2/2/2026 2:46 PM) and reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA – 5.

NOES: None.

Related communication:

MM-5(26) Office of the Mayor

[1:16 p.m.]

2. RESOLUTION 25-328 – COMMITTEE REPORT 39(26)

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT (DES). Accepting a gift to the City of two (2) used 2021 Glacier golf carts, valued at \$9,300 from The Honolulu Zoological Society to the Honolulu Zoo.

[1:18 p.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[1:19 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:20 p.m.]

Resolution 25-328 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-845(25) Department of Enterprise Services

[1:20 p.m.]

3. RESOLUTION 26-15 – COMMITTEE REPORT 41(26)

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT (HFD). Accepting a gift to the City valued at \$10,860 from the 200 Club to fund the Honolulu Fire Department's Manager and Employees of the Year Luncheon and Awards Ceremony.

[1:21 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:21 p.m.]

Resolution 26-15 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communications:

D-35(26) Honolulu Fire Department
M-63(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-15

[1:21 p.m.]

4. RESOLUTION 26-16 – COMMITTEE REPORT 42(26)

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT (HFD). Accepting a gift to the City valued at \$15,000 from The Deputies to fund the Honolulu Fire Department Fire Explorer and Scholarship Programs.

[1:23 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:24 p.m.]

Resolution 26-16 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

D-36(26) Honolulu Fire Department

[1:24 p.m.]

5. RESOLUTION 26-24 – COMMITTEE REPORT 43(26)

ESTABLISHING THE GROUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM. Urging the City Administration to work with the State Administration to establish the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Program.

[1:33 p.m.]

The following individual testified:

Angela Young, CARES (Support)

[1:37 p.m.]

Resolution 26-24 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO*, TULBA, TUPOLA – 5.
NOES: None.

*Councilmember Okimoto voted aye with reservations.

[1:37 p.m.]

6. RESOLUTION 26-25 – COMMITTEE REPORT 44(26)

COMMENDING THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD). Commending the members of the HPD and its leadership for adopting clear policies that ensure transparency and accountability while maintaining public safety.

[1:38 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[1:48 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[1:48 p.m.]

Resolution 26-25 reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA – 5.
NOES: None.

Related communication:

M-58(26) Testimony on Resolution 26-25

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.