



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

Voting Members:

Val A. Okimoto, Chair
Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Radiant Cordero
Esther Kia'aina
Augie Tulba
Tommy Waters

WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026

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

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(The membership of the Committee on Budget was changed, pursuant to Communication CC-31(26), effective March 6, 2026.)

The time references below indicate the point in the video recording when the stated actions began.

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Committee on Budget was called to order by Committee Chair Val A. Okimoto at 9:04 a.m. Councilmembers Cordero (voting member), Dos Santos-Tam (non-voting member), Kia'aina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), Tulba (voting member), Tupola (non-voting member), and Council Chair Waters (voting member) were present at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

[9:07 a.m.]

1. ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

[9:07 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

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[9:08 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Director Kawano of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services to provide a presentation of the Administrative Overview for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Budget to the Committee. (D-164[26])

[9:19 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[10:24 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[10:25 a.m.]

Councilmember Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

[10:26 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[10:27 a.m.]

Councilmember Tupola entered the Council Chamber.

[10:30 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[10:31 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[10:34 a.m.]

Councilmembers Dos Santos-Tam and Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[10:36 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

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[10:44 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[10:58 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[10:59 a.m.]

2. EXECUTIVE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW

[10:59 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:59 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Deputy Managing Director Jayaram along with Executive Director Fox, Executive Director Santos, Executive Director Asselbaye, and Executive Secretary Yonenaka to provide brief presentations of the FY27 Operative Budget of the Office of the Mayor and Managing Director to the Committee. (MM-28[26])

[11:00 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[11:12 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[11:16 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[11:43 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam exited the Council Chamber.

[11:49 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

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[11:53 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[11:58 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[11:59 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[12:03 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[12:14 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[12:26 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[12:32 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[12:34 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[12:51 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

RECESS / RECONVENE

Committee Chair Okimoto called for a recess at 12:58 p.m. With Councilmembers Cordero (voting member), Kia'āina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), Tulba (voting member), Tupola (non-voting member), and Council Chair Waters (voting member) present, the meeting was reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

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[1:50 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Director Kawano of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS) to provide a presentation of the BFS' FY27 Budget to the Committee. (D-165[26])

[1:52 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[2:01 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[2:05 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[2:26 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[2:35 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[2:36 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[2:37 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[2:39 p.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[2:49 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

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[2:57 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[2:57 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Director Collins of the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to provide a presentation of the DEM's FY2027 Operating Budget to the Committee. (D-166[26])

[3:24 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

[3:26 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola entered the Council Chamber.

[3:31 p.m.]

Councilmembers Kia'aina and Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[3:31 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Prosecuting Attorney Alm of the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney (PAT) to provide a presentation of the PAT's Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY2027) to the Committee. (D-167[26])

[3:32 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'aina entered the Council Chamber.

[3:43 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[3:44 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

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[4:03 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[4:06 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

[4:07 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered and Councilmember Tulba and Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[4:08 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Bandmaster Bright of the Royal Hawaiian Band (RHB) to provide a presentation of the RHB's FY27 Budget to the Committee. (D-168[26])

[4:10 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered and Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[4:11 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

Committee Chair Okimoto appointed Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam as a temporary voting member for quorum.

[4:13 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered and Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

Committee Chair Okimoto appointed Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam as a temporary voting member for quorum.

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[4:13 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Medical Examiner Kobayashi of the Department of the Medical Examiner (MED) to provide a presentation of the MED's FY27 Budget to the Committee. (D-169[26])

[4:15 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[4:16 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[4:20 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[4:30 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Corporation Counsel Viola of the Department of Corporation Counsel (COR) to provide a presentation of the COR's FY27 Budget to the Committee. (D-170[26])

[4:42 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Acting Executive Director and Legal Counsel Tsang of the Ethics Commission to provide a presentation of the Commission's FY27 Budget to the Committee. (D-171[26])

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.