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October 15, 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 13-103(b) of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, I hereby appoint, subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, Ualani Davis as the Fine Arts member of the Commission on Culture and the Arts. Ms. Davis will replace Vincent Hazen, and serve a term to expire on June 30, 2030. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of Ms. Davis's appointment and request adoption by the City Council in the most expedient manner possible.

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

Sincerely,

Rick Blangiardi
Mayor

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Ualani Davis
Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts
Commission on Culture and the Arts
Ethics Commission

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. _____

RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF UALANI DAVIS TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Chapter 3, Article 2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended (ROH), establishes the Commission on Culture and the Arts ("Commission") to assist the City in attaining national preeminence in culture and the arts, to assist the City in the preservation of the artistic and cultural heritages of all its people, to promote a community environment which provides equal and abundant opportunity for exposure to culture and the arts in all its forms, and to encourage and provide equal opportunity for the development of cultural and artistic talents of the people of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is comprised of 11 voting members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council to five-year terms, and other ex officio, non-voting members; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 3-2.2 requires ten of the appointed members to represent a particular cultural or artistic category and one appointed member to serve as an at-large representative; and

WHEREAS, via Mayor's Message, dated October 15, 2026, the Mayor has appointed Ms. Ualani Davis to serve on the Commission as the representative of the fine arts category, which is one of the listed cultural or artistic categories; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed by the Council, Ms. Davis will replace Vincent Hazen, whose term expired, and serve for a term expiring on June 30, 2030; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-103, Revised Charter of Honolulu 1973, as amended (RCH), which applies to the Commission on Culture and the Arts, includes a general qualification requiring a member to be a registered voter of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the qualifications and character of Ms. Davis and finds that she meets the requirements to serve on the Commission and deserves confirmation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it confirms the appointment of Ms. Ualani Davis to serve on the Commission on Culture and the Arts as the representative of the fine arts category for a term expiring on June 30, 2030; and

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Ualani Davis for her willingness to serve the City and County of Honolulu; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Chair of the Commission on Culture and the Arts, and Ms. Ualani Davis.

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: Fine Arts Commissioner on Culture and the Arts

2. Name: Ualani (First) Megan (Middle) Davis (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: Teacher

5. Name and address of employer or firm:
   Kamehameha Schools, Kapālama
   1887 Makuakāne St, Honolulu, HI 96817

6. Does your employer do any business with the City and County of Honolulu? No
   If yes, state the nature of business and approximate dollar amount in the last five years:

7. Do you or does any member of your immediate family hold office or own stock in any firm?
   No

8. Does the firm do business with the City and County of Honolulu? -select-
   If yes, provide details including the name(s) of the firm:

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:
   I'm also an artist, working mostly with fine-art photography and mixed media

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:
    My dad is a retired firefighter in HFD, but he is not currently employed by C&C

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:

Graduate of Kamehameha Schools, Kapālama (2007)
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa - Bachelor of Fine Arts (2012)
Boston University, College of Fine Arts - Master in Art Education (2018)

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):

2025-present: Visual Arts Department Head, Kamehameha Schools, Kapālama
2014-2024: Photography Teacher, Kamehameha Schools - Kapalama,
2016-2024: Kamehameha Schools Faculty Association Unit/Department Representative

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

Participated in 2 artist talks and 3 walking tours/art workshops as a Wahi Pana artist
Participated in 9 public art exhibitions in the past 5 years (both juried and curated)

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

No

If yes, provide name(s) of board/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:

I occassionally travel during School Breaks (March for Spring Break, June/July for summer, or October for Fall Break) but I can schedule around meeting times and events

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?

Commissioners are part of an advisory board that supports the mission of the Mayor's Office on Culture and the Arts to grow and preserve art and culture opportunities, programing, and accessibility for the people of Honolulu. Commissioners meet every-other month and collaborate with MOCA staff .

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.

Malani Jans — 8/15/2026

(Signature) (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.***

Ualani Davis

Artist & Art Educator

Summary

A dedicated artist and art educator balancing a personal art practice with over 12 years of experience teaching Hawaiian-culture-based studio-art curriculum. Explores concepts of Hawaiian culture and identity through photography and mixed-media artwork, recently participating in exhibitions with Shangri La, Hō'ikeākea Gallery, and the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts, most recently as a Wahi Pana artist. Over 10 years of experience representing the Kamehameha Kapālama High School teachers as a union representative and the Visual Arts Department in various committees to promote student access to and the well-being of the visual arts at Kamehameha. Values collaboration, empathy, effective communication, and transparency as a Department Head supporting both new and experienced educators.

Education

MA 2018 Boston University, College of Fine Arts, Master of Arts in Art Education.

BFA 2012 University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Department of Art and Art History (focus in Photography), *cum laude*

Professional Experience

2025 - present **Visual Arts Department Head**, Kamehameha Schools, Kapālama, Honolulu, HI.
- High School Visual Arts content specialist
- support curriculum development and Professional Learning Communities
- Manage the department budget, purchase orders, and inventory
- Supervise the department educational assistant and participate in hiring department faculty and staff
- Organize the department class schedule, coordinating 80+ individual sections for 11 kumu
- Represent department faculty and needs in school leadership meetings and committees
- Plan and facilitate bi-weekly department meeting

2016 - 2024 **Kamehameha Schools Faculty Association Unit/Department Representative**, Kamehameha Schools Kapālama, Honolulu, HI.
- Represent the Visual Arts Department and other high school kumu in union meetings by communicating issues, needs, and concerns
- Contribute to healthy and respectful working relationships between KSFA and school leadership

2014 - 2024 **Photography Teacher**, Kamehameha Schools - Kapalama, Honolulu, HI.
- Design and teach hands-on, studio art curriculum with a Hawaiian Culture-Based focus for high school students (grades 9-12) in darkroom and digital photography
- Design and maintain online learning platforms (Canvas) for each course with resources, assignments, and assessments. Previous experience with Blackboard and Google Classroom.
- Manage, maintain, and order darkroom supplies, chemistry, and camera equipment
- Curate student art exhibitions
- Participate in and represent the Visual Arts Department in school committees

2014 - 2015 **Photography Lab Supervisor**, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI.
- Balance darkroom budget to order darkroom supplies, chemistry, and equipment
- Oversee lab maintenance and equipment repairs
- Supervise 20 volunteer lab assistants and organize weekly schedules

Exhibitions

2026 "Contemporary Photography in Hawai'i 2026." Pacific New Media, Downtown Art Center, Honolulu, HI. February 12-28, 2026. (Curated Group Show)

2025 "Ku'u Pua I Kohelepelepe." Wahi Pana Project, Koko Crater Botanical Garden, Honolulu, HI. Part of the Wahi Pana: Storied Places temporary public art project. (Solo)

"Contemporary Photography in Hawai'i 2025." *Pacific New Media*, Downtown Art Center, Honolulu, HI. February 6-21, 2025. (Curated Group Show)

"Dark Slide." University of Hawai'i Commons Gallery, Honolulu, HI. January 19-February 16, 2025. (Curated Group Show)

2024 "Ho'i i ka Piko." *Treehouse*, Honolulu, HI. September 7 - October 31, 2024. (Solo)

"Float On." *Hō'ikeākea Gallery,* Leeward Community College, Honolulu, HI. January 13 – March 23, 2024. (Curated Group Show).

2023 "I ka 'Ōlelo ke Ola: There is Life in Language." *Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA)*, Honolulu Hale, Honolulu, HI. February 24, March 17, 2023. (Curated Group Show)

2022 "Contemporary Photography in Hawai'i 2022." *Pacific New Media*, Honolulu, HI. (Juried)

"#8x8_ShangriLa_22." *Shangri La Museum of Islamic Art, Culture, & Design*, Honolulu, HI. January 6 - March 26, 2022. (Curated Group Show).

2018 "Tourists: Looking at/Looking As by the Analog Sunshine Recorders" Aupuni Space, Honolulu, HI. (Group)

2016 "POV: Part 2." Kaimuki Public Library, Honolulu, HI. (Group)

"POV: Part 1." Kaimuki Public Library, Honolulu, HI. (Group)

"The Lab: Experiments in Photography" *Maoli Arts Month,* The ARTS at Marks Garage, Honolulu, HI. (Curated Group Show)

"To Mt. Trail." *Analog Sunshine Recorders*, The Pig & the Lady, Honolulu, HI. (Group)

"Chinatown: Photographs by the Analog Sunshine Recorders." Manifest, Honolulu, HI. (Group)

"CONTACT." *Nā Mea Hawai'i* and *Maoli Arts Alliance (MA'A),* Honolulu Museum of Art School, Honolulu, HI. (Juried).

"88th Annual Exhibition." *Honolulu Printmakers*, Honolulu Museum of Art School, Honolulu, HI. (Juried)

"Make/Make." *Kit & Ace, Ala Moana*, Honolulu, HI. (Solo)

2015 "Locally Applied Solutions." *Hawai'i Pacific University Art Gallery*, Kaneohe, HI. (Group)

"Positions." *Mission Social Hall & Cafe,* Honolulu, HI. (Curated Group)

"Contempo #ArtShop." *Honolulu Museum of Art - Spalding House*, Honolulu, HI. (Group)

2014 "In, Of, or About Fiber." *Hawai'i Craftsmen,* Honolulu Museum of Art School Gallery, Honolulu, HI. (Juried)

"CONTACT." *Honolulu Museum of Art School*, Honolulu, HI. (Juried)

"Seen It Made It." *Honolulu Museum of Art - Spalding House,* Honolulu, HI. (Group)

2013 "Top 40." *Honolulu Museum of Art - Spalding House,* Honolulu, HI. (Group)

"35th Annual 'Commitment to Excellence' Art Exhibition." *Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce*, Honolulu Museum of Art School, Honolulu, HI. (Juried)

"Contemporary Photography in Hawaii 2013: the Fifth Annual Statewide Survey Exhibition." *Pacific New Media*, Frame Arts Hawaii, Honolulu, HI. (Juried)

"Light." *Pauahi Tower,* Honolulu, HI. (Group)

"Salon de Refuse." Ektopia, Honolulu, HI. (Group)

"Favorite Photographs of 2012 Exhibition: Part 5." *Lenscratch*, 1/1/2013. (Web-based) (http://www.lenscratch.com/2013/01/favorite-photographs-of-2012-exhibition_9147.html)

2012 "In, Of, or About Fiber." *Hawai'i Craftsmen,* Honolulu Museum of Art School Gallery, Honolulu, HI. (Juried)

"Alternative Processes." *The Center for Fine Art Photography*, Fort Collins, CO. (Juried)

"84th Annual Exhibition." *Honolulu Printmakers*, Honolulu Museum of Art School, Honolulu, HI. (Juried)

2011 "Transform: BFA Exhibition 2011." *Art Gallery*, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI. (Group)

Artist Residencies

2013 Orvis Artist-In-Residence, The Honolulu Museum of Art, April 13 - May 19, 2013.

Articles/Interviews

2026 Ono, Taylor Ann, "Sculptures Made by UV Light, Water." Midweek Voice: East Oahu Community News, week of June 17, 2026, Honolulu, HI.

2025 Schack, Natalie, "Listening to Place." Violet Magazine, Honolulu, HI.

"Twenty Kānaka Artists on Twenty-Five Years of Hawaiian Art." Flux Magazine, 4/21/2025, Honolulu, HI.

2016 Kanai, Maria, "Doors of Perception." The Honolulu Star Advertiser, 5/8/2016, Honolulu, HI.

2014 "Educating Educators: Ualani Davis and Andrea Charuk." Honolulu Museum of Art Blog, November 2014, Honolulu, HI.

2013 "The Blanket Appeal of Giant Cyanotypes." The Offsetter, May 2013, Honolulu, HI.

2012 "Arts & Power: Past Present." *Modern Luxury Hawai'i*, Holiday 2012/Spring 2013, Honolulu, HI.

TV/Radio Interview

2025 "Wahi Pana: Storied Places heads to Hanauma Bay for one night only." Van Osdol, William "Billy V". Hawaii News Now: Sunrise, 5/20/2025.

2023 "New art exhibit at Honolulu Hale celebrates Hawaiian Language Month." Marklay, Chloe. KITV4 News, 2/26/2023.

2021 "Student art on display at this year's 101st Annual Kamehameha Schools Song Contest." Richardson, Mahealani. Hawaii News Now, 5/6/2021.

2016 "MAMO Celebrates Cross-Fertilization." Tanigawa, Noe. Hawaii Public Radio, 5/17/2016.

2013 "Holiday Change Up: Shop Local Prints...and More!" Tanigawa, Noe. Hawaii Public Radio, 11/22/13.

"Art a la Carte." KITV4 Morning News, 10/29/2013, 6:20 am.

Public Presentations

2026 "Kohelepelepe: Walking Photography Tour." *Wahi Pana Project*, Koko Crater Botanical Garden, Jan 17, 2026.

2025 "Wahi Pana: Phase 2 Artist Talks." *Wahi Pana Project*, Kapi'olani Park, June 23, 2025.

2023 "Nature, Art, & Native Knowledge." *Shangri La Museum of Islamic Art, Culture, & Design*, June 24, 2023.

2017 "Mo'o: Connections & Successions." *Midkiff Learning Center,* October 20, 2017.

2015 "Honolulu Biennial Foundation Artist Portfolio Sharing Night." *Study Hall at the Modern Honolulu*, July 2, 2015.

Professional References

Cheryl Yamamoto — Vice Principal, Kamehameha Schools, Kapālama High School
Email: cryamamo@ksbe.edu

Donnie Cervantes — Co-Director and Curator at Aupuni Space
Email: dfc@aupuni.space

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,

UALANI M. DAVIS

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

Precinct,01 Representative District,21 State of Hawaii

Voter ID No: 1162168 Registration Date: 09/15/2008

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 September 24, 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.