REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ZONING & PLANNING

Voting Members:
Esther Kia'āina, Chair; Tommy Waters, Vice-Chair;
Radiant Cordero, Val A. Okimoto, Andria Tupola

Committee Meeting Held
April 2, 2026

Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Zoning & Planning, which considered Resolution 26-56 entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID BRITTIN TO SERVE ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU,"

transmitted by Mayor's Message 25 (2026), dated March 3, 2026, from the Office of the Mayor, introduced on March 5, 2026, and was the subject of a public hearing held at the Council meeting on March 25, 2026, reports as follows:

The purpose of Resolution 26-56 is to confirm the appointment of David Brittin to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City and County of Honolulu for a term to expire on June 30, 2029. Mr. Brittin is an attorney at Case Lombardi, where his practice area includes commercial and residential real estate development, transactions, and litigation.

The Zoning Board of Appeals consists of five members. The Board hears and determines appeals from the actions of the Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting ("DPP") in the administration of the zoning ordinances and subdivision ordinances.

At your Committee's meeting on April 2, 2026, Mr. Brittin introduced himself, expressed his willingness to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and responded to questions from Councilmembers. Mr. Brittin stated he is familiar with the City's Land Use Ordinance, and as a part of his law practice, has represented clients with zoning

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appeals on the neighbor islands. He further stated he is happy to serve the community, has the time to devote to Board meetings, and will try to attend as many Board meetings as possible.

Your Committee received no verbal or written public testimony on the Resolution.

A DPP representative testified in support of Mr. Brittin's appointment and the CD1 version of the Resolution.

Your Committee has prepared a CD1 version of the Resolution that makes the following amendments:

A. Amends the fifth WHEREAS clause and the BE IT RESOLVED clause to specify that the appointee's term will expire on June 30, 2029 (instead of June 30, 2030).

B. Amends the fourth WHEREAS clause to refer to "Mayor's Message 25 (2026)" (instead of "Mayor's letter").

C. Amends the fifth WHEREAS clause to add the term expiration date for James Wataru (the appointee's predecessor).

D. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Your Committee finds that Mr. Brittin meets all qualifications required to serve as a member on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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Your Committee on Zoning & Planning is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 26-56, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 26-56, CD1. (Ayes: Cordero, Kia'āina, Okimoto, Tupola, Waters – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Kia'āina

Committee Chair

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No. **26-56, CD1**

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID BRITTIN TO SERVE ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 6-1516, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (Amended 2017 Edition), as amended ("Charter"), establishes a Zoning Board of Appeals ("Board") consisting of five members; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6-1516 sets forth the powers, duties, and functions of the Board; and

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

WHEREAS, by Mayor's Message 25 (2026), dated March 3, 2026, the Mayor has appointed David Brittin to the Board; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, David Brittin will succeed James Wataru, whose term expired on June 30, 2024, and serve for a term to expire on June 30, 2029; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 13-103, which applies to the Zoning Board of Appeals, requires that appointees to the Board be registered voters of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed David Brittin's qualifications and character and finds that David Brittin is qualified to serve on the Board and deserves confirmation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it confirms the appointment of David Brittin to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring on June 30, 2029; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to David Brittin for his 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, the Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Director of Planning and Permitting, and David Brittin.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

March 5, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

Report Title:
Confirmation; Boards and Commissions; Zoning Board of Appeals

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