

# Charter Commission

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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APRIL 14, 2016  
STYLE COMMITTEE  
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM  
HONOLULU HALE

## MINUTES

Style Committee Voting Members Present:

Donna Ikeda, Chair  
Paul T. Oshiro, Vice Chair  
Guy Fujimura  
Nathan T. Okubo  
R. Brian Tsujimura

Style Committee Nonvoting Members Present:

Kevin Mulligan

Others Present:

Deputy Corporation Counsel  
Linda Luli Nakasone Oamilda, Executive Administrator, Honolulu Charter Commission  
Mary James, Research Analyst, Honolulu Charter Commission  
Norma Reyes, Secretary, Honolulu Charter Commission

Testifiers:

Socrates Bratakos, Assistant Fire Chief, Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)  
Bobby Lee, Honolulu Fire Fighters Association (HFFA)

I. CALL TO ORDER

*Roll Call: Nathan Okubo, Paul Oshiro, Donna Ikeda, Rick Tsujimura, Kevin Mulligan*  
With a quorum present, Chair Ikeda called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

*Deliberation and decision-making on Proposal 86:*

- *Amend the description of the powers, duties, and functions of the Fire Chief to better reflect prevention, preparedness, and emergency response; and*
- *Require the Fire Chief to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for organization and internal administration.*

Testimony

Bobby Lee, Hawaii Firefighters Association, testified on Proposal 86. He also submitted written testimony and an amended version of the proposal. They have been working with HFD on the proposal.

Socrates Bratakos, Assistant Fire Chief, testified on behalf of the Honolulu Fire Department and was available to answer questions.

Chair Ikeda noted that the parties were given time to work out the differences on the proposal and that they are close but still not in total agreement. Therefore, the Committee worked out its own proposal based on the two versions. Commissioner Tsujimura reviewed the revised items and how they were amended from the HFFA and HFD versions as follows:

1. HFD: proposed subsection (a) added “through fire prevention and preparedness; and effective emergency response.”
2. HFFA: subsection (a), changed “rescue” to “emergency response”
3. HFFA: subsection (b), no change.
4. HFFA: subsection (c), no change.
5. HFFA: subsection (d), “manage a force of fire-fighting and rescue personnel” was changed to “manage firefighting and emergency response personnel”, to be consistent with previous language.
6. HFFA: subsection (e), both sides agree, no change.
7. HFFA: subsections (f), (g) and (h), no change.
8. HFFA: subsection (i), deleted.
9. HFFA: subsection (j), no change, renumbered to (i).

Mr. Lee and Assistant Fire Chief Bratakos agreed with the changes. Assistant Fire Chief Bratakos noted that HFD does respond to and investigate explosions. Mr. Lee noted that if it is a “true” explosion, the investigation will eventually be assumed by a federal agency.

Commissioner Okubo moved to approve the language as amended for the Committee by Commissioner Tsujimura. Commissioner Oshiro seconded the motion. Upon hearing no objections, the motion passed.

### III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

*Deliberation and decision-making on:*

*Proposal No. 52:*

*Create a Climate Change Commission attached to the Department of Facility Maintenance to:*

- *Review the latest science of climate change; and*
- *Advise the Director on adaptation measures to protect city properties and facilities; and*

*Proposal No. 73:*

*Create an office for policy framework, leadership, and coordination for climate change and resiliency across all relevant city agencies, other counties, and the State.*

Commissioner Okubo explained the combining of the two proposals and moving the Office of Climate Change from the Managing Director’s Office to the Department of Facility Maintenance. He noted that the introducer of the proposal agrees with the changes. Commissioner Tsujimura noted the change in subsection (d), to “integrate sustainable environmental values,” and questioned how this would happen. Commissioner Okubo was not sure and felt that the full Commission should look into it. Chair Ikeda noted that this issue is beyond the Committee’s scope, so when the proposal goes back to the Commission, those substantive issues can be addressed. Commissioner Okubo moved to approve the proposal as to form with an explanation that powers and duties be vetted by the full Commission in line with concerns expressed by the Committee. Commissioner Tsujimura seconded the motion. Upon hearing no objections, the motion passed.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Ikeda announced that the deferred matters that were to be on the agenda will be added to the committee's next agenda.

V. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Ikeda adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.