



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

**COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL
& LEGAL AFFAIRS**

Voting Members:

Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
Andria Tupola, Vice Chair
Radiant Cordero
Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
Esther Kia'āina
Val A. Okimoto
Augie Tulba
Tommy Waters
Matt Weyer

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 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 International & Legal Affairs was called to order by Committee Chair Scott Nishimoto at 1:01 p.m. Councilmembers Cordero, Kia'āina, Okimoto, Tulba, and Tupola were present at the meeting. (All Councilmembers are voting members.)

[1:02 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[1:03 p.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Before convening into Executive Session, Committee Chair Nishimoto took up the items for Executive Session individually to allow for oral public testimony on each item.

[1:04 p.m.]

1. Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Gordon J. Knowles v. Sheryl Sunia, individually and as an agent/employee of the Hawai'i Pacific University et al., Civ. No. 1CC161001086 (Cir. Ct.)
2. Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu and Retired HPD Lieutenant Darryl Kon entitled Joshua Spriestersbach v. City and County of Honolulu and Darryl Kon, et al., Civil No. 1:21-CV-00456-LEK-RT (USDC)
3. Request for authorization to settle claims against the City and County of Honolulu by Donna Y.L. Leong regarding partial reimbursement of legal fees and costs

[1:05 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

At 1:06 p.m., with no objections from the eight members present (Ayes: Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Waters – 8), the Committee resolved into a closed meeting pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes Sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(4), to consult in a closed meeting with its attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the powers, duties, privileges, immunities and/or liabilities of the City and the Council on the items listed on the agenda for Executive Session.

MEETING RESUMED IN OPEN SESSION

With seven members present (Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola, Waters, Weyer), the Committee resumed the meeting in open session at 1:41 p.m.

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[1:42 p.m.]

1. COMMITTEE REPORT 59(26)

Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu entitled Gordon J. Knowles v. Sheryl Sunia, individually and as an agent/employee of the Hawai'i Pacific University et al., Civ. No. 1CC161001086 (Cir. Ct.)

[1:42 p.m.]

Committee Report 59(26) reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS,
WEYER – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM – 2.

[1:42 p.m.]

2. COMMITTEE REPORT 60(26)

Request for authorization to settle a lawsuit against the City and County of Honolulu and Retired HPD Lieutenant Darryl Kon entitled Joshua Priestersbach v. City and County of Honolulu and Darryl Kon, et al., Civil No. 1:21-CV-00456-LEK-RT (USDC)

[1:42 p.m.]

Committee Report 60(26) reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA*, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO*, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS,
WEYER – 7.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM – 2.

*Councilmembers Kia'āina and Okimoto voted aye with reservations.

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[1:43 p.m.]

3. COMMITTEE REPORT 61(26)

Request for authorization to settle claims against the City and County of Honolulu by Donna Y.L. Leong regarding partial reimbursement of legal fees and costs

[1:43 p.m.]

Committee Report 61(26) reported out for adoption.

AYES: KIA'ĀINA, NISHIMOTO, OKIMOTO*, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS,
WEYER – 7.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: CORDERO, DOS SANTOS-TAM – 2.

*Councilmember Okimoto voted aye with reservations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.