

**KAUA'I COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025
8:30 A.M. OR SOON THEREAFTER**

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HISTORIC COUNTY BUILDING
4396 RICE STREET, SUITE 201, LĪHU'Ē, KAUA'I, HAWAII 96766

MEETING INFORMATION:

- ***Oral Testimony:*** Accepted in-person at the Council Chambers.
- ***Written Testimony:*** May be submitted for any meeting via: email to counciltestimony@kauai.gov; fax to (808) 241-6349; mail to the Office of the County Clerk, Council Services Division at 4396 Rice Street, Suite 209, Līhu'e, Hawai'i, 96766; or hand-delivery at Suite 209 during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays).
- ***Courtesy Livestream, Video, and Minutes:*** Meeting livestream (recorded video to follow) is available at www.kauai.gov/Government/Council/Webcast-Meetings. If the courtesy livestream is unavailable for any reason, the meeting will proceed. Meeting minutes will be completed pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 92 and electronically posted at www.kauai.gov/Government/Council following Council approval.
- ***Courtesy Remote Oral Testimony:*** This is not a remote meeting pursuant to HRS Section 92-3.7. The option of remote oral testimony is offered as a courtesy only. To register, testifiers shall sign up via emailing remote.signup@kauai.gov, indicating the agenda item(s) they would like to provide testimony on. Emails are due no later than 12:00 Noon the business day prior to the meeting. Those who timely register will receive remote testimony access and instructions via reply email. Those wishing to view the meeting but not provide testimony will be directed to the courtesy livestream (via the website link above). If the courtesy remote testimony access is unavailable for any reason, the meeting will proceed.
- ***Additional Note for Both Methods of Oral Testimony:*** Generally, each agenda item is addressed (and oral testimony received) in the order listed in the agenda; however, agenda items may occur out of order without notice and oral testimony is not accepted for completed agenda items. Those seeking the guaranteed ability to testify should report: (1) in-person, and (2) by the meeting start time.
- ***For Further Assistance:*** If you need an auxiliary aid/service, other accommodation due to a disability, or an interpreter for non-English speaking persons, please contact the Office of the County Clerk, Council Services Division at (808) 241-4188 or cokcouncil@kauai.gov as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats such as large print, braille, or electronic copy.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.

B. ROLL CALL.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

D. MINUTES of the following meetings of the Council:

1. November 26, 2025 Council Meeting
2. December 3, 2025 Council Meeting

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. [C 2025-253](#) Communication (12/02/2025) from the Mayor, transmitting for Council consideration and confirmation, the following Mayoral reappointments to various Boards and Commissions for the County of Kaua'i:
 - a. Building Board of Appeals
 - Francis Ka'awa (*At-Large*) – Term ending 12/31/2028
 - Jason Ornellas (*Fire Safety*) – Term ending 12/31/2028
 - b. Board of Ethics
 - Rose Ramos-Benzel – Term ending 12/31/2028
 - Amber K. Mokuahi – Term ending 12/31/2028
 - Kevin P. McGinnis – Term ending 12/31/2028
 - c. Board of Review
 - Christopher A. White – Term ending 12/31/2028
 - Graham Odenheimer – Term ending 12/31/2028
 - d. Board of Water Supply
 - Micah R. Finnila – Term ending 12/31/2028
 - e. Charter Review Commission
 - Bronson Bautista – Term ending 12/31/2028
 - Jan TenBruggencate – Term ending 12/31/2028
 - f. Civil Service Commission
 - Robert B. Crowell – Term ending 12/31/2028
 - Beverly Gotelli – Term ending 12/31/2028
 - g. Cost Control Commission
 - Stacy M.K. Waikoloa – Term ending 12/31/2028
 - h. Liquor Control Commission
 - Gerald Bahouth – Term ending 12/31/2028
 - Chad K. Pacheco – Term ending 12/31/2028
 - Leland Kahawai – Term ending 12/31/2028
 - i. Fire Commission
 - Trevor J. Ford – Term ending 12/31/2028
 - Gary Pacheco – Term ending 12/31/2028

j. Police Commission

- John C. Calma – Term ending 12/31/2028

k. Salary Commission

- Bernadette Y.A. Akiona Arruda – Term ending 12/31/2028

(See Resolution No. 2025-45, Resolution No. 2025-46, Resolution No. 2025-47, Resolution No. 2025-48, Resolution No. 2025-49, Resolution No. 2025-50, Resolution No. 2025-51, Resolution No. 2025-52, Resolution No. 2025-53, Resolution No. 2025-54, Resolution No. 2025-55, Resolution No. 2025-56, Resolution No. 2025-57, Resolution No. 2025-58, Resolution No. 2025-59, Resolution No. 2025-60, Resolution No. 2025-61, Resolution No. 2025-62, Resolution No. 2025-63, Resolution No. 2025-64)

2. [C 2025-254](#) Communication (12/09/2025) from Council Chair Rapozo, transmitting for Council consideration, a Resolution In Support Of Restoring The Eligibility To Receive Full Pension Benefits After Twenty-Five Years Of Service, Regardless Of Age, For Police Officers And Firefighters. ***(See Resolution No. 2025-65)***

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. [C 2025-255](#) Communication (11/28/2025) from the Director of Finance, requesting Council approval to apply for, receive, and expend State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) funds, in the amount of \$389,500.00, from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), via the State of Hawai'i Office of Homeland Security, to support efforts to enhance cybersecurity capabilities, implementing a modern cloud-native Network Access Control (NAC) platform to protect the County's infrastructure from unauthorized or insecure device access.
2. [C 2025-256](#) Communication (12/04/2025) from Mark T. Ozaki, Deputy Chief of Police, requesting Council approval of the indemnification clause included in the Versaterm Terms of Use and Services, supporting internal affairs, professional standards, and intelligence functions critical to public safety operations; granting a limited license to use these services and outlining responsibilities related to system access, data handling, and legal protections, ensuring the Kaua'i Police Department can use the software securely and in compliance with applicable laws.

3. [C 2025-257](#) Communication (12/08/2025) from Councilmember Cowden, transmitting for Council consideration, A Bill For An Ordinance Amending Chapter 8, Kaua'i County Code 1987, As Amended, Relating To Uses In Districts, to create new definitions for "Employee dormitory" and "Group housing dormitory," respectively update the Use Table in Section 8-2.4, and outline two (2) new sections describing application requirements that are customized to these new dormitory types. (***See Proposed Draft Bill (No. 2979)***)
4. [C 2025-258](#) Communication (12/08/2025) from Makana A. Rivera, Assistant Chief of Police, Support Services Bureau, requesting Council approval of the indemnification provision in the Samsara VG55 Terms of Service for vehicle gateways, which were selected by the Kaua'i Police Department due to their compatibility with FirstNet and their robust telematics platform meeting the need for real-time vehicle data and fleet analytics, which are critical to improving operational efficiency, safety, and compliance.

G. CLAIMS:

1. [C 2025-259](#) Communication (12/09/2025) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kaua'i by Puuloa M. Teves, for personal injuries and medical bills, pursuant to Section 23.06 Charter of the County of Kaua'i.
2. [C 2025-260](#) Communication (12/09/2025) from the County Clerk, transmitting a claim filed against the County of Kaua'i by Jay D. Hansen, for vehicle damage, pursuant to Section 23.06 Charter of the County of Kaua'i.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. PUBLIC SAFETY & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

- a. **CR-PSHS 2025-04:** on PSHS 2025-03 Communication (11/05/2025) from Councilmember Bulosan, requesting the presence of Amy Miller, President and CEO of the Hawai'i Foodbank, to provide a briefing relating to food insecurity. **[Received for the Record.]**

2. FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**a. CR-FED 2025-23: on FED 2025-03**

Communication (10/14/2025) from Councilmember Bulosan, requesting the presence of the Director of Economic Development and Steven Bond-Smith, Assistant Professor with the University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization (UHERO), to provide a briefing relating to the 2025 Economic Outlook Summary for Kaua'i. **[Received for the Record.]**

I. RESOLUTIONS:

1. [Resolution No. 2025-45](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS (*Francis Ka'awa — At-Large*)

2. [Resolution No. 2025-46](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS (*Jason Ornellas — Fire Safety*)

3. [Resolution No. 2025-47](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS (*Rose Ramos-Benzel*)

4. [Resolution No. 2025-48](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS (*Amber K. Mokuahi*)

5. [Resolution No. 2025-49](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS (*Kevin P. McGinnis*)

6. [Resolution No. 2025-50](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW (*Christopher A. White*)

7. [Resolution No. 2025-51](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW (*Graham Odenheimer*)

8. [Resolution No. 2025-52](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY (*Micah R. Finnilla*)

9. [Resolution No. 2025-53](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (*Bronson Bautista*)

10. [Resolution No. 2025-54](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (*Jan TenBruggencate*)

11. [Resolution No. 2025-55](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (*Robert B. Crowell*)

12. [Resolution No. 2025-56](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (*Beverly Gotelli*)

13. [Resolution No. 2025-57](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE COST CONTROL COMMISSION (*Stacy M.K. Waikoloa*)

14. [Resolution No. 2025-58](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION (*Gerald Bahouth*)

15. [Resolution No. 2025-59](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION (*Chad K. Pacheco*)

16. [Resolution No. 2025-60](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION (*Leland Kahawai*)

17. [Resolution No. 2025-61](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE FIRE COMMISSION (*Trevor J. Ford*)

18. [Resolution No. 2025-62](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE FIRE COMMISSION (*Gary Pacheco*)

19. [Resolution No. 2025-63](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE POLICE COMMISSION (*John C. Calma*)

20. [Resolution No. 2025-64](#) – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT TO THE SALARY COMMISSION (*Bernadette Y.A. Akiona Arruda*)

21. [Resolution No. 2025-65](#) – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESTORING THE ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE FULL PENSION BENEFITS AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE, REGARDLESS OF AGE, FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS

J. BILL FOR FIRST READING:

1. [Proposed Draft Bill \(No. 2979\)](#) – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO USES IN DISTRICTS

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) §92-7(a), the Council may, when deemed necessary, hold an Executive Session on any agenda item without written public notice if the Executive Session was not anticipated in advance. Any such Executive Session shall be held pursuant to HRS §92-4 and shall be limited to those items described in HRS §92-5(a). (Confidential reports on file at the Office of the County Attorney and/or the Office of the County Clerk. Discussions held in Executive Session are closed to the public.)*

L. ADJOURNMENT.