



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

**COMMITTEE ON BUDGET**

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**Voting Members:**

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

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## **WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD**

SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3<sup>RD</sup> 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 9:06 a.m. Councilmembers Cordero (voting member), Dos Santos-Tam (non-voting member), Kia'aina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), Tulba (voting member), and Tupola (non-voting member) were present at the meeting.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

[9:09 a.m.]

1. EXECUTIVE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW

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[9:09 a.m.]

The following individual testified:

Racquel Achiu (M-96[26]) (Support)

[9:11 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Director Ireland of the Honolulu Emergency Services Department (HESD) to provide a presentation of the HESD's FY2027 Budget to the Committee. (D-173[26])

[9:21 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[9:27 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[9:39 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[9:44 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[9:50 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[9:51 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[9:53 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[10:03 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

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[10:11 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[10:19 a.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[10:24 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[10:27 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Acting Chief Vanic of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) to provide a presentation of the HPD's Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to the Committee. (D-174[26])

[10:29 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'aina exited the Council Chamber.

[10:31 a.m.]

Councilmembers Kia'aina and Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[10:56 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[11:04 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[11:11 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[11:18 a.m.]

Councilmembers Kia'aina and Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

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[11:20 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[11:30 a.m.]

Councilmembers Kia'aina and Tupola entered the Council Chamber.

[11:44 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[11:45 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Chief Lager of the Honolulu Ocean Safety Department (HOSD) to provide a presentation of the HOSD's Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Budget to the Committee. (D-175[26])

[11:47 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam exited the Council Chamber.

[11:50 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[11:53 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[11:54 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

RECESS / RECONVENE

Committee Chair Okimoto called for a recess at 11:58 a.m. With Councilmembers Cordero (voting member), Kia'aina (voting member), Tulba (voting member), Tupola (non-voting member), and Council Chair Waters (voting member) present, the meeting was reconvened at 12:53 p.m.

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[12:54 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Director Thielen of the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to provide a presentation of the DPR's FY27 Budget to the Committee. (D-176[26])

[12:54 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[1:06 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[1:08 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[1:09 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[1:13 p.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[1:19 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

[1:25 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[1:27 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola entered the Council Chamber.

[1:29 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

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[1:56 p.m.]

Councilmember Okimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[1:59 p.m.]

Councilmember Okimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[2:17 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[2:23 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[2:25 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[2:27 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[2:29 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[2:30 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered and Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[2:30 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Director Auger of the Department of Housing and Land Management (DHLM) to provide a presentation of the DHLM's FY2027 Budget to the Committee. (D-177[26])

[2:32 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

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[2:59 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[3:01 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[3:04 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[3:05 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[3:15 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

[3:18 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola entered the Council Chamber.

[3:27 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[3:28 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Assistant Administrator Hirai of the Liquor Commission to provide a presentation of the Commission's FY27 Budget to the Committee. (D-178[26])

[3:29 p.m.]

Councilmembers Cordero, Kia'aina, and Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

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

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[3:29 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer exited the Council Chamber.

[3:32 p.m.]

Councilmember Weyer entered the Council Chamber.

[3:32 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[3:33 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'aina entered the Council Chamber.

Related communication:

M-96(26)                      Testimony on Executive Capital and Operating Budget Review

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.