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May 14, 2026

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

Pursuant to Section 6-107(h) of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, I hereby reappoint, subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, Ms. Melanie Islam as a member of the Climate Change Commission. Ms. Islam will serve a second term, set to expire on June 30, 2031. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of Ms. Islam's appointment in the most expedient manner possible.

I have enclosed a draft resolution and Ms. Islam's information for your review. For any general inquiries you may have regarding this appointment, please contact my Chief of Staff, Andy Sugg at 808-768-4811.

Sincerely,

Rick Blangiardi
Mayor

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Melanie Islam
Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency
Climate Change Commission
Ethics Commission

MAYOR'S MESSAGE 72(26)

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No._____

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. MELANIE ISLAM TO SERVE ON THE CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Section 6-107(h), Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, 1973 ("RCH"), as amended, establishes a Climate Change Commission consisting of five members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-107(h), RCH, sets forth the duties of the Climate Change Commission; and

WHEREAS, by Mayor's letter, dated May 14, 2026 the Mayor has reappointed Ms. Melani Islam to the Climate Change Commission; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Ms. Islam will serve for a term to expire on June 30, 2031; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-103, RCH, requires an appointee to the Climate Change Commission to be a registered voter of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City and County of Honolulu has reviewed Ms. Islam's qualifications and character and finds that she qualifies to serve on the Climate Change Commission; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it confirms the reappointment of Ms. Melanie Islam to the Climate Change Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2031; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Islam for her commitment and willingness to actively participate in city government; and

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No._____

RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Executive Director of the Office of Climate Change Sustainability and Resiliency, the Climate Change Commission and Ms. Melanie Islam.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION: _____

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Honolulu, Hawai'i Councilmembers

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
NOMINEE/APPOINTEE FORM

1. Position Nominated to: Commissioner to the Climate Chaneg Commission

2. Name: Melanie Bow York Islam
(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes
Are you a resident of the City and County of Honolulu? Yes If yes, how long >20 years
Are you a registered voter in the City and County of Honolulu? Yes

4. Occupation: Principal Architect and Sustainabiliyt Director

5. Name and address of employer or firm:
Mason Architects Inc, (MASON)
119 Merchant Street Suite 501, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

6. Does your employer do any business with the City and County of Honolulu? Yes
If yes, state the nature of business and approximate dollar amount in the last five years:
Historic Architecture and Consulting on 3 projects from 2023 to 2024. Total contract value of all projects was $75,435.32.

7. Do you or does any member of your immediate family hold office or own stock in any firm?
Yes

8. Does the firm do business with the City and County of Honolulu? Yes
If yes, provide details including the name(s) of the firm:
Architectural assessment, historic consulting.

9. Do you have any part-time employment, professional activity, or financial interests other than those indicated in the previous question? Yes
If yes, provide details:
AIA Hawaii - President
YWCA Oahu - Board Member

10. Do you foresee any possible conflict between your present work, financial investments, business transactions or any other activity which would be incompatible with the proper discharge of your official duties or hinder you from effectively carrying out the duties for which you have been appointed? No

11. Are any members of your family employed by the City and County of Honolulu or any attached agency? No
If yes, please specify the department and division:

12. Are there any incidents in your past that may jeopardize your nomination? No

13. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No If yes, provide details:

14. Education:

University of Hawaii Manoa Doctor of Architecture

15. Provide a summary of major work experience for the last ten (10) years. Begin with your present job including military (attach additional sheets if necessary or resume):

See attached resume

16. Community activities, etc. (also list any service on any other board or commission Federal, State or County):

AIA Hawaii President
YWCA Oahu Board Member

17. Have you ever been a member of a board or commission with the City and County of Honolulu?

Yes

If yes, provide name(s) of board/commission:
City and County of Honolulu Climate Change Commission

18. Will you be able to commit to the full term of this appointment? Yes

19. Will you be able to commit to meeting dates and times? Yes

20. Are you regularly away from Honolulu? No If yes, please explain:

21. Are you willing to make a confidential financial disclosure to the city Ethics Commission upon appointment and yearly thereafter? Yes

22. What do you understand to be the prime duties of your county appointment?

Climate Change Commission is charged with gathering the latest science and informatic
on climate change impacts to Hawai'i, with a focus on O'ahu. They also provide advice
and recommendations to the mayor, City Council, and executive departments as they
look to draft policy and engage in planning for future climate scenarios.

The above statements made by me are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

Melanie Alan
(Signature)

3/16/2026, 4/27/26
(Date)

The above statements made by me are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and ***The completed form and any attachment(s) will be posted by the City Clerk and available on the City's DocuShare Website.***

Melanie Islam, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C, LFA

Architect for Resilient Equitable Communties

Architect and sustainability leader with nearly two decades of experience in resilient, low-carbon, and community-centered design, combining principal-level leadership at MASON with earlier work in planning, project management, and design. Driven to improve communities through smart choices in energy efficiency, renewable energy, healthy low-carbon material selection, and climate-responsive design, she began her career as a planner for education and community projects, where she built common ground through facilitation, charrettes, and engagement with diverse groups. She is recognized for integrating climate action into practice, advancing adaptive reuse and high-performance design, and leading cross-sector collaborations through architecture, policy, and professional service.

Experience

MASON (Mason Architects, Inc.), Honolulu, Hawaii
Principal & Sustainability Director | 2021–Present
Associate & Sustainability Director | 2018–2021

Leads firm-wide sustainability strategy, advancing climate-responsive and resilient design across a diverse portfolio of projects. She championed the firm's participation in the AIA 2030 Commitment, provides principal-level oversight for complex adaptive reuse, housing, and resilience work, and has led embodied carbon analysis, material health review, and LEED certification coordination. Her work also includes developing reuse narratives and carbon impact documentation that strengthen the environmental case for adaptive reuse and high-performance design.

PBR Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii
Planner | 2008–2010

Supported long-range planning and community engagement for education and community-based projects, with facilitation and stakeholder outreach as core responsibilities.

Earlier Experience

EHDD, Architecture Intern (2007); Architecture for Humanity–India, Architecture Intern (2006); Gregory Burgess Architects, Australia, Architecture Intern (2003).

Selected Projects

Luhauola Mixed-Use Affordable Housing, Kapolei, Hawaii — Project Architect & Sustainability Coordinator, MASON

Mixed-use workforce housing and retail development comprising a 64,564-square-foot, design-bid-build project with 29 residential units, ground-floor commercial space,

rooftop photovoltaics, and battery storage, designed to meet measurable energy-performance targets aligned with Architecture 2030 benchmarks. As Project Architect, led a resilient two-building development with food and restaurant-focused retail, rooftop community amenities, and integrated site and building systems including electrical, mechanical, plumbing, fire protection, parking, sidewalks, and landscaping; the incorporation of renewables and storage is projected to reduce carbon emissions by an additional 60 percent, while material and construction selections support a lower embodied carbon footprint.

DOT Harbors Division Administration Building, Honolulu, Hawaii — Principal-in-Charge & Sustainability Coordinator, MASON

Adaptive reuse of a 64,000-square-foot Pier 2 property, including two existing structures and three open parking lots, into a resilient and sustainable headquarters for the Department of Transportation Harbors Division. The historic two-story DOH building is being fully renovated to house most Engineering and Support staff, while the adjacent single-story building will provide utility spaces; the project includes new electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems, targets LEED Silver certification, and prioritizes energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy storage, and up to three days of off-grid operation from the HECO grid.

Hawaiian Dredging Construction Headquarters, Honolulu, Hawaii — Sustainability Coordinator, MASON

Adaptive reuse of the historic 1930 Classical Revival Honolulu Advertiser Building into a modern corporate headquarters, achieving LEED Gold certification, reducing potable water use by 50 percent, and avoiding approximately 540 metric tons of carbon through building reuse and high-performance envelope upgrades, including a super-insulated R-40 roof and replacement windows that replicated the original patterns. The project also earned an AIA Honolulu 2017 Honorable Mention for Historic Preservation and the BIA-Hawaii 2017 Renaissance Grand Award, while demonstrating the embodied carbon benefits of reuse to the Hawai ʻi AEC industry.

Coconut Island Marine Laboratory Buildings 1 & 2, Kaneohe — Architect and Sustainability Coordinator

The project was a complete interior renovation of an existing multi-building, multi-story laboratory and office facility for the University of Hawai ʻi at Mānoa's Hawai ʻi Institute of Marine Biology, creating state-of-the-art research and teaching laboratories along with new administrative office environments. Energy goals were set to a Code Plus standard with at least a 20% reduction target, and improvements to the building envelope, high-efficiency HVAC system, and 140,000 kWh rooftop PV array are expected to deliver a 40% energy efficiency reduction.

Leadership, Governance, and Service

City and County of Honolulu Climate Change Commission
- Chair, 2024–Present
- Commissioner, 2021–Present

AIA Hawaii State Council
- President, 2025–Present
- Vice President/President-Elect, 2023–2025
- Legislative Action Committee, 2021–Present

AIA National
- Chair, Framework for Design Excellence Working Group, 2024–2026
- Co-Chair, 2022–2023
- Committee on Climate Action and Design Excellence member, 2021–2026

AIA Honolulu
- Board Member, 2020–2022
- Chair, 2030 Challenge Education Series, 2023
- Co-Founder, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, 2020–2023

U.S. Green Building Council Hawaii
- Board Chair, 2017–2021
- Vice Chair, 2016–2017
- Green Schools Chair, 2013–2017

YWCA O ʻahu
- Board Member, 2020–Present
- Facilities Co-Chair, 2022–Present

Education, Licensure, and Credentials

Doctor of Architecture, University of Hawaii at Mānoa | 2008.
Registered Architect, State of Hawai ʻi | 2017 | Certificate No. A17596.
NCARB Certificate | 2017.
LEED AP BD+C | 2009.
Living Future Accredited (LFA) | 2018.

Recognition

AIA Young Architects Award Recipeint | 2026
Pacific Business News 40 Under 40 | 2019
USGBC Women in Green Honoree | 2019
Alpha Rho Chi Award | 2008

Office of the City Clerk

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
STATE OF HAWAII

Voter Certificate

I, Chadd Kadota, Acting City Clerk of the City & County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii do hereby certify that,

MELANIE B.Y. ISLAM

a resident of the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii is a duly registered elector (voter) of

Precinct, 02 Representative District, 19 State of Hawaii

Voter ID No: 1822530 Registration Date: 06/27/2000

Date of Birth

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of Honolulu to be affixed on May 14, 2026.

Signature Block

Signature of Elector

Chadd Kadota, Acting City Clerk
City and County of Honolulu
State of Hawaii

This certificate expires at the earlier of either the date the named elector relinquishes the voter residence associated with this certificate or after the next scheduled Hawaii General election after the affixed issuance date.