



**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  
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 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 10:02 a.m. Councilmembers Kia'aina (voting member), Nishimoto (voting member), and Tulba (voting member) were present at the meeting.

[10:03 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

[10:06 a.m.]

1. EXECUTIVE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW

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[10:06 a.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[10:06 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Director Miyasaki of the Department of Human Resources (DHR) to provide a presentation of the DHR's Fiscal Year 2027 Budget to the Committee. (D-188[26])

[10:08 a.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[10:40 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[10:40 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Director Holifield of the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) to provide a presentation of the DES' Fiscal Year 2027 Budget to the Committee. (D-189[26])

[10:44 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[10:59 a.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[11:12 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[11:17 a.m.]

Councilmember Tupola entered the Council Chamber.

[11:19 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

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[11:21 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[11:35 a.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[11:36 a.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Deputy Director Yonamine of the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) to provide a presentation of the DDC's FY2027 Operating Budget to the Committee. (D-190[26])

[11:36 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[11:42 a.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered the Council Chamber.

[11:46 a.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam exited the Council Chamber.

[11:53 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[11:59 a.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[12:01 p.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[12:09 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

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[12:12 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'aina exited the Council Chamber.

RECESS / RECONVENE

Committee Chair Okimoto called for a recess at 12:17 p.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 1:22 p.m.

[1:22 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Director Babcock of the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) to provide a presentation of the ENV's FY27 Capital and Operating Budget Request to the Committee. (D-191[26])

[1:22 p.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[1:23 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[1:41 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited and entered the Council Chamber.

[2:05 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[2:15 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[2:18 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

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[2:19 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

[2:23 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[2:29 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[2:37 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

[2:46 p.m.]

Councilmember Kia'āina entered and Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam exited the Council Chamber.

[2:51 p.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam entered the Council Chamber.

[2:59 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Director Hashiro of the Department of Customer Services (CSD) to provide a presentation of the CSD's Fiscal Year 2027 to the Committee. (D-192[26])

[2:59 p.m.]

Committee Chair Okimoto and Council Chair Waters exited the Council Chamber.

[3:00 p.m.]

Councilmember Tupola exited the Council Chamber.

[3:01 p.m.]

Committee Chair Okimoto entered and Councilmember Kia'āina exited the Council Chamber.

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[3:27 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Fire Chief Hao of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) to provide a presentation of the HFD's Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget to the Committee. (D-193[26])

[3:32 p.m.]

Council Chair Waters entered the Council Chamber.

[3:34 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[3:39 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

[3:40 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero exited the Council Chamber.

[3:43 p.m.]

Councilmember Cordero entered the Council Chamber.

[3:47 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto exited the Council Chamber.

[3:53 p.m.]

Councilmember Nishimoto entered the Council Chamber.

Related communication:

M-98(26)                      Testimony on Executive Capital and Operating Budget Review

[3:59 p.m.]

2.     LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REVIEW

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[3:59 p.m.]

There was no public testimony.

[3:59 p.m.]

Councilmember Tulba exited the Council Chamber.

[3:59 p.m.]

The Committee Chair called upon Administrative Services Officer Amazaki, City Clerk Takahashi, and Acting City Auditor Shimasaki to provide a presentation of FY27 Legislative Budget to the Committee. (CC-40[26])

[4:00 p.m.]

Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam exited and Councilmember Tulba entered the Council Chamber.

Related communication:

CC-43(26)                      Council Chair Waters

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.