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OPEN SESSION

Board/Commission:		Kaua'i Fire Commission	Meeting Date:	March 18, 2025
Location	Lihu'e Civic Center, Moikeha Building Meeting Room 2A-2B 4444 Rice Street, Lihu'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i		Start of Meeting: 2:01 p.m.	End of Meeting: 3:10 p.m.
Present	Chair Gary Pacheco, Vice Chair Trevor Ford; Commissioners: Lori Almarza, Jen Chahanovich, Alfredo Garces Jr., Jeff Murray (entered meeting at 2:03 p.m.), Rodney Yama Also present: Boards & Commissions Office Staff: Support Clerk Anela Davis; Administrator Ellen Ching; Office of the County Attorney: Deputy County Attorney Jenna Tatsey			
Excused				
Absent				

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting Called to Order/Roll Call to ascertain quorum	Chair Pacheco called the Fire Commission March 18, 2025, meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. A roll call ensued that quorum was established, six (6) Commissioners were present to conduct business.	Quorum was established with six (6) Commissioners present.
Approval of Agenda	Chair Pacheco called for a motion to approve the agenda as circulated.	Commissioner Chahanovich moved to approve the March 18, 2025, agenda. Vice Chair Ford seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0.
Chair's Announcements	Next Regular Monthly Meeting will be 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at the: Lihu'e Civic Center, Moikeha Building Meeting Room 2A-2B 4444 Rice Street, Lihu'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i 96766 Boards & Commissions Administrator Ellen Ching announced that this would be Commissioner Garces and Commissioner Chahanovichs last meeting. She thanked them for their service.	

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	<p>Chair Pacheco thanked Commissioner Garces and Commissioner Chahanovich for their service to the County and to the Commission.</p> <p>Commissioner Chahanovich gave her thanks to everyone and said that it was a pleasure to serve as Fire Commissioner.</p> <p>Commissioner Garces said that it was fun, yet challenging, and along the way he made friends for life. He thanked everyone for their support.</p> <p>Commissioner Murray joined the meeting at 2:03 p.m.</p>	
Public Testimony	Chair Pacheco called for public testimony. No public testimony was received. Ms. Ching stated for the record that there is no public testimony.	
Approval of Minutes	<p>Chair Pacheco called for a motion to amend or approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025, meeting.</p> <p>Commissioner Yama made a correction to meeting minutes of February 18, 2025. Correction to Meeting Called to Order, change Chair Yama to Chair Pacheco.</p>	<p>Commissioner Yama moved to amend the minutes of the February 18, 2025, meeting minutes as circulated.</p> <p>Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the amendment. 7:0.</p> <p>Vice Chair Ford moved to accept the amended minutes.</p> <p>Commissioner Almarza seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, motion carried. 7:0.</p>
First Responder Recognition	Fire Chief Michael Gibson gave his thanks to Commissioner Chahanovich and Commissioner Garces for their service and for putting their trust in him.	

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	<p>Chief Gibson gave a brief statement about a lifesaving rescue in Anini on December 26, 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ocean Safety</u> OSO II Kesava Davis OSO II Mattaniah Milbrand</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>KFD</u> Fire Captain Chauncey Pa Fire Fighter III Edward Pananganan Fire Fighter I Ryan Allen Fire Fighter I Matthew Mauricio</p> <p>Chair Pacheco expressed his gratitude to those involved.</p> <p>Vice Chair Ford thanked everyone for their hard work and sacrifice.</p> <p>Commissioner Garces expressed his thanks for the hard work of all those involved in the rescue.</p> <p>Commissioner Murray thanked everyone involved in the rescue.</p> <p>Commissioner Chahanovich thanked all those involved in the rescue.</p> <p>Commissioner Yama congratulated everyone for this well deserved recognition.</p> <p>Commissioner Almarza thanked everyone for risking their lives to save others.</p> <p>Chief Gibson expressed his gratitude for all that they do.</p>	

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Chief's Monthly Bureau Reports and Updates for FEBRUARY 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Update on Kaua'i Fire and Ocean Safety, including updates on Partnerships, Resources Highlights, and Wildfire/Council b) Administrative Bureau Update, including updates on the budget, staffing, overtime report, facilities, and fleet c) Fire Operations Bureau Update, including statistics on calls for service and brief description of some of the incidents responded to d) Fire Prevention Bureau Update, including monthly statistics e) Fire Training Bureau Update, including monthly statistics f) Ocean Safety Bureau Update, including monthly statistics and bureau highlights g) Update on Fire Chief Gibson's progress regarding the Goals and Objectives for FY 2024-2025 <p>OSB Chief Kalani Vierra gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Watch Tower Data Collection.</p>	Vice Chair Ford moved to receive the Chief's Monthly Reports. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, motion passes. 7:0.
Adjournment	Chair Pacheco called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.	Vice Chair Ford moved to adjourn. Commissioner Chahanovich seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. 7:0.

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Submitted by: Lisa Oyama
Lisa Oyama, Commission Support Clerk

Reviewed and Approved by: _____
Gary Pacheco, Chair

(X) Approved as circulated (April 15, 2025, meeting).

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