

2022-2024 KAUA'I COUNTY COUNCIL-ELECT MEETING

NOVEMBER 23, 2022

The 2022-2024 Kaua'i County Council-Elect Meeting of the Council of the County of Kaua'i was called to order by Jade K. Fountain-Tanigawa, County Clerk, on Wednesday, November 23, 2022. At 9:07 a.m., at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Historic County Building, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, and the presence of the following was noted:

Councilmember-Elect Addison Bulosan  
Councilmember-Elect Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.  
Councilmember-Elect Felicia Cowden  
Councilmember-Elect Bill DeCosta  
Councilmember-Elect Luke A. Evslin (*via remote technology*)  
Councilmember-Elect KipuKai Kualī  
Councilmember-Elect Mel Rapozo

PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

All public testimony for this Meeting will be taken at the beginning of the Meeting. Each speaker shall have a total of three (3) minutes to speak on the items for discussion listed below.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended to take public testimony.

FRANCIS DEGRACIA: Good morning. Francis DeGracia, for the record. Just a couple of things. First, I would like to say congratulations and second is, thank you for your service. That is all I have. *Mahalo*.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: Thank you, Francis.

BRUCE HART: Good morning. This pleases me.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: State your name.

Mr. Hart: Bruce Hart, for the record. This pleases me. We have a full Council, with Councilmember-Elect Evslin there on Zoom. This is a new beginning. Let us put what we have been through behind us and let us look forward. I think these next two (2) years can be very productive. Let us get back to work, back to normalcy, put it all in the rearview mirror, and get back on track. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. I would like to say a short prayer. Heavenly Father, thank you so much for your gracious mercies and loving kindness. Thank you, Father that no matter where we go or what we do, if we call upon the name of the Lord, we know that we shall be saved. Lord, help us govern this community, because that is what it is. It is a place of people, where people live, where

people live out their lives, where families live out their lives, and where a community can work together for the better good. In Jesus Christ's name, amen.

JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA, County Clerk: Is there anyone on Zoom wishing to testify? Thank you. The next item are items for discussion.

There being no further testimony, the meeting was called back to order, and proceeded as follows:

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

Members elected to the Kaua'i County Council for the term commencing December 1, 2022, will conduct a meeting to discuss their Organizational Structure for the upcoming 2022-2024 Council term. Items to be discussed are:

- Appointment of the Presiding Officer *Pro Tem* for the Organizational Meeting.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Rapozo as the Presiding Officer *Pro Tem* for the Organizational Meeting, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Carvalho, and unanimously carried.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Councilmember-Elect Rapozo is Presiding Officer *Pro Tem*.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Thank you. I appreciate that and congratulations. I am excited for this team. For the public, thank you for testifying. Taking off from what Mr. Hart said, yes, it is a new beginning. It always is, every two (2) years is a new beginning. Let us get started. The first item is the discussion and selection of the Council Chair and Council Vice Chair. I will entertain a motion to nominate the Council Chair.

- Discussion of the selection of the Council Chair and the Council Vice Chair for the 2022-2024 Council term.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Rapozo as the Council Chair for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? I appreciate the vote of confidence and support, I have been doing this a long time, so I am excited. I am looking forward to a lot of good things. Councilmember-Elect Cowden.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Having attended Council meetings for many years, I just really welcome you and appreciate that you are very open to hearing all

sides of discussions and points of view. I appreciate that you take seriously checks and balances, and I think that is an important part of our role. With no negative to anything that has been in the four (4) years, I just really look forward to what I am, I guess, expecting as more robust and complete conversations on the different topics that we will have in front of us in the policy development. Having experienced what you do as a member of the public, even when we have been stridently on different sides of issues, I have found that you have been so open to hearing opposing points of view and in fact, in extreme cases, you were still the one that was able to bring the most lasting solutions to some of these points of conflict that supported the people who were in a different viewpoint. I look forward to your leadership.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Thank you, Councilmember-Elect Cowden, I appreciate that. You folks are going to make me blush.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: I have been involved with politics, I would like to think almost longer than most of you, because I ran back in 2004 and I did not get elected. I remember watching you on the Council for close to two (2) different terms and seeing you as Council Chair. I cannot begin to speak on the experience you bring to the table. You are dealing with our most pressing issues that separated Kaua'i at one time and you were the steadfast force that held the helm and held us together. I am excited to sit with our new Council, to sit with our potential new Chair, and let us make Kaua'i a great place again.

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho: You bring a lot of *mana'o* to the table and your background and knowledge, and working together in the past, bringing it to the future. I know we are going to be able to work on some critical issues back and forth, but you bring that Council leadership to the table, so I look forward to doing some great work with all of us together. *Mahalo*.

Councilmember-Elect Bulosan: As the new member, I am excited for the past leadership that you had and I am grateful that you are stepping into wanting to serve in this position. I would love to hear what are the values that drive you to serve as wanting to serve as the Council Chair, and what is the vision for these next two (2) years for the Council as the Chair?

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Thank you. First of all, I want to let the public know that Councilmember-Elect Evslin is on Zoom, because he is not feeling well. It is not because he does not want to be here and when he speaks, you will see. Prayers for a quick recovery, out to Councilmember-Elect Evslin. When I spoke to each of you individually, my commitment as the Chair is to provide a safe platform where everyone has equal access; for me, that is paramount. That is number one. What the Chair does is run the meeting, that is what the Chair does, they run the agenda. Aside from that, every one of the seven (7) Councilmembers have equal authority, equal influence on whatever happens here. I just want to make sure that happens,

that is number one. Number two is what Councilmember-Elect Cowden talked about, the checks and balances. It is our function as a County Council—we are legislative. Former Mayor Carvalho and I have had some major battles, but as you can see we love each other like brothers right now. I have shared many personal moments, as he has with me over the years. There is nothing wrong with having debate on this floor, and while that is not the focus and that is not the goal and objective, getting the Administration here every week and pounding them, the fact of the matter is the public has the right to know what this County is doing. My job as the Chair is to make sure we provide that platform here, so the public understands what this County is doing. There is no other venue, there is no other opportunity—*The Garden Island* may cover one or two stories, but there is a lot more that goes on here that the public has no idea about. Hopefully, my goal is to reengage the community, get them back interested. There was a time when this was the number one top television show on Kaua'i, and now it is not. That is my goal and objective, is to reengage this community so they can participate. The only way that will happen is if we provide them an opportunity to participate. That is really my focus. Providing this venue here for each one of us to have equal access and equal opportunity is really what is going to drive the success of this Council. That is my commitment to all of you. Do you know what is exciting? Only Councilmember-Elect Kualii has ever worked with me on a Council. Of course, Councilmember-Elect Carvalho was the mayor, but he was on that side. None of you have ever worked with me. I can assure you that it is going to be a different feeling and I hope it is to your satisfaction. Thank you.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: His question brought up a few things for me. Do other people want to say something? I have a couple of points.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Councilmember-Elect Evslin, did you have something to share?

Councilmember-Elect Evslin: Council Chair-Elect Rapozo, I have never had an opportunity to serve with you, I have heard that you are a fair Chair, that you run meetings well and efficiently, you give everyone the opportunity to say their piece, and you encourage dialogue. I appreciate that and I am looking forward to moving into the next two (2) years accomplishing a lot, arguing a lot, and being productive. I do not envy you in your position, we are a passionate and sometimes unruly bunch here, but I think you will do your best to keep us in line moving forward. Thank you.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii: I just wanted to say *mahalo nui loa* for your willingness to serve the Council in this way again. As you mentioned, I have worked with you before, so I know what you bring to this position. I really appreciate your experience, your wealth of knowledge, and the way that you have done the things that you just articulated what you want to see for the Council, as far as equal access and equal opportunity. Thank you.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: I went through all these rules and a little bit later, I have some rule changes I would like to do, but when I went through the document, it was a nice reminder of what I had watched in the past, which is these sub-committees, joint committees, workshops—to me, it is so important to bring the public into our discussions. Four (4) years ago when I started, we had the same challenges, which is the housing crisis, which has been there for probably decades. We have huge changes that are going on in the world and certainly in the nation, and certainly what has happened to just the make-up of our population and how we need to include them. I really want to bring the public back in. Committee reports has been four (4) years since we have truly done “reports” from each of our different committees. COVID-19 added a layer of lack of knowledge. When we do not know that the Department of Parks & Recreation or Department of Public Works maybe has some plan, which might be a great plan with the community, but we are shocked because we do not know about it. I would say as a councilmember when the Administration is not present in the room, or no committee “reports” when we meet every other week, which in my view is simply not enough, then there is tension points, because we have not had enough conversation. I would like to respectfully ask that at a minimum, when a department knows they are next on the agenda, that they come over, so we are able to look at that department head and we are able to have that physical element, if they are on-island. If they are not and they want to come in from distance, okay, good. But I really want to actually be looking at the Administration. There is so much that happens that is not on the square screen that is agenda-driven. I want the doors open to the building to the public. COVID-19 is behind us. I want to feel like we can really use the room. I hope that we are able to still keep some of these virtual elements, so we do not need to spend money to bring someone over from O’ahu if we need to talk to them. I want the best of both worlds; virtual, but I want to have the face-to-face, which is in my view...one hundred percent (100%) as opposed to sixty percent (60%). We have been able to manage a lot with what we have done, virtually, but I really want to get back to where we are really seeing each other. Those are important pieces to me. The workshop elements—it has been difficult not being able to have a comprehensive conversation that may happen once quarter or at least on the front end. I would like to see at least four (4) of us having related agenda items that are supposed to be coming up, I would like them to come up on the same agenda, so that we are not shocked that we basically got our idea undermined by not being at the front of the line. I would like it to be where there is better communication. There are a lot of ways that I have felt really constrained. For the public, there are laws in place, they are called Sunshine Laws where we cannot talk to each other, we cannot talk across the street, so instead of being a check and balance, I felt a little bit like I was elected into “check,” and there is a lot less you can do. I want to work on ways to open that up, how we can strengthen our staffing. There is a lot that I would really like to do to be more effective, because I feel like we got a lot done, but I am not sure we got a lot done right. Those are two (2) very different situations and I think that is because we have not had the level of inclusion and robust discussions that would have made stronger policy.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: When we get to the rules part, we will talk about some of those things. Let me just assure you folks that decisions will be Council-driven and not Chair-driven. It is going to be this Council that is going to determine the direction we move. I will strongly and loudly advocate for what I believe in, but at the end of the day, it is going to be the Council that makes decisions. As you all know, it takes four (4) votes of this Council. Just to touch on some things, I met with the Mayor yesterday—we had a great discussion. I told him that we do not want surprises. It was the same thing I told Mayor Carvalho when he was mayor. The Council does not want to be surprised and neither should the Administration be surprised. Likewise, if we are working on projects, we should be working with the Administration and getting these projects done. Sub-committees—I believe that the committee chairs control their committee. If a committee chair feels they want to do a workshop, that is their prerogative. I am a strong advocate for sub-committee, special meetings with the community stakeholders. As far as having the Administration here, that is one of the discussions we will have when we do the rules. I strongly support having the Administration here. I want to keep the virtual opportunities for the public, and in cases where you mentioned where there is an off-island expert that we need, rather than flying them here. But as far as the discussions that impact the way we vote on certain issues, absolutely, I believe the Administration should be here in-person. We will have that discussion when we get to the rules. I appreciate all the kind comments, I am excited. If there is no more discussion, the motion is for me to be the Council Chair. Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Rapozo as the Council Chair for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Kualii as the Council Vice Chair for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion?

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: I would like to ask Councilmember-Elect Kualii if you have something you would like to share? I have enjoyed working with you. What would be your priorities and then I suppose I want to ask about some flexibility, because that is one of the challenges that I have seen. When we have these two-year terms, most people have to have a second job. Most of the time the Council Vice Chair does not require too much on that, but what is your vision and how do you

see your flexibility of needing to travel from time to time? You have been traveling, just for the public, I want to hear your commitment to the position of Council Vice Chair.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii: First and foremost, my role as the Council Vice Chair is to support the Council Chair and this Council in every way that I can. Everything Council Chair-Elect Rapozo has articulated about equal access/equal opportunity, checks and balances, those are all the same values and vision that I hold. Under checks and balances, I keep reminding people that the budget, the Council obviously make policy legislation, but the budget each year is a really big part of our job and that is our chance to influence what is happening day in and day out with the Administration. Always putting the budget at the forefront. Besides all of that, this last Council has worked together very well and we have actually enjoyed our time together and we have been close even outside of meetings, in a personal way, and I want to see that continue in a way. As far as my flexibility, yes, I will have a part-time job outside of this position, but I have always made this role as a Councilmember my number one priority, and that will remain the same. I had the honor of serving as one of three National Association of Counties (NACo) board members from the State of Hawai'i. I have been able to travel to national board meetings and I will continue to do that, and bring back whatever resources I can, and further develop those relationships and bring some of you along, as members have come, to get the resources firsthand. Thank you.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there anyone else? Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: Council Vice Chair nominee KipuKai Kualii has a nice ring. I have been honored to serve with you, I have been on NACo trips with you. I have fellowshiped a deep friendship with you. You are a genuinely nice person with a good heart. I believe your leadership role and the amount of experience you have will complement the Chair. I am excited to have the nice demeanor that you bring to the table, among sometimes our passionate discussions. Thank you.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there anyone else?

Councilmember-Elect Bulosan: I am just excited, because I have worked with you outside of this world and to see your community engagement as an asset to our community and in this room, I believe it brings great value. I am excited for the "one, two punch" that we have for Chair and Vice Chair.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there anyone else?

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho: Councilmember-Elect Kualii, you bring a lot of experience to the table and your connections to NACo has brought a lot of

information too, keeping us abreast of what is happening. Responsibility and connecting, working with the Chair is very important, obviously, so you have that ability to connect, so I look forward to some awesome discussion and getting things done.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: On the NACo trips, this is what has impressed me the most about you, even though now you have a role and even our newly elected Chair has a role, there were times at NACo that I took the role as a leader with the comradery of all of our constituents across the United States of America, and I appreciate that you allowed me to do that on that trip and I would like to ask you to allow me to continue, if you see it fit in certain aspects of the NACo trip, let me take the help and follow me. Thank you.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: I have a follow-up just for the public. NACo—I am someone who does not like acronyms—National Association of Counties organization. It is a very powerful group. Hawai'i and Kaua'i have been actually really strong in our fifty states in one of three thousand six hundred and some odd counties, and it is a powerful place where we learn from one another, so that is just what it is, because everyone is bringing up NACo. It is a good place for our Council to grow and be strong, we have layers in that, including the Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC). Thank you.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Councilmember-Elect Kualii, is there anything else that you want to share?

Councilmember-Elect Kualii: No.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I will just say that I worked with Councilmember-Elect Kualii a really long time. Councilmember-Elect Kualii has been on and off the Council many times over the years and I will say that his...I do not want to say obsession, but his...

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Passion?

Councilmember-Elect Kualii: Attention to detail.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Attention to detail during the budgets that I have served with him on is amazing. A lot of talk about NACo, HSAC, a lot of advantages to being a part of that organization, a lot of ideas from other parts, I think the new Councilmembers that made the journey to D.C. and to other conferences, some people believe conferences are junkets and a waste of money, I disagree. I think those are the best places, the host community benefit that we now enjoy on the westside when Mayor Baptiste was the mayor, that was a product of a conference, a NACo conference. We need to take advantage of that. With Councilmember-Elect

Kuali'i there, and this body actively participating with NACo and HSAC, I think good things can happen. I think the Mayor and the Administration should participate as well, a lot of great things.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Yes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I am happy for you, Councilmember-Elect Kuali'i, and looking forward to working with you.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Kuali'i as the Council Vice Chair for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kuali'i, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

- Discussion of the Standing Committees of the Council, the Committee Chairs, the Committee Vice Chairs, and the Committee Members for the 2022-2024 Council term.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Thank you. Congratulations, Councilmember-Elect Kuali'i. The next item, the Standing Committees and the Chairs and Members of the different Committees. For the public, when I contacted everyone after the election, that is when we start the discussions of leadership and this organizational meeting...nothing is final until Inauguration. None of us are sworn in yet, so this is a somewhat formally, informal meeting that we get to share with the public. I want to thank Mr. Evslin for assuring that this meeting would be in the public and that is why we are here today. It was very easy, everyone wanted to keep their committees. I do not think I have ever seen that before. Sometimes Councilmembers want to bounce around and it is a nightmare of horse-trading and lobbying for members to get committees that they want. When I started to call members to let them know that I was interested in the position of the Council Chair, it was exciting that they all said, "Yes, I want to stay where I am at in the committee," so that made it easy. We circulated a spreadsheet, and obviously we had some vacancies because Mr. Chock and Mr. Kaneshiro are no longer here, so we had two (2) committees that were open. With that, everyone has the chart. Can we just go down alphabetically? The Committee of the Whole will remain the same. It is a seven-member committee, but we need a nomination for the Chair and the Vice Chair of the Committee of the Whole. Traditionally, it has been the Chair and the Vice Chair of

the County Council. With that, I will open the nomination for Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Rapozo as the Chair of the Committee of the Whole for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Rapozo as the Chair of the Committee of the Whole for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I will entertain a nomination for Vice Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Kualii as the Vice Chair of the Committee of the Whole for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Kualii as the Vice Chair of the Committee of the Whole for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: One of the things that I wanted to do and discuss is putting the budget back into the Finance Committee, which is where it

belongs. That is what the Finance & Economic Development Committee is. The budget is the biggest thing that we do, and it is the most important thing that we do in this County. For as long as I can remember it was put in the Committee of the Whole so that the Chair or a designee could run the budget. I believe it should be in the Finance Committee and that would mean that all seven (7) members would be inserted into the committee, so we do not have to vote on members, but we do have to vote on a Chair. Taking off from the spreadsheet we have...can I do Chair and Vice Chair in the same motion? With that, I will entertain a motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Evslin as the Chair of the Finance & Economic Development Committee.

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Evslin as the Chair of the Finance & Economic Development for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Kualii.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Evslin as the Chair of the Finance & Economic Development Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I would entertain a motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Kualii for the Vice Chair of the Finance & Economic Development Committee.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Kualii as the Vice Chair of the Finance & Economic Development Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Cowden.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Kualii as the Vice Chair of the Finance & Economic Development Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I would like to add that I spoke to Councilmember-Elect Evslin and one of the things that I wanted to see was a more robust discussion in budget, that we utilize the time necessary for this body to explore the budget, and he obviously agreed. I am very happy to support him. With that, the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Before we do the nominations, right now, we have Councilmember-Elect Kualii as the Chair, Vice Chair is Councilmember-Elect Bulosan, and Members: Carvalho, Cowden, and DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Kualii as the Chair of the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Kualii as the Chair of the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Parks & Recreation / Transportation Committee, we have listed Councilmember-Elect Bulosan as Chair, Councilmember-Elect DeCosta as Vice Chair, and Members: Cowden, Evslin, and Kualii. Can I get a motion for the nomination of Chair?

Councilmember-Elect Kualii moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Bulosan as the Chair of the Parks & Recreation / Transportation Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Cowden.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion?  
 Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: I want to assure our new Councilmember-Elect Dr. Addison Bulosan that I will support you. You are new as a Councilmember, this is a big department, and I want to assure you that Department Head Pat Porter and his team are excellent. I will take personal pride in introducing you and walking you through a few of the meetings. I have actually been dealing with the Department of Parks & Recreation since our former Mayor Carvalho and even as far back with Bryan Baptiste on projects that I was doing in the community before I even became a Councilmember. I have your back.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any further discussion?

Councilmember-Elect Bulosan: I thought it was funny that he said he has my back and I am a chiropractor.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: With that, the motion is to approve. Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Bulosan as the Chair of the Parks & Recreation / Transportation Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta,	
	Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Moving on to the nomination for Mr. DeCosta as Vice Chair of the Parks & Recreation / Transportation Committee.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect DeCosta as the Vice Chair of the Parks & Recreation / Transportation Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect DeCosta as the Vice Chair of the Parks & Recreation / Transportation Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Point of order.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Yes.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Did we forget to put Councilmember-Elect Bulosan as Vice Chair for the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee?

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Yes, we did.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Can we do that?

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Absolutely. Sorry about that. We did not do the Members either, right? Bear with us, public, it has been four (4) years. The Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee's Vice Chair, we have Councilmember-Elect Bulosan. Can I get a nomination?

Councilmember-Elect Kualii moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Bulsona as the Vice Chair of the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Cowden.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Councilmember-Elect Evslin.

Councilmember-Elect Evslin: I support Councilmember-Elect Addison for Vice Chair, but I have a quick question. Are we going to vote on the membership of the Committees?

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Yes, my bad. Thank you. Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Bulosan as the Vice Chair of the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: With that, we are going to stay on the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee Members: Councilmember-Elect Carvalho, Councilmember-Elect Cowden, and Councilmember-Elect DeCosta. Let us start with Councilmember-Elect Carvalho’s nomination.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Carvalho as Committee Member of the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none. Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Carvalho as Committee Member of the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Staying with the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, member nomination for Councilmember-Elect Cowden.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Cowden as Committee Member of the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations

Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none. Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Cowden as Committee Member of the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Staying the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Councilmember-Elect DeCosta's nomination, please.

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect DeCosta as Committee Member of the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Kualii.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion?  
Councilmember-Elect Evslin.

Councilmember-Elect Evslin: I have a question for Councilmember-Elect DeCosta. I made this request in the last two (2) organizational meetings; I have been trying to get into the Housing Committee. Looking through the Committee structures, the only way to do it without a whole lot of reshuffling would be if Councilmember-Elect DeCosta wanted to switch with me and serve on the Public Safety & Human Services Committee and I could serve on the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. That would be up to Councilmember-Elect DeCosta, if he wanted to make that switch, I understand if he does not want to make that switch, but I wanted to put it out there on the floor.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: I do not want to make the switch.

Councilmember-Elect Evslin: Okay. Thank you.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Thank you. With that, the motion is to nominate Councilmember-Elect DeCosta as a Member. Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect DeCosta as Committee Member of the Housing & Intergovernmental Relations Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: We are back to the Parks & Recreation / Transportation Committee. We already voted Councilmember-Elect Bulosan and Councilmember-Elect DeCosta as on Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. I am now looking for a nomination for Councilmember-Elect Cowden as a Committee Member.

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Cowden as Committee Member of the Parks & Recreation / Transportation Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none. Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Cowden as Committee Member of the Parks & Recreation / Transportation Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Staying with the Parks & Recreation / Transportation Committee, nomination for Councilmember-Elect Evslin, please.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Evslin as Committee Member of the Parks & Recreation / Transportation Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none. Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Evslin as Committee Member of the Parks & Recreation / Transportation Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Staying with the Parks & Recreation / Transportation Committee, nomination for Councilmember-Elect Kualii, please.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Kualii as Committee Member of the Parks & Recreation / Transportation Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none. Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Kualii as Committee Member of the Parks & Recreation / Transportation Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Moving on to the Planning Committee. Looking for a nomination for Committee Chair, Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Carvalho as the Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none. Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Carvalho as the Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I am looking for a nomination for Councilmember-Elect Evslin as Vice Chair of the Planning Committee.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Evslin as the Vice Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none. Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Evslin as the Vice Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Staying with the Planning Committee Members, the first nomination I am looking for Councilmember-Elect Bulosan.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Bulosan as Committee Member of the Planning Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none. Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Bulosan as Committee Member of the Planning Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Planning Committee Member, nomination for Councilmember-Elect DeCosta, please.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect DeCosta as Committee Member of the Planning Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none. Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect DeCosta as Committee Member of the Planning Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Planning Committee Member, nomination for Councilmember-Elect Kualii, please?

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Kualii as Committee Member of the Planning Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Cowden.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none. Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Kualii as Committee Member of the Planning Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Moving on to the Public Safety & Human Services Committee. I am looking for a nomination for Committee Chair, Councilmember-Elect Cowden.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Cowden as the Chair of the Public Safety & Human Services Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion?

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: I have a discussion point. I think this is a very important Committee. I think it is underrated, actually, because we have commissions that govern it. We all know that there are issues in different departments and I think you are the person to handle this. We need to solve some of those issues and I am excited that you are going to take a more active role in having those problems solved. Thank you and let the rest of us know if you need our support.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Thank you. Can I make a comment? I have taken this role really seriously. Four (4) years ago, I resisted it at first, but I took the thirteen-week police training, and I pretty much go to almost all of the commission meetings actively and work with the training, Citizens Police Academy, with the Fire Department, and I did the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, et cetera. I take those very seriously. When I look at our marginalized population, which this group has to really focus on, I have very direct interface with the communities that are suffering, certainly not all of them, but to an exhaustive degree. I am pleased to be continuing in this position.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Thank you. Is there any other discussion? Hearing none, roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Cowden as the Chair of the Public Safety & Human Services Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Thank you. Public Safety & Human Services committee, Vice Chair, I am looking for a nomination for Councilmember-Elect Carvalho, please.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Carvalho as the Vice Chair of the Public Safety & Human Services Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Carvalho as the Vice Chair of the Public Safety & Human Services Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Now for the Committee Members, I am looking for a nomination for Councilmember-Elect Bulosan.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Bulosan as Committee Member of the Public Safety & Human Resources

Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none. Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Bulosan as Committee Member of the Public Safety & Human Services Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Public Safety & Human Services Committee Member, I am looking for a nomination for Councilmember-Elect Evslin, please.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Evslin as Committee Member of the Public Safety & Human Resources Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none. Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Evslin as Committee Member of the Public Safety & Human Services Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: For the final Public Safety & Human Services Member, I am looking for a nomination for Councilmember-Elect Kualii, please.

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Kualii as Committee Member of the Public Safety & Human Resources Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none. Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Kualii as Committee Member of the Public Safety & Human Services Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: The last Committee is the Public Works / Veterans Services Committee. I am looking for a nomination for the Chair.

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect DeCosta as the Chair of the Public Safety & Human Services Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Cowden.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect DeCosta as the Chair of the Public Works / Veterans Services Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I am looking for a nomination for Public Works / Veterans Services Committee Vice Chair for Councilmember-Elect Cowden.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Cowden as the Vice Chair of the Public Safety & Human Services Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Cowden as the Vice Chair of the Public Works / Veterans Services Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: On to the Members, I am looking for a nomination for Councilmember-Elect Bulosan for the Public Works / Veterans Services Committee.

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Bulosan as Committee Member of the Public Safety & Human Resources Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Kualii.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none. Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Bulosan as Committee Member of the Public Works / Veterans Services Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Public Works / Veterans Services Committee member, nomination for Councilmember-Elect Carvalho, please.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Carvalho as Committee Member of the Public Works / Veterans Services Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Cowden.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Carvalho as Committee Member of the Public Works / Veterans Services Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Public Works / Veterans Services Committee Member, nomination for Councilmember-Elect Evslin, please.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Evslin as Committee Member of the Public Works / Veterans Services Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Evslin as Committee Member of the Public Works / Veterans Services Committee for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Thank you. Congratulations, everyone. Thank you for that wonderful process. I am going to take the Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) Representative out of order, just so we can get all the positions out of the way before we get to the rules. With that, we need to select an HSAC Representative as well as an HSAC Alternate.

There being no objections, the Discussion of the County's HSAC Representative and Alternate Representative was taken out of order.

- Discussion of the County's HSAC Representative and Alternate Representative.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I will open the floor for nominations for HSAC Representative.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect Carvalho for HSAC Representative, seconded by Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Go ahead, Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: Councilmember-Elect Kualii, could you explain HSAC to the public and how important this organization is?

Councilmember-Elect Kualii: HSAC is the Hawai'i State Association of Counties. It is our local state organization where all the counties come together to network, share, and learn. There is a conference every year. Our entity, HSAC, is a part of a larger organization, the National Association of Counties (NACo).

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: Very important role.

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho: Working closely with former Vice Chair Chock and all of us with HSAC, and my experience as the former Mayor with the Hawai'i Conference of Mayors (HCOM), for which I was also the Chair, statewide, so that ties the entire overall picture. This is a very important opportunity to work hard here at our table, but also to reach out and connect the resources statewide and keep everyone at the table, because there are so many opportunities that come our way. We attended the HSAC conference on Hawai'i Island, the next conference will be here on Kaua'i, next year. I look forward to bringing everyone to Kaua'i and showing them what we are doing and how we can connect with them. Councilmember-Elect Rapozo knows that role as well. I look forward to serving, and as Chair and believe me that we are going to be able to connect our information, resources, questions, and even

taking it to Washington D.C., we can do that as well, too. That has been my experience I look forward to serving in this capacity and I believe we have the resources to do that, keeping Kaua'i at the forefront as far as connecting with everyone.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there anyone else? One of the benefits of Councilmember-Elect Carvalho's leadership in HSAC is his participation as a mayor in the Hawai'i Conference of Mayors. In my discussion with Mayor Kawakami yesterday, I shared with him the importance of HSAC, which is made up of all the Councils, and HCOM, which is made up of all the Mayors, to work together to be a tough, huge lobbying group at the legislature for things that impact the State. We did it once, Councilmember-Elect Bernard, when we went for the Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT). It was the first time in history of HSAC and HCOM that they joined forces, and we need to do that again on some of these issues that are so important to our County. I am looking forward to that. I cannot think of a more perfect candidate for that HSAC position, because you come from that mayoral background. Thank you. Is there any other discussion? Hearing none, roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect Carvalho for HSAC Representative for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: On the Committees, the five (5) members that we have appointed or selected will be the voting members, the remaining two (2) members will appear on the committee as ex-officio members, non-voting members, but fully able to participate in the discussion. HSAC Alternate. I am looking for nominations for HSAC Alternate. This is in the event that the HSAC Representative is not available. Keep in mind that all Councilmembers have the opportunity to participate in all HSAC functions. Are there any nominations for the HSAC Alternate?

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho moved to nominate Councilmember-Elect DeCosta for HSAC Alternate, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Kualii.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion?  
Councilmember-Elect Cowden.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Yes, my name is also here and I would like to say why I would like to have that position.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Please.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: I have participated in Council and state government for at least two (2) decades, actually longer, but state government maybe a good ten (10) years. I think one of the things that make me most appropriate for this position is that I do not have another job, my kids are grown, and I do not have a business. This is a full-time focus. My temperament is one that I put everything into whatever I am doing. One other commitment that I have is as a radio talk show host on Kaua'i Community Radio (KKCR). Routinely, I have these state issues, county issues, and I can interview people rather robustly on the radio to have these dialogues where it is reaching out to the public. I am someone who, because of that position, I have become a lint filter for people to call when they have concerns about government issues. I work on that all the time. Now when we have the virtual possibility of attendance, it makes it easier for dealing with the state government and the other places, but even virtually, you need to have your full-time availability in those key areas of the day. I have, throughout my four (4) years here, been regularly writing on state legislative elements, I have the ability to attend at a moment's notice, and I am very robust at the capitol.hawaii.gov platform for community involvement. I am out there actively encouraging community involvement. I have really committed a lot to this Council and I believe it is appropriate for me to hold that role, because a lot of times unless you are looking the day before, you do not know until 4:00 p.m. what is on the agenda the next day. You cannot adjust your schedule unless you have that type of flexibility. You cannot get a substitute and you cannot do these things. Really where you learn is not so much in the meetings that HSAC has together, it is watching what happens on the floor and when I go to O'ahu, I will sit there and work the building, right? This is something I have done actively. In fact, before I got elected I was spending almost ten percent (10%) of my income, no kidding, going to O'ahu to interact. When you do it last minute, it is a four-hundred-dollar plane flight, or you have to get a hotel room. It has really been unfair how that neighbor islands are committed, but I can also go over to the other islands, really at a drop of a hat. I think that is something I bring to the table and I have had a longer period of time on the Council to be able to offer this. I just want it considered why I want this position.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Thank you very much.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: Thank you for that elaborate discussion. I guess I will go to bat for myself.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Yes.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: I have one less term as Councilmember Cowden, but I traveled to the HSAC Conference on Hawai'i Island with all of you who are here. I remember distinctively lightening up the room. I do not have to portray or brag my qualities, I am a natural born leader and people gravitate to me. With that, I will back it up with the scenario. We were at dinner on a long table of all of the county councilmembers across the state; Hilo, Maui, Kaua'i, Moloka'i representatives, and my fellow Councilmember Felicia Cowden was sitting by herself, not on the table with us. I stood up, walked over, and I invited her to sit with us, because that is what we are. We are a governing body and we bring comradery to the table. I looked out for my fellow Councilmember, and I brought her to the table. That is the type of person I am. I traveled to NACo, Washington D.C. with both Councilmember Carvalho and Councilmember Kualii. I did not have an opportunity to go with Councilmember Cowden, I am not sure if you were busy at the time, but I traveled with both of these Councilmembers and they have seen me in the room with many different councilmembers across the nation. It is amazing what I bring to the table with these people gravitating to me. I can remember the Japanese that were enlightened by our sushi experience that we had on our small little table, and then we taught the *hula* to the councilmembers of Alabama. I know what I bring to the table. With that being said, the last thing I want to close on is I was recognized by...he was not our governor yet, he was running for governor, but I was recognized by Governor-Elect at the time, Josh Green, when I made a statement on the floor about how this community of counties across the State of Hawai'i is not only *kānaka maoli*, it is a melting pot of all of our nationalities: Portuguese, Filipino, Japanese, Hawaiian, English, and Chinese, and we come together as a melting pot. That is who we are in Hawai'i. I got a standing ovation at HSAC. I think I am a perfect fit for this position. I would complement HSAC Chair Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Can I follow up on that?

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Sure.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: When we went to Hawai'i Island and when we were sort of done with the day, the reason why I was not at the table with everyone else is because "the men" were going to smoke cigars and I was not invited as a female to go smoke cigars. At least that is what I was told. So, that is okay, I do not have to be part of the "boys club." The reason why I was not in Washington D.C. when he attended is because I was unvaccinated. As an "unvaccinated" person, I got to experience two (2) years of really unfair separation because, it did not really matter, but I did not get to go because I was not vaccinated. If I went and there was anyone there, I would have to take ten (10) days and stay there at a high expense. Even when at that time it was clear that the vaccinated were catching and carrying the disease. I have a lot of experience...thank you, Councilmember-Elect Evslin, this is what I deal with on a regular basis. I have the experience of being treated disrespectfully and being treated to the side for this particular position. I will say

that it was very kind when Councilmember DeCosta brought up I had gone swimming rather than smoking a cigar. I was actually sitting there and he said, "Hey, you should join us," I had ordered my food to-go. I appreciated that, but just because I do not demand a lot of attention, does not mean that I am not able to get an idea across or that I cannot communicate. I have actually done very well with the other councils that actually some of them are majority female. They commiserate with me because they will watch sometimes and they see...even though we have a good way with getting along, it is not always fair. I am going to say that. I am going to say one more thing since I am on that point, my first year on this Council, Councilmember-Elect DeCosta was not on it then, but I could not even get a second for anything I put on the floor. I bring a really important perspective to the table where I am always looking for who is left out of whatever decision we are making. I have a lot of experience and I need to gain more, but with how the State government functions and that is a very big part of HSAC.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Thank you.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: There are more important things than just being the most evident person at the party.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Let me just say I have been on many organizational meetings. I have never seen the battle for HSAC Alternate. I just had to put that in. I have seen the Planning and Public Works, and Finance listen I say that in jest. I think both of you are capable of the position. Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: In closing, I would like to say the cigar thing was no disrespect to any Councilwoman across the State, no other councilwoman was invited to that cigar session. I want to explain why. We were down by the beach in complete darkness and there were about eight (8) men, and it did not fit seemingly to have a woman in that area at the time. We were acting out of being a gentleman. The next thing I wanted to say is when Councilmember-Elect Cowden went to this past NACo Conference, I contacted all of my cowboy councilmember friends from Wyoming, Nevada, and Colorado, and I believe you got a picture with them and you even called me from NACo chitchatting with Varland and I on a FaceTime. Those are the types of connections I have out there. Is that correct? Did you get to meet my cowboy friends?

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: That is correct, but that is not central to this job, and I have my own people out there.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: Okay, I am done.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Okay, perfect. Is there any further discussion? Councilmember-Elect Bulosan.

Councilmember-Elect Bulosan: As the new person, I really appreciate you sharing your perspective and how you want to serve this position. It is helping me understand what the role is and I am really grateful that we have two (2) councilmembers-elect passionate about serving in that position.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I was hoping we could get through this without having debate, but it just makes it more exciting. Is there any further discussion? Roll call.

The motion to nominate Councilmember-Elect DeCosta for HSAC Alternate for the 2022-2024 Council term was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Kualifi,	
	Rapozo	TOTAL – 4,
AGAINST MOTION:	Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin	TOTAL – 3,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Let me explain my vote. I told everyone I will support...everyone is capable of any of these positions and I would support the first nominee for any of these positions, including Chair. That is my rationale. Everyone can do the job. Everyone has great qualities. I know Councilmember-Elect Cowden is on the NACo Steering Committee for Human Services & Education, and that is a very important role as well, at the NACo level.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: 4:3.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: May I make a comment again?

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Sure.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: I am really disappointed. I know it is not that important of a position, but it tells me a direction. It tells me a direction, that I am going to be facing another two (2) years of what I will honestly say is “male discriminatory” behavior. It is clear that I have the time to do this job and I am still held aside. I have supported every one of you in what you want to do, and I have had four (4) years of being treated like a second-class Councilmember and I am tired of it.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Okay. What do I say? I was not here for four (4) years. I think you heard my commitment to equal access and I am committed

to doing that whether you are male or female, white, brown, or green, it does not matter to me.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: I was not just talking to you.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Okay.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: You were not here, the rest have been.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I will tell you this, my first term, I could not get a second and I am a male. I know the feeling, Councilmember-Elect Cowden. That is why I ran for the Chair position the first time. I wanted to provide equal access to everyone. That is the bottom line. I think you are going to appreciate equal access as we move forward as a Council. Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa can attest to that. I am not going to look in the rearview mirror, we will look forward. We are going to take this forward, and we are going to get it done.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: I wanted to show you how much I respected you and I know you wanted the position, so I gave my fellow Councilmembers the opportunity and that is why I voted against my own self.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Thank you. I acknowledge that. I appreciate that and I am just acknowledging that when it is clear that I am the one who has the time and availability to do this, my colleagues still vote against me.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: Can I finish? The only reason why your colleagues voted...it had nothing personal against you, they thought I would possibly do a more robust job, not a better job, a more robust job. We are in a democratic society where voting counts and that is what happened today.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Yes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Yes, we need to recognize that...go ahead, Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho: Councilmember-Elect Cowden, I appreciate you one hundred percent (100%). I am your Committee Vice Chair and we work together overall, and I know at the HSAC or at the HCOM level, it is about really connecting. In my mind, I am not saying you are not able to do that, it is not about you being a strong woman, you are a strong woman, you set the base for a lot of our women in our community and I appreciate you for that. It has nothing to do with being able to do it or not. For me, I nominated Councilmember-Elect DeCosta, I know I have seen him out there connecting, not that you cannot do it, but at this point, I felt that was the point for me. I appreciate all the work you have done. There are so

many things you have done in this community. We are still going to connect no matter what, as far as I am concerned. I just wanted to make sure you know that, whether you trust me or not, but that is what I am saying to you.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: With that, let us take a caption break before we go into the rules.

There being no objections, the Council recessed at 10:23 a.m.

The Council reconvened at 10:36 a.m., and proceeded as follows:

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: The next item is the Discussion of the Rules of the Council of the County of Kaua'i for the Organization of Committees and the Transaction of Business.

- Discussion of the Rules of the Council of the County of Kaua'i for the Organization of Committees and the Transaction of Business.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Every term we go through our rules and this term, we have some proposed amendments. I know we have a member of the public wishing to testify, but I would ask that Councilmember-Elect Cowden introduce the amendments, and then I would like to hear from the public. Once the public is aware of the rules and the rule changes, no sense you come up now not knowing what the rule changes are. I will recognize Councilmember-Elect Cowden. She will go through the proposed changes and then we will invite the public up to testify.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Is this basically the same as what was four (4) years ago? Page 14, Rule No. 6(f). I remember when this came out, this was in 2014. I wanted to delete the first line in Rule No. 6(f). It says "No member may speak longer than a total of five (5) minutes on the same agenda item." At that time, there had been exhaustively robust conversations where people would not let something end, like extensively, and Councilmember-Elect Rapozo, you were a part of this, where it says, "No member may speak longer than a total of five (5) minutes on the same agenda item." But when we look at how important our agenda items are, when we are looking at things like housing policy, farm policy, or anything like that, it is worth more than five (5) minutes of discussion. It is very important. I have these proposals ad seriatim. I suggest we simply take that line out. It has been the case in the past four (4) years that is not hardly ever observed, but it seems like it puts into policy a bad structure when we are talking about things so important, it should not be that we would limit our thinking to five (5) minutes, so that is one piece. Would you like me to talk about each one of them or do one at a time?

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Yes, go through all of them and I would like to hear from the public and then we will vote and have discussion.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: The next proposal is Rule No. 9. This one could probably be fixed, but on Rule No. 9(b), it says, "Manager. Each legislation shall have a manager. The introducer and/or appropriate Committee Chair shall serve as manager of the legislation and may delegate this function to another Councilmember. The manager shall be responsible for the management of the legislation including the securing of all pertinent information regarding the matter." What I added to that...this would be an additional sentence, "Pertinent information would include a table of active outreach, notification and inclusion of stakeholders both positively and negatively impacted by a bill's content, with a summary of considerations." I know that is asking a decent amount right there, but what I have found is that when we do not have the public participating, we have had years that have been very different than what you have experienced, Councilmember-Elect Rapozo, because we have had largely an empty room. Without any negative intention, when the Administration gives us an idea or if we have a Councilmember giving an idea, they might have the best of intentions and they are looking at how to push their idea right. But if there is no one looking at what might be hurt, the rest of us get six (6) days, and so when you have an agenda and there are ten (10) significant things on that agenda, it might even take you a day and one half to get to one that you might say, "Hey, I wonder if so and so has been called." What I have found very often has been the people who will be negatively impacted have not been called, they are not aware, and they have no idea that a bill exists. I just think we would do better policymaking if we worked to inform the people who might be adversely impacted or simply impacted. It seems like my role has been, for the past four (4) years, the follow-up on that and it is such a tight timeline, it is very difficult to do it. I definitely would be happy to adapt, I just...this is something I think is really important. If we start looking at who is adversely impacted, so we do not have "collateral damage" or "unintended consequences." It has been profound and so I would like for the introducer or the manager of the bill, if they are introducing for the Office of the Mayor, to have done a little bit of that outreach. That is my next one.

If we go to Rule No. 11(c)(6). It says, "Oral testimony shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person. The Chair shall have the prerogative to set the order of speakers, speaking for or against any proposition, and may notify the speaker of the expiration of speaking time thirty (30) seconds before such expiration. The Chair may allow an additional three (3) minutes to provide further testimony after all persons have had an opportunity to speak." This became really evident when we had the pesticide battle. We might have this entire room, having forty (40) people wanting to speak, and another fifty (50) waiting outside the building. If people had six (6) minutes, it was an incredibly long period of time. I really appreciated this light: green, red, and yellow. I think this was your piece, if I remember correctly. But what happens here is we might have two (2) or three (3) people wanting to testify and when they each end up getting their six (6) minutes, when we break it up, it loses the continuity of what they are saying. I added, "it can be the chair's prerogative to allow

testifiers their continuous six (6) minutes of testimony time if there are less than five (5) testifiers.” If there are two (2) people wanting to say something, why break up their testimony? From time to time, we have allowed that, but I think to codify it...and then people can also understand if there are five (5) to ten (10) people, that is quite a lot.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: It is an hour.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: It is an hour. So by making people condense it to three (3) minutes, they are more succinct. I think that allowing the continuity, takes actually less time, it is easier for them, and easier for us. Then my other piece is Rule No. 11(c)(10). I eliminated a piece of a sentence, which states, “The Chair may allow Councilmembers to ask testifiers to repeat or clarify their position for or against the agenda item made during their testimony,” and then what I want to remove is, “but Councilmembers shall not ask questions that give the testifier a greater opportunity to testify than others.” We did not used to have that in there and sometimes there are testifiers that are almost like expert witnesses, they are very much a stakeholder on the topic, and so when we have to bend and flex to find a way to ask a clarifying question, where sometimes other testifiers, we want to hear them, but they really have almost no relationship to the topic. We can kind of sometimes ask if we can have them be an expert, but what it does is it gives short of a discretionary or arbitrary way of not hearing from sometimes very important testifiers where there is something robust and they are sometimes even the direct subject of the policy that we are discussing. They might be one (1) or two (2), very narrowly, and it seems like having the opportunity to ask them valuable questions helps us to make better decisions. My intention with all four (4) of these is how do we be more effective at asking good questions. I would say with the last Council Chair most of the time, it was allowed, a decent amount of flexibility. I expect that you would too, but it is important to not codify some of these limitations. Another thing I did not see where to put in here is sometimes I ask a question, and the reason why I want to ask the question is because I want the answer. I might even somewhat know the piece of the answer, but what I want and why I ask the question is I want the rest of the six (6) of us to know the answer. I might even want *The Garden Island* newspaper to know the answer, because it places important context. Pretty regularly I probably noticed for myself more than others, but it might be others, it will be said, “Can we just have that answer in writing?” I try very hard to give those questions in writing ahead of time, but if we ask that question, it is helpful, but the decision is already made. We already take the vote and we already make the decision, so it is a way of avoiding the question that needs to be answered. I do not know quite know where to put that in the Rules, but I would like to see us have more robust and exploratory Council meetings rather than feels like we are on a tight timeline and we are getting out efficiently and quickly. Sometimes I do not think we make the best choices.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Well, if you have any question about my concern of time, you can ask the staff. We do not rush the meetings. Like I said, you will see.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: And I have seen and know that.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: You will notice the change.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: But when we have something in here, "No member may speak longer than a total five (5) minutes on the same agenda item." My understanding of the rules is we can say "Point of Order, Councilmember DeCosta has spoken six and a half (6.5) minutes, that is too much."

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: You are not going to have to do a Point of Order, because as soon as that light turns yellow, I am going to say, "Councilmember DeCosta, you have thirty (30) seconds," and when that light turns red, "Councilmember DeCosta, your time is up."

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: So, are you saying we do not get more than five (5) minutes? I am saying five (5) minutes is too short.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: You are saying he was going over six (6) minutes, that is not going to happen. Under the current rule, if I am the chair, it is not going to happen.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: I was trying to make an example. What has been good in the last four (4) years, this light is not running when we are having the dialogue. This light has not been running and we still have very brief meetings. We have not needed to have that light on while we are discussing. This was specifically done to limit a Councilmember and I remember when it happened.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: So do I.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: I do not think that need is there any longer.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Again, like I said earlier, everything will be Council-driven and not Chair-driven, so we will have the discussion.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Right now, we are supposed to be having a discussion on the rules, are you saying that we are not going to discuss these?

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: No, we are, but I wanted the public to come up and testify and then we will call the meeting back to order, and we will have our discussion on each item. We will call the item up, you will present it, we will have the

discussion, and we will vote. We will do it ad seriatim and we will get it done that way.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Does anyone else have rule changes?

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Not that I know of. With that, I will suspend the rules. Mr. Hart.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended to take public testimony.

Mr. Hart: For the record, Bruce Hart. I appreciate the opportunity to be able to engage in this process. As far as Councilmember-Elect Cowden's proposals for amendments, they all run in the same vein, it has to do with speaking and participating. My contention is that the Chair controls most of this. It is not that he is the only voice on the Council and he is certainly not the only voice in the public, and it is easier for me, I will admit that, to be able to concede to Councilmember-Elect Rapozo, because I know him, so I am thinking of what happens in the future whenever we have another Chair and he might not be of the same nature as this Chair. From that position, I appreciate Councilmember-Elect Cowden's proposals. As a member of the public, I am satisfied with the way the rules are. It creates a discipline to be able to get up here and say as much as possible in three (3) minutes. But there is also the continuity. Oftentimes I do not say all I would like to, because I do not want to come up for the second three (3) minutes, because it does create a break. In regards to what Councilmember-Elect Cowden said as far as if there is only a few members of the public that want to speak on an issue, that is up to the Chair. To me, that is the definitely a decision that the Chair can make. To be able to as Councilmember-Elect Cowden has said, for the Chair to have that discretion, I do cannot see any problem with that. As far as this putting forward who introduces a bill and they are going to reach the public who might be impacted, I feel and always have ever since I participated in this body, that the public ought to get up off of their *ōkole* and participate in government. They need to be watching out for themselves. Now personally, the representatives, you represent me and the public, you should be talking to me. But I do not think it should be mandated that the Council has to do this. I think it is part of the press, too.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Thank you. Is there anyone else? Mr. Sykos.

LONNIE SYKOS: For the record, Lonnie Sykos. When I listened to part of what Councilmember-Elect Cowden's ideas were on the way up here...I took off of work to come in...This meeting is quite disturbing. I support the rule changes she wants. I think that a solution in one of them is that the Chair should have the authority to waive how the rules operate and let people do their two (2) three-minute segments back to back, if the audience is small. If the number of speakers is small, that can be regulated by the Council being able to vote it down if they wanted to, but

if no one made an objection, it would just occur. The reason why I took off from work and came in is my real question about your rules is when I send Councilmember-Elect Cowden anywhere, what are your rules about her safety, because what I listened to earlier was all of the women in the State can be excluded from the legislative process by the men simply choosing to meet in a place the men deem unsuitable for a woman. And the rationale for why the place is unsuitable for a woman is because number one, some stranger might come and assault the women and the men will not defend them or cannot defend them, cannot call 9-1-1. Just like anywhere else in the world. But the councilwomen or political women are defenseless especially at a hotel property. Or, we do not want the public perspective that all of you men are a bunch of horn-dogs and cannot keep your hands off the women that are at the meetings or the opposite, that you think the women are a bunch of horn-dogs and will sully your reputation.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Mr. Sykos, the topic is the rules.

Mr. Sykos: This is the rules. What is the safety for her?

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: The rules at hand does not include...

Mr. Sykos: Thank you, Councilmember-Elect Rapozo.  
*Aloha.*

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there anyone else? If not, we will call the meeting back to order.

There being no further public testimony, the meeting was called back to order, and proceeded as follows:

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Councilmember-Elect Cowden will introduce the rule change in the form of an amendment and I really would like to have the discussion on these items. We will start in numerical order. We will start with Rule No. 6(f). You can go ahead and introduce that.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden moved to amend Council Rule No. 6(f) of the Rules of the Council of the County of Kaua'i for the Organization of Committees and the Transaction of Business as circulated, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment 1, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Kualii.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: My amendment deletes "No member may speak longer than a total of five (5) minutes on the same agenda item."

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I know you shared you reasons. Is there any discussion? Councilmember-Elect Evslin.

Councilmember-Elect Evslin: I believe Councilmember-Elect Cowden made this similar suggestion at the last organizational meeting and I certainly support the intent. I think five (5) minutes is too short, sometimes. Every so often, we have gone longer for things like the Housing Ordinance that Councilmember Kualii and Council Chair Kaneshiro worked on, it was a big thing with lots of changes. I think all of us probably went over five (5) minutes on that, so I do think having flexibility to go beyond five (5) every so often is important. I do not necessarily think that there should be no time limit. I think the potential for unlimited speaking on an item, that is like the filibuster, could lead to people blocking legislation in some capacity, if they really wanted to. I would say as it is in its current form, this amendment, I do not think I can support it, because it leaves it open to possibility of unlimited amount of speaking. But I certainly would support lifting that five (5) minutes to something closer to ten (10) minutes or at least ensuring in the rules that the Chair can cut off debate at his prerogative. I appreciate Councilmember-Elect Cowden bringing this forth.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Thank you. Go ahead.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: For what it is worth, I am good with either one of those.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Got it. Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: I think five (5) minutes is quite a while. If you are concise with your thoughts and present them well, you should be able to make your point in that time. I know I have gone over a few times, mainly because I was not concise and prepared enough, which I plan to be in this next go-around.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there anyone else? Councilmember-Elect Kualii.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii: For me, I think the rules have worked as-is, five (5) minutes. I know Councilmember-Elect Evslin said he was open to increasing it to ten (10) minutes, but I would just say I would be open to increasing it to six (6) minutes, which would be the equivalent of what the people who testify and come forward, they have three (3) and another three (3) minutes. It has been successful. I know we are all scribbling when it is time for discussion, trying to figure out how to make our points concisely, and it has mostly worked, so if anything I would support a little wiggle room by adding a minute to six (6) minutes, but not removing it completely.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Thank you. Is there anyone else?

Councilmember-Elect Evslin: I wanted to give everyone else an opportunity before I went again, but what I see happening when we go over five (5) minutes is when someone speaks in final discussion, maybe they took four (4) minutes to form their point, someone else says something, that person wants to respond to, then it is very easy to go over the five (5) minutes. I think we did it relatively often and I think

Council Chair Kaneshiro was pretty loose on enforcing the rule, which is why I think it worked. But if we are looking at strictly holding us to a potential time limit, then I think it is important to go even beyond six (6). I feel ten (10) minutes, in rare instances, there is a dialogue back and forth, I think the ability to go up to ten (10) minutes, members should use their discretion and not go that long very often, but sometimes it can be important. All that said, if there are the votes for six (6) and that is all, then I would support six (6).

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Councilmember-Elect Cowden.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: I think what Councilmember-Elect Evslin just said is that a person will make another comment and so that is called dialogue or in this case, more than dialogue, but that is an important part of us in making our decision. One Councilmember brings something up that is important, we had not thought about it, so we give feedback, and someone else says something, that is a discussion. I think that discussion is important. I might have all my ideas down and I say my piece, but I hear something that changes my perspective and then I want to adapt, and that is why...can I change my motion to ten (10) minutes?

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: We can do whatever you folks want. I am trying to...and I am not sure because I have not watched a lot of your old meetings for the last four (4) years, but the flow is you introduce the item, you suspend the rules and have the Administration or whoever comes up, they do their thing, there is a question and answer period, and then the meeting is called back to order. Then, we have our discussion amongst the Councilmembers, and then when all of the discussion is done, then the Councilmembers can go around the table and do their final comments. As I recall, that is when your time starts. The timer does not start when you are in discussion. If you are here in discussion, like we are right now, the clock is not going, the timer is not going. The five (5) minutes was there for your closing comments. Again, I was fine with five (5) minutes, and I am open to extending that, understanding that is for your closing comments. When you are having discussion between Councilmembers, the staff is not keeping track...thirty (30) seconds for Councilmember-Elect Cowden, forty (40) seconds for Councilmember-Elect DeCosta. It is when we call the meeting back and now we are going around the table for final discussion, that is when the clock starts. I am not sure if that was how it was done. If that is the case for me, five (5) minutes is enough. That is a lot. Because you have already done your discussion, but again, it is the pleasure of this body. I can live with six (6) minutes, I can live with ten (10) minutes. Just understand...and I do not want to sound like a bully, but the rule is going to be enforced. The lights will be used. That is how we are going to get through these meetings in an efficient and solid manner. Whatever you decide, that is what it is going to be. Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho: Like you just mentioned, the discussion piece is one piece, and the final is final.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Correct.

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho: But I am open to more flexibility, six (6) minutes...however that works, but within a time limit, at least we can work it, but if there is flexibility, okay, I am open to that, too. We need to be clear that discussion is different than final?

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Correct. Otherwise, we are going to run out of time.

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho: We are going to go over.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: My rule on this, "Pertinent information including outreach to those people adversely affected..." what I find my role has been is to be the person who does the outreach, in that very narrow window of time and what I find is people cannot come in, with two (2) days' notice or they are afraid to come in, and because I do not think there has been enough "pertinent outreach" to the people who are impacted, then those final little pieces there whether it is discussion or the closing is when I am trying to bring in perspective of the public, who for a long time have been completely shut out of this room.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Right.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: We do not discuss our topics robustly enough.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: And that will change. I can assure you. I am a robust type of person.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: How are you going to help it be more robust before the bill is introduced?

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Well, let us focus on the five (5) minutes. We need to stick to these items and get these things out, and then we will get to the other items. Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: What I am hearing the Chair-Elect say is that the discussions starting among us will not be timed, that means at that point when you strongly feel a certain way about a bill or a resolution, you are going to state that in your discussion. Someone is going to bring up something else and then you are going to feed off of that. But he is saying five (5) minutes is to close. Your closing should be precise, state your point, why, and done. If you still have to convince the members in your final discussion and longer than five (5) minutes, then you are not representing a democracy where you are available to accept the vote. We have to accept the vote. If someone votes against your bill or resolution, then so be it, but having longer than five (5) minutes in the closing discussion is too long; I think it is perfect.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Can I respond?

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Sure.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: And you can see I am a stronger speaker in the group, right? Or maybe we can...but even as recently as this contractors bill, I was forcefully shut into silence more than once...

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Like I said, we are moving forward.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: ...so it is like as he is saying.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: We are moving forward. We are talking about five (5) minutes, six (6) minutes, or ten (10) minutes for your closing comments. That is what we are talking about. For me, I have all day and all night, it does not matter. Again, the entire purpose of this was to make sure we run efficient meetings. Remember, too, and I think a lot of times the public does not recognize this and maybe the public and the Councilmembers forget, every word that comes out of these lips has to be transcribed by a human staff member. If you get ten (10) minutes, you are going to use ten (10) minutes, even if you have five (5) minutes of material, you are going use up your ten (10) minutes. This has been my experience, fourteen (14) years on this body, this is just what I have seen. If you have five (5) minutes, you get five. I am fine with extending that. I have not been here for four (4) years. The issues have gotten more complex. I am okay with whatever you decide. Just keep in mind that we also have to be considerate of our staff that has to transcribe a lot of these things. It is members of the public, no offense to you in the public, but if you give them two (2) opportunities...they may have come here with two (2) minutes of testimony, you give them two (2) opportunities, they will find six (6) minutes to talk about, and that is fine. Look at Mr. Hart, he did his three (3) minutes, he could have come back for another three (3) minutes, but he chose not to, because I think he knows the process enough. We appreciate that. But not everyone is like that. The discussion really is five (5), six (6), eight (8), ten (10)...

Councilmember-Elect Kualii: Unlimited.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Not unlimited. I cannot support unlimited.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii: That is what the proposal is.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Yes, I cannot support this in its current form, obviously. Councilmember-Elect Evslin.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: What would you folks like to change it to?

Councilmember-Elect Evslin: I would support ten (10), I would support eight (8) minutes, if Councilmember-Elect Cowden wants to make that amendment to the proposed amendment.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: You said you would support ten (10) minutes?

Councilmember-Elect Evslin: Ten (10) minutes or eight (8) minutes, sounds fine.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden withdrew the motion to amend Council Rule No. 6(f) of the Rules of the Council of the County of Kaua'i for the Organization of Committees and the Transaction of Business as circulated, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment 1. Councilmember-Elect Kualii withdrew the second.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden moved to amend Council Rule No. 6(f) of the Rules of the Council of the County of Kaua'i for the Organization of Committees and the Transaction of Business as circulated, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment 2, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Okay, eight (8) minutes. That is a great compromise. I like that. We as Councilmembers, get to your point as quick as you can and move on. Is there any further discussion? The motion is to amend "No member may speak longer than a total of eight (8) minutes." Roll call.

The motion to amend Council Rule No. 6(f) of the proposed Rule of the Council of the County of Kaua'i for the Organization of Committees and the Transaction of Business as circulated, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment 2 was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 6,
AGAINST MOTION:	DeCosta	TOTAL – 1,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: 6:1.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Thank you very much. Next is Council Rule No. 11(9).

Councilmember-Elect Cowden moved to amend Council Rule No. 9(b) of the Rules of the Council of the County of Kaua'i for the Organization of Committees and the Transaction of Business as circulated, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment 3, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Kualii.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: I am also very open to hearing someone else, I can adapt that, but I just want to know both sides have been contacted with some basic information, that there has been outreach to the impacted group and have it be stated, because I think that is very important.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion?

Councilmember-Elect Kualii: My only difficulty with this is the last section. Obviously, it is important to have active outreach and notify the public and the

potential stakeholders, and that is what we do; it is part of our governmental process. The fact that stakeholders are included or not, we cannot guarantee that. The stakeholders have the choice to participate, to engage, and to give their time. We can only put it out there and do the outreach, but we cannot guarantee that they will be included. To have language in here that says they are included whether it is negative or positive, we cannot guarantee that. Yet, it is the bill proposer's responsibility to do that work, right? I do not know if we should have it here in the language of the rule. Even though I am okay with the language that says, "outreach and notification," just not the rest.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Go ahead, Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: For myself, it is my job before I introduce a bill to do my homework, to listen to my constituents and that is the reason why the bill or resolution arises, because my constituents, your constituents have reached out to us. If the Administration is going to introduce a bill, we all chair a committee, go have discussions with them and do your homework. I believe that we already have this in place and it is just good policy that we have been practicing, and I do not think we need more language in Council Rule No. 9.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Councilmember-Elect Evslin.

Councilmember-Elect Evslin: I appreciate the intent of the amendment, but I will not be supporting it. As was said, it is up to the introducers to do their homework and to reach out to stakeholders. A lot of times in my experience, stakeholders often are not coming forward publicly or not testifying because they do not want their name dragged around the table in different ways. I would not feel comfortable always listing the people that I have spoken to about a bill, if they do not want to necessarily come forward on it. Because of Sunshine Law, my own general practice is to reach out to individual or to organizations in confidence and tell them, "You cannot share this bill, because if it gets around to another Councilmember, that would be a violation of the Sunshine Law." As a general practice, I do not go on social media and share a bill before first reading, because I do not want to violate the Sunshine Law by spreading my opinion on a proposed bill on social media beforehand, and then I will do a lot more robust outreach after first reading, going through those public platforms; "Here is the bill, here are all the things I said about it at first reading, give me your feedback." Again, we should hold the introducers accountable to do this. Councilmember-Elect Cowden often asks the introducers, "Who did you reach out to?" At that point, we can use our discretion to list names, individuals, organizations, but I do not want to be bound as part of the public record, to write them down in some capacity.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Councilmember-Elect Cowden.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: I want to acknowledge the validity of what Councilmember-Elect Evslin is saying, that many people are very frightened to have it be out there, so I am going to concede that is a valid point. What I will ask, and I can see that this will not pass, because what he is saying there is correct, both from the Sunshine Law, but what I do say very respectfully of where I would like things to

change is some of us who started at the same time, maybe we did not get enough training. I am going to give an example that is not real. If I said there could not be parking in front of Mel Rapozo's house, but I did not call Mel Rapozo and said, "We have this bill"; I did not tell you, you did not know and it passes, but only find out once the change happened. I think without ill intention that happened a good handful of times. Because I have spent so much time as an attendee of the Council, I am aware of how it goes. I have exhaustively not had free time because I take it upon myself to be making these calls and very often I know who I think is critical, who most deeply is impacted, they are unaware. I am respectfully asking that if someone puts a bill out that is changing a big lever shift of behavior, that they are in fact bringing it up when they introduce the bills. It has happened and how there is consideration for that, because I think we have had problems that we did not intend. I can either withdraw my motion or we can vote and say "no."

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I see this a little differently, I saw this as kind of a clarification of what is already there, the pertinent information.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Okay.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I think what I am hearing and I agree with what has been said, it is the introducers responsibility to do what they need to do. I sit here today as one that was involved in passing a bill that ended up with some horrific consequences, and I am not ashamed to say that we messed up, but we fixed it. That is why this pertinent information section is so vital. When I read Council Rule 9(b), "The Manager shall," that is mandate, "be responsible for the management of the legislation including the securing of all pertinent information regarding the matter." What I see this amendment is basically expanding on what pertinent information should be. My only suggestion is that instead of the word "would," you put "may." In other words, pertinent information "may" include a table of active outreach, that way it is a suggestion. It is basically saying if you want to introduce a bill, these are the kinds of things that you should be doing, but it is up to you as the introducer.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Thank you.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I think that is important and I agree with you that the pertinent information needs to be here before the vote is taken.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden moved to amend Council Rule No. 9(b) of the Rules of the Council of the County of Kaua'i for the Organization of Committees and the Transaction of Business as circulated, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment 4, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Kualii.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: I think this will certainly make my life a lot easier as a councilmember who feels really compelled to make sure I have checked.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Councilmember-Elect Evslyn's point about the Sunshine Law and I think a lot of people do not understand that, and that is why I

spoke about “surprises,” when the Council is contemplating an action or the Administration is, it is vital that they get that out in the community. It just has to be that way. That is just a suggestion of mine.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Okay, I made the motion and he seconded it.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any further discussion?  
Councilmember-Elect Evslin.

Councilmember-Elect Evslin: I appreciate what I see as a compromise, but I am still going to vote “no.” I understand that “may” means it is up to the introducer, but I am also hesitant on having language like “may” in that, Chair-Elect Rapozo, as you said, we can do this already and this language does not really change anything. I would rather, for clarity, keep it out there, and just because my general practice is to do a lot of that outreach after first reading, when we are not at-risk for violating Sunshine Law in getting that bill around and members seeing it, I would like to avoid adding unbinding language to the rules, but I respect the rationale that was given.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Thank you very much. Councilmember-Elect Bulosan.

Councilmember-Elect Bulosan: I appreciate the discussion and am glad you brought this up. It helped me understand and you gave perspective that the introducer or manager should have already done all the work, so that gives that perspective. Understanding what we are looking forward to, holding more accountability, and I appreciate Councilmember-Elect Evslin pointing out some of these perspectives that put us in a bind. As a new councilmember, I would not want to be in a position where I would break any laws, so I feel strongly in not supporting it at this moment.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any further discussion?  
Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: I want to bring up something that is very pertinent, we have a new Councilmember and the word “training” by our former Councilmember was brought on the floor. I did not get any training. I think the real deal is that you run for politics because you want to make Kaua’i and Ni’ihau a better place. The training you get or the training you should have is your homework that you have done with your community members, different departments across the county and state, and how well are you plugged-in that people want to help you. If people do not want to help you, you are not going to get anything done, but if you plug yourself in and know the different department heads, the County employees, and the different entities, the door will open quickly and you will get a lot done. With our new Councilmember, there is no training, do not worry, but you will do fine. You are a local boy, you are plugged-in. Thank you.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii: I am happy to support this and I think the change as you suggested, Council Chair-Elect Rapozo, with the word “may” even gets me over my concern because indeed when you do the outreach and notification, you

may get the inclusion of stakeholders, because they may step forward, you may have those meetings, and they may come and show up to testify. As you are developing it and you have that already, you can easily present that to the fellow Councilmembers upfront. I have no problem with “may,” so I will support it.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho: The word “may” changes the entire piece here, and I will support this with the word “may.” Everyone has already discussed the bigger picture already, so to me, it makes a big difference with the same intent.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Yes, it is clarification. Councilmember-Elect Cowden.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: I was just going to add this piece, but if I got some of this information, maybe I could have a vacation. I have had five (5) days in four (4) years where I had taken a personal day to see my son graduate. The rest of the time has been filled with these tight windows of checking. If I just had the confidence that I am able to see, and it does not break Sunshine Law in any way and in the training, Sunshine Laws are problems, you cannot just call all these people you have an active relationship with. You cannot do all these things that you used to be able to do before you are in there. With the word “may”—if we have people who choose to share all that upfront as it goes out to the public, at least they can say numbers of people without identifying names or things like that. I think it would certainly cause my sense of commitment to the community to relax and be able to have greater confidence. It also gives the guideline that we are supposed to do that, because it does not say that. We do not have it in the rules and it is not in the training.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Hearing no further discussion, the motion is to amend “pertinent information may include a table of active outreach,” and so forth. Roll call.

The motion to amend Council Rule No. 9(b) of the proposed Rule of the Council of the County of Kaua’i for the Organization of Committees and the Transaction of Business as circulated, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment 4 was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Carvalho, Cowden, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 4,
AGAINST MOTION:	Bulosan, DeCosta, Evslin	TOTAL – 3,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: 4:3.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: The next item is Council Rule No. 11(c)(6).

Councilmember-Elect Cowden moved to amend Council Rule No. 11(c)(6) of the Rules of the Council of the County of Kaua’i for the Organization of Committees

and the Transaction of Business as circulated, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment 5, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Kualii.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion? Councilmember-Elect Evslin.

Councilmember-Elect Evslin: Sorry, I do not mean to nitpick language. I certainly support this. I think it is important. My only concern is if there are less than five (5) testifiers. We do not always know how many people there are to testify on a particular item, so it can be hard to hold to this. If the body goes this way, I will support this language as it is, but I certainly would prefer it to just be, "It can be the chair's prerogative to allow testifiers their continuous six (6) minutes of testimony," without the caveat "if there are less than five (5) testifiers." Let it be up to the Chair, he can judge the room and make the determination on his own. I appreciate the amendment.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Councilmember-Elect Cowden.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: I am good with that.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I was actually going to ask that be removed, because the Chair's prerogative, I mean, this is not just the Council Chair, but the Committee Chairs. The Council has the prerogative to allow someone to go six (6) minutes, right through, understanding that the Chair who makes that decision whether or not they are going six (6) minutes has to answer to the public that is waiting. It should be up to the Chair. Do you want to restate your amendment?

Councilmember-Elect Cowden moved to amend Council Rule No. 11(c)(6) of the Rules of the Council of the County of Kaua'i for the Organization of Committees and the Transaction of Business as circulated, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment 6, seconded by Councilmember-Elect Kualii.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there further discussion? If not, roll call.

The motion to amend Council Rule No. 11(c)(6) of the proposed Rule of the Council of the County of Kaua'i for the Organization of Committees and the Transaction of Business as circulated, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment 6 was then put, and carried by the following vote:

FOR MOTION:	Bulosan, Carvalho, Cowden, DeCosta, Evslin, Kualii, Rapozo	TOTAL – 7,
AGAINST MOTION:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Seven (7) ayes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Finally, Council Rule No. 11(c)(10).  
Councilmember-Elect Cowden.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden moved to amend Council Rule No. 11(c)(10) of the Rules of the Council of the County of Kaua'i for the Organization of Committees and the Transaction of Business as circulated, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment 7, seconded by Councilmember Kualii.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is there any discussion?  
Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: It is not our job to lead testifiers down the path to answer questions that we are trying to promote. Testifiers are an expert opinion advocate for their position, that is all they are. If we had expert witnesses, it is because we called them into the room. I do not believe in labeling our testifiers as expert witnesses and we should not have the ability to question them to lengthen their time to state their testimony opinion on advocating their position on what we are discussing. Thank you.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Councilmember-Elect Cowden.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: I find that interesting because you are the one who does it the most.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Timeout.

*(Councilmember-Elect DeCosta was noted as not present.)*

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: I did not mean that in a mean way. I meant that I am supporting you.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I should have done the family speech before we started, but we will do the family speech afterward. I am already sensing the vibe and in our closing comments today, I will share something, but let us stay away from...I have heard it, it has been going on, and I have been lenient because it is still fresh and I do not want you to change your mind before Inauguration. We need to focus on the topic and not...I wish Councilmember-Elect DeCosta was here because he needs to hear it as well.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Actually, part of that was supportive by some of these exploratory questions. In the councils that you had chaired, honestly, sometimes it gets out of control or it can be like a cross-examination, but we have had extraordinary people who have come to the floor to testify that have—extraordinary on a national stage. When they have so much to share and there is not even a question, sometimes it seems that it is a value in building good policy to be able to ask...

*(Councilmember-Elect DeCosta was noted as present.)*

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: ...a couple of questions. There was no offense meant in that comment.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Again, I am coming in here brand new and being gone for so long, when someone is here as a resource person, you do not have to call them an "expert," but if someone is here as a resource person, then they do not have a time limit. They are here as a resource for us to ask questions. That is vital when you are bringing someone in. Let us say someone from NACo who happens to be on-island and is at our meeting as a resource person, there is no time limit. We want to take as much as we can from them. But if a member of the public came on, and the reason why this rule was put in, testifiers started to tell us that they did not want to come up to testify because they were being cross-examined. Councilmember-Elect DeCosta is right. When a member of the public comes up, we need to listen to their testimony and let them go, unless there is a clarifying question. I know people have stretched the definition of "clarifying." Clarifying is, "I am sorry, I did not hear you, what did you say?" Clarifying is not a cross-examination saying, "You said blah, blah, blah, but did you mean this or that," extending their time. That is not a clarifying question anymore. We need to respect the public that when they come up here, they are assured that it is a safe place for them and that is all this rule is about. I will be honest, I cannot support the amendment simply because members of the public deserve to be protected by this body and not to come up here with their three-minute testimony and find themselves up there for fifteen (15) minutes, because councilmembers are trying to convince them that they are wrong. I am not accusing anyone of anything, it is just my experience. I am trying to explain why the rule was put in. Members of the public come up, we respect their testimony whether we agree or disagree, and then they are on their way. That is why the rule was put in.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: I was there to observe exactly what you are talking about happening, really on a routine basis. It was almost I would say cruel. When this rule was put in there, I thought it made sense. In the Council that I have been on, I have not found that has ever been the case at all. I think what else did happen is sometimes when people were trying to get a little more out of someone, that has happened, but when you are talking about a resource testifier...can I just ask you a question?

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Sure.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: You gave the example of the NACo person being here on vacation, and maybe if the Council Chair knew that, they might bring them in as a resource testifier, but sometimes someone comes in and we do not know they are coming in. We do not know that. It is like, "Wow, here is a person who wrote this law," just making that up. When do we get to decide that person is a resource testifier? Would that be your decision?

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: It would be the Chair's decision. Let us do it this way, you are the Chair of the Public Safety & Human Services Committee and we have an off-duty police officer that comes up to testify and it is on a police matter.

I am sitting over here not even a committee member, he has his six (6) minutes. I would ask, "Chair Cowden, can I ask this gentleman questions because of his experience in police work," and it would be your call. Take "Mel Rapozo" out of the picture because it affects every single Committee Chair. It is the Chair's prerogative. If I am the evil Chair that says "no" to everything, just amend the rules. You would just amend the rules. Put it back on the agenda, if everyone believes that a specific Chair is not being fair...I only say that to make you feel comfortable...it is blind faith, I guess.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: And that just brings up training again, because it was not my understanding that we could go back in that two (2) years and change the rules. I accept what you are saying, because that addresses what I need. If there was someone that none of us were aware of that represents and they have critical information, or even if we are aware of them, but they have critical information, that the Chair of the Committee or the Council could be asked, "I would like to ask pertinent questions based on their resource skill"; I am good with that.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: And their comfort level.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: If they would like it.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Because we are not going to subject a testifier, again, to a barrage of questions that they are not prepared to answer. It is common sense.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: We have not done that, but yes.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: This is not a "gotcha" thing, and again, as I said earlier, my whole focus and my objective is to reengage with the community. We want them here to testify. We really want to hear from the community and hopefully we can make that happen.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Should we vote on it or should I withdraw my motion?

Councilmember-Elect Kualii: Withdraw it.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden withdrew the motion to amend Council Rule No. 11(c)(10) of the Rules of the Council of the County of Kaua'i for the Organization of Committees and the Transaction of Business as circulated, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment 7. Councilmember-Elect Kualii withdrew the second.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I want to give everyone an opportunity to speak, and it is not on the agenda, but on Inauguration Day, we also are going to have to appoint a County Clerk. I do not know if Jade has the votes. Just kidding. Jade's role is to appoint the Deputy County Clerk and I did ask Jade...because it is not on the agenda, we are not going to vote on it today, but we will be voting on it on

Inauguration Day. Jade, County Clerk, number one, are you interested and number two, have you selected a candidate or person to be Deputy?

Ms. Fountain-Tanigawa: Yes, I am interested, thank you. I have selected a Deputy, it is Lyndon Yoshioka.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Is he already here? Okay. Lyndon, from the Elections Division. Again, it is not on the agenda. I do not like talking about things that are not on the agenda. I just wanted her to share that with us today. Please, if you have concerns, comments, or whatever, chat with Jade or you can talk with me, and we will make sure that you get the information that you need for Inauguration Day on December 1<sup>st</sup>. With that, I want to go around the table, please share your comments. Councilmember-Elect Evslin. This is so awkward; you are right in front of me.

Councilmember-Elect Evslin: The comments regarding Jade as County Clerk?

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Closing comments for the meeting, we are pretty much done.

Councilmember-Elect Evslin: On the note for Jade, I support Jade as County Clerk. As far as the meeting in general, I am hopeful for a productive year working with and sometimes fighting with and then continuing to work with all of you. I enjoyed working with five (5) of you in the past and am looking forward to the new additions that we have on our team here. I am sure this will be a productive and fruitful term going forward. Thank you, all.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Councilmember-Elect Cowden.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: I am honored to be serving my third term on the Council. I appreciate it and I feel like I have had good opportunities to work with all of you in different levels and certainly as a citizen with both Mel Rapozo and Bernard Carvalho in their roles, and even when we were in Leadership Kua'i together, another Inaugural year and so I feel like it is family. We welcome you, newly elected Councilmember-Elect Bulosan to the Council table. I look forward to that and I know I have been a little forceful in this meeting, but I really want to expand the conversation more broadly, and include the public. We had two (2) years of things that were unusual with COVID-19. I am excited and I feel trained and ready, so I am ready. You are going to hear from me. Thank you.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I am going to save Councilmember-Elect Bulosan for last, because I know when you are new, you want to hear from everyone first. This poor person has to vote first on every single agenda item that comes up. You have to vote first. That is the worst place to be as a new councilmember. Councilmember-Elect Kualii'i.

Councilmember-Elect Kualii'i: I thought today's meeting went really well and I hope we stay on this track. I am very happy to be here. I want to recognize that

I second all four (4) of Councilmember-Elect Cowden's proposals and that three of the four passed, a couple of them did require a little bit of movement and compromise, but a good day for Councilmember-Elect Cowden, right? I am happy about that. The only other thing I would say is I want to hear Councilmember-Elect Cowden talk less about time and availability, because I think when you push that issue, it is implying that other people do not or are not as committed or do not put themselves fully into the job. Maybe we can talk more about dedication and ability, because we all bring our heart, soul, commitment, and dedication to this job. We all bring different abilities and they are all treasured and important and that is the beauty of representing a community, because we are so diverse and none of us is more qualified or better at doing this job than anyone else. The more we encourage the young people out there that they, too, can come here, anyone can come here and do this job...because you are representing your family, friends, the community; which is what we need. We have a diverse group, and I am excited to work with all of you.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: Hard act to follow, Councilmember-Elect Kualii, that is what impresses me about you. I am going to miss Council Chair Kaneshiro, I want to say it one last time, but I think he has groomed you pretty well. I feel close to you. I want you to all know that I have doubt in my mind that newly elect Dr. Addison Bulosan is a great asset to our Council team. Since I started here, with my former mayor and Councilmember Carvalho, that I am proud to have worked on many things with him, we have many more...we had lunches together, made, here at the Council Chambers. I took that role. I incorporated comradery. Today, Dr. Addison Bulosan and I, together, made you folks and staff lunch. Him and I were talking recently about food and he said, I am excited to eat some of your lunches that you prepare. I asked him, "How did he know," and he responded that it is out in the community that you are the one who brought the Council together. I told him I would make a little bit tinono for you to honor your culture and he said, "Can I contribute to the lunch; I want to make lunch with you for the rest of the staff and Council." That is the local boy in him, jumping in right away and expecting nothing in return. That is a gesture of kindness. In closing, I would like to thank all of our Council staff, everyone of you from Allison, Jenelle, Christiane, Jade—hands down. I plan to advocate for our staff. There are some things that we need here for our staff and I am going to make it happen, I am going to jump in with our Council Chair and Council Vice Chair, and we are going to make it happen for you here. There are things that we have to do for our staff here. The last thing I want to say is I went to high school with Lyndon, who was one of my best friends. He rocks, he is smart, he can do everything. If he was somewhat of a Moses and walk on water, I would follow him. I would probably follow Jade first, but I would follow Lyndon second. Councilmember-Elect Evslyn, I am going to disagree with you one more time, we do not fight each other, because if we fight each other we are doing a bill and resolution for our selfish self. What we need to do and we have to remember when we fight, we are fighting for our constituents who believe in what we are advocating for. If I argue against Councilmember-Elect Evslyn, it is only because I am arguing for my constituents and Councilmember-Elect Evslyn is arguing back for his constituents. That is what government is all about, not our personal gain. You folks remember that. It is for our community. I am excited and I am stepping my game up this year.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Councilmember-Elect Carvalho.

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho: I look forward to working with our Chair and Vice Chair, and our committee members. I know we are always going to go through different ups and downs, but you know what, it is for the people that we serve and how we manage ourselves here at the table. That is the important part. When we leave and get back into the community, everyone does it differently. But when you bring the information back and make things happen, that is what it is about—working together collectively. The staff, again, following up on what Councilmember-Elect DeCosta brought up, they are awesome. Anytime we need something, they are there. I look forward to some healthy discussion. It is not going to be easy, we are not going to always agree, but the people sitting out there...I like the idea of bringing more people in here and being able to see them and respond to them, as well as our administrative staff. I look forward to serving, this is my second term as Councilmember, and I know we have a lot of issues coming our way, but a lot of positive issues that is going happen; we are going to make things happen. I feel that, here at this table. *Mahalo*.

Councilmember-Elect Bulosan: For the first meeting, for the community and for everyone sitting here...for my first meeting, everyone did not disappoint. I am grateful to be in this position for the community. I know the responsibility is to serve and I am just really excited to be alongside all of you and work together. I am excited for all that we can do for our community and make things better. I am happy to be here with all of you.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Thank you. First of all, thank you for allowing me to be your Chair. I am very humbled and honored to do this and I feel some good vibes. I think it will go well. Of course, to the staff—we have the best staff. They make every one of the Councilmembers look good, they really do. So thank you to them. And for the community for showing up today on an Organizational Meeting day, you folks are hardcore. I will do my family speech now, because I do not know when I will have this opportunity again. This is a new beginning. It really is. For two (2) years, we are in the cabin alone and we have to agree to work and live together, that is where it starts. I love football, you know I love sports. A lot of you folks played team sports, whether it be football, baseball, or any other team sports. You know if we cannot get along, we are going to lose, right? Councilmember-Elect Carvalho, you know that quite well. Look at all the successful teams out there. They are asked, “How can you maintain this record and win every week?” What is their response? “We play for each other.” This is not a game, this is real. We really have to focus on making this body as strong as possible. We do that by respecting each other, not looking in the rearview mirror. We cannot un-ring the bell. Let us move forward and focus on doing what we need to do to make this place better, plain and simple. Today, we saw, we had disagreement and frustration. All I ask is for a chance to prove to you folks that I am a fair and consistent Chair, I will give everyone equal access. Today, there was some, what I envision, or saw was little gabs here and there, and I let it go, but do not be surprised if I tap you on the shoulder and say, “Hey, just stay on the topic, focus on the topic and let us make these things happen.” The other thing that we did not talk about today and I am going to address

is the fact of the Administration showing up in-person. It is not on the agenda, but I need to know if there is opposition or anyone opposed to having them here in-person? Councilmember-Elect Evslin.

Councilmember-Elect Evslin: I am certainly unopposed to having them being here, I think it can be beneficial. I do, however, think that having them sit here all day for an agenda item that they might be called up for is not always necessary. I think they can be a lot more productive, when they are working in their office, available when we need them or not. If we have a flurry of planning bills on the agenda, we know the Planning Director is going to have to be here, certainly he can be in here for that time, but I think I do not necessarily want to go back to the old days where we had a lot of department heads sitting here for most of their day when they were not always needed. Sometimes, yes; always, I would say no. Thank you.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: That was their choice to be here all day, because the protocol was simple. When their item was coming up, staff would call them to come across. If they stayed here all day, that was their choice and their waste of County money. It goes without saying. Let us say we have three (3) planning bills on the agenda, then we will take things out of order to accommodate the Administration so we can get them in and out as soon as possible. We have to play those things by ear and everything will be done by the consensus of this body. Obviously, I want to make sure everything is done efficiently and that we are not wasting anyone's time, including our staff. I wanted to get that feedback, because I honestly believe just because that is what this place is all about, this Council building is about the legislative branch and executive branch working together here and it is hard to do it over a computer screen.

Councilmember-Elect Cowden: Can I add a nuance to that? I know, too, my committee chair groups, which is the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney and the Police Department, they are not so easy to walk across the street. They have to get in a car, they have to move. With any department head could get from me...typically, I am always writing my questions over. If there is any significance what I would say if I wanted them present, I would put that there. Very often I will say thank you to someone or have just the most brief discussion. I would give them on their email pre-communication that it is really brief and if they wanted to be here, great, and if they just wanted to be on the screen, I am okay with that. I know for robust discussions I would like them present. But I will from time to time say thank you and I would not expect them to walk over if they did not want to. It is easy for me to let them know.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: Councilmember-Elect DeCosta.

Councilmember-Elect DeCosta: If we are going to expect one department head to be here, then I am going to expect every department head, every chief to be here on their agenda item. I am not going to make an exception for someone who wants to appear via Zoom and someone who is going to come over. If we are going to hold policy to policy, we are going to make sure when their time comes up and that is what you decide, the staff will call them and they will come over. Whether they are going

to walk over or drive over, they will come over and be present. I want a consistent way to do things. Thank you.

Councilmember-Elect Carvalho: It is important to be present here in the Chambers, but at the same time knowing what happens on the other side, I will say my piece and get back to the administration side. We must understand that also. I like the option of moving things around. Even for the staff, it all works. COVID-19 has put a big blanket over everything but moving forward having them present is important. Presence is important. The content and how we deliver, is where we are talking story.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: When you are on a caption break and you see the Administration out in the hallway, give them a cup of coffee from the back—valuable. You cannot do that over Zoom.

Councilmember-Elect Evslin: As far as setting up a structure for them coming or not coming, I agree with that. Maybe, just throwing out ideas, but for communications, maybe not necessarily unless a Councilmember requests in advance, and maybe for bills, Councilmembers can request in advance. Just one example, we did this electric vehicle (EV) Charger legislation, we asked as the introducers for the Office of Economic Development (OED), plus two (2) individuals from the Department of Public Works, and the Planning Department to be available every single reading on this bill, and the Department of Public Works and OED were never called upon. No one had any questions for them. I would just hate for them to have had to spend all this time in the Council Chambers and then no one needed them as a resource person. The primary resource person was Ka'āina, and maybe there could have been value having him present in the room. Sometimes, certainly, yes, vital importance to have them in the room, but I do not want to get into a place where they are always there. Thank you.

Councilmember-Elect Rapozo: I will leave that up to you folks. Do not have them here “in case” we have to ask them a question. If we have discussion and need with the departments, then absolutely, but if not—I got your point. Thank you. We are going to end it here. Is there any further discussion? If not, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

### ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, the Council-Elect Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



JADE K. FOUNTAIN-TANIGAWA  
County Clerk

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FLOOR AMENDMENT

Resolution No. 2021-02, Resolution Adopting The Rules Of The Council Of The County Of Kaua'i For The Organization Of Committees And The Transaction Of Business

Introduced by: FELICIA COWDEN, Councilmember-Elect

Amend Resolution No. 2021-02, by amending Rule No. 6(f) to read as follows:

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Introduced by: FELICIA COWDEN, Councilmember-Elect

Amend Resolution No. 2021-02, by adding to Rule No. 11(c)(6) to read as follows:

“(6) Oral testimony shall be limited to an initial three (3) minutes per person, plus an additional three (3) minutes to provide further testimony. At the discretion of the Chair, each testifier’s additional three (3) minutes of testimony may be presented either immediately following the testifier’s initial three (3) minutes of testimony, or after all other testifiers have had an opportunity to present their initial three (3) minutes of testimony. The Chair shall have the prerogative to set the order of speakers, speaking for or against any proposition, and may notify the speaker of the expiration of speaking time thirty (30) seconds before such expiration. It can be the chair’s prerogative to allow testifiers their continuous six minutes of testimony time if there are less than five testifiers.”

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