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HONOLULU FIRE COMMISSION
City and County of Honolulu
East Kapolei Fire Station
91-1211 Kinoiki Street
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2026
10:30 a.m.

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

ORAL TESTIMONY

Persons wishing to testify in-person may attend the meeting at the designated location at East Kapolei Fire Station, 91-1211 Kinoiki Street, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707. Oral testimony will be permitted on all items on the agenda. All oral testimony will be taken when each agenda item is taken up.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Written testimony may be mailed to the Honolulu Fire Commission c/o Honolulu Fire Department, 636 South Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, or emailed to nmurata@honolulu.gov.

ATTENDING THE MEETING

This meeting will be held as an in-person meeting only. Members of the public may attend the meeting at the designated location only at East Kapolei Fire Station, 91-1211 Kinoiki Street, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707.

MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

Meeting materials, if any, are available for public inspection at the **City and County of Honolulu website** under events.

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, contact Commission Secretary Nadine Murata (see email address above; phone: (808) 723-7321) as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible have a greater likelihood of being fulfilled. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate/accessible formats such as large print or electronic copy.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER.

- Ascertainment of Quorum

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2026.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2026.

V. BRIEFING AND LIVE DEMONSTRATION OF THE HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT'S DRONE PROGRAM.

VI. REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF, INCLUDING UPDATES ON WORKFORCE, FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT (CURRENT AVAILABILITY: APPARATUS OUT OF SERVICE TO INCLUDE PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL FLEET, RELIEF APPARATUS IN USE, AND APPARATUS RETURNED TO SERVICE FROM THE MECHANIC SHOP), BUDGET, DISCUSSIONS WITH HAWAII FIRE FIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION, INTERNAL/EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDER MATTERS, MAJOR INCIDENTS (FIRES/ RESCUES/ HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND MEDICALS/ AUTO EXTRACTIONS), FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE, COMPLIMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND COMPLAINTS RECEIVED.

- Discussion may include any of the items identified in the Report of the Fire Chief attached to this agenda. The Fire Chief may also brief the Commission on any significant events that occur after the official agenda is posted, including incidents where a department member may have caused harm or may have been harmed while on duty.
- The Commission may hold an executive session meeting to "consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities" [HRS Sec. 92-5(a)(4)] and/or "consider sensitive matters related to public safety or security" [HRS Sec. 92-5(a)(6)] with regard to items in the report.

VII. REPORTS ON ASSIGNED COMMISSION WORK- HFD BUDGET REVIEW, ANNUAL EVALUATION OF THE FIRE CHIEF, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE COMMISSION, CITIZEN COMPLAINTS, AND GOVERNANCE & RULES.

- Discussion will include the following citizen's complaints:

- Complaint alleging a Fire Fighter aggressively accosted three boy's dirt bike riding near the Sharks Cove area such riding purportedly in violation of the law
- Complaint alleging chronic management neglect of fire alarm systems at Ainahau Vista I & II senior complex, 2428 Tusitala Street, Honolulu
- Complaint alleging yard overgrowth and blight at 41-854 Kalanianaole Highway, Waimanalo

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VIII. UPDATE ON ALLEGED FEBRUARY 14, 2025 SEXUAL ASSAULT INCIDENT AT HFD HEADQUARTERS. The Commission may hold an executive session meeting to "consider the hire, evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of an officer or employee or of charges brought against the officer or employee, where consideration of matters affecting privacy will be involved" [HRS Sec. 92-5(a)(2)] and/or "consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities [HRS Sec. 92-5(A)(4)].

IX. SELECTION OF CHAIR.

X. SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR FIRE COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, September 30, 2026, 10:30 a.m. at the Charles H. Thurston Fire Training Center, Classroom I, 890 Valkenburgh Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818.

XII. ADJOURNMENT.