

**O‘ahu County Democrats 2025 Convention**  
**Ke‘ehi Lagoon, Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Memorial Hall**

**Saturday, May 10, 2025**

*Approved by the OCC on June 14, 2025*

Lorna Strand, Chair of the O‘ahu County Democrats called meeting to order at 9:00am.

- Roth Puahala – Opening Protocol
- Members – National Anthem and Hawai‘i Pono‘i
- Inspiration – Rev. Frances Wiebenga – “there is no true spiritual way out-only the way through”; “listen with love”
- Welcome Message from Elected Officials:  
Governor Josh Green,  
Congresswoman Jill Tokuda,  
Jacce Mikulanec on behalf of Senator Brian Schatz,  
Amy Monk on behalf of Senator Mazie Hirono,  
Nestor Garcia on behalf of Congressman Ed Case,  
State Senator Jarrett Keohokalole,  
State Representative Trish La Chica.

Welcome Message from State Party Chair, Derek Turbin

**Special Speakers:**

Marty Conmy, Resistance

Larry Smith, Blue Wave

**Credentials Committee Report**

- **Joe Francher** – moved on behalf of the Credentials Committee that the roll of 128 delegates delegates registered and in attendance as of 9:30am be adopted as the official roll of the voting members of the 2025 Oahu County Convention pending a revised report.  
Without objection, the roll of 128 delegates delegates registered and in attendance as of 9:30am was adopted pending a revised report. Quorum was established as a majority of 128, pending a revised report.

**Confirmation of Convention Standing Rules**

- **OCC Chair, Lorna Takehara Strand** – Without objection, the convention standing rules as adopted by the OCC on March 1, 2025 were confirmed by the delegates.

### **Adoption of the Convention Program**

- Without objection, the convention program moved by Kevin Wong on behalf of the convention planning committee, was adopted as distributed (Attachment II).

### **Chair Strand made the following Appointments:**

Parliamentarian: Dr. William Puette, PRP

Elections Officer: Kevan Wong

Sergeant-At-Arms: Tim Huycke

Recording Secretary: Melissa Vomvoris

Scribe: Jimmy Nguyen

Audiovisual manager- Nathan Char

### **Treasurer's Report**

- OCC Treasurer, **Joe Francher** – submitted his final treasurer's report (Attachment III).  
Chair Strand announced that the treasurer's report will be filed subject to audit.

### **Remarks by OCC Chair**

- Lorna Strand thanked all the committees and officers of the O'ahu County Committee for their support and summarized OCC accomplishments for the past six years

### **Platform Committee Report – (see attached Platform Committee report)**

- Committee Co-Chair, **Brenden Kinoshita** – The Platform Committee met on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> via Zoom to deliberate and discuss proposed changes to the platform of the Oahu County Democrats – By direction of the platform committee, Brenden Kinoshita moved that the 2 recommended platform changes be adopted in gross with the proviso that the secretary of the Oahu County Committee shall have the authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make any conforming changes as necessary.
  1. 2025 O'ahu County Democrats Convention Blue Wave Plank Proposal
  2. 2025 O'ahu County Democrats Convention Resistance Plank Proposal

Pursuant to convention rules 8B, Chair Strand received separation forms for platform plank proposal 1 and 2.

After debate Proposed Platform plank proposal #1 was adopted:

After Debate and an amendment moved by Delegate Michael Golojuch, Jr., proposed platform plank proposal #2 as amended was adopted as follows:

- *“We affirm our commitment to the United States Constitution and the rule of law, and we believe that all levels of government must hold and operate with the balance of the constitutional legal authority. We uphold the right of individuals to*

*question and peacefully protest governmental decisions and actions with which they disagree. Remain committed to challenging injustice whenever it arises. We believe in both appropriate and necessary for the O‘ahu County Democrats to engage in peaceful resistance or actions in defense of the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of Hawai‘i, the platform the core democratic values for the Democratic Party.:*

**Rules Committee Report - (see attached Rules Committee report)**

- Committee Co-Chair: Jimmy Nguyen – The convention committee on rules met on April 10th and April 19th via Zoom to deliberate and discuss proposed changes to the bylaws of the O‘ahu County Democrats. Chair Nguyen, on behalf of the Convention Rules Committee, moved that the four recommended amendments proposed to the Bylaws of the O‘ahu County Democrats be accepted in gross and referred to the State Central Committee for approval with the proviso that the secretary of the O‘ahu County committee shall have the authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary.
- The four recommended Amendments to the OCC Bylaws (Attachment 4):
  1. Recommended Amendment #1 – [Two ways to fill vacancies for County Convention Delegates] OCD Bylaw 12.4
  2. Recommended Amendment #2 – [Eliminates a duplication] OCD Bylaw 12.5(2)
  3. Recommended Amendment #3 - [OCC Chair designates one committee co-chair as the presiding officer] OCD Bylaws 9.1 and 12.7
  4. Recommended Amendment #4 - [Notification upon removal] OCD Bylaw 4.3

No separation requests being submitted, and without objection, all 4 committee recommendations were approved and adopted and will be referred to the State Central Committee for approval with the proviso that the secretary of the O‘ahu County Committee shall have the authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary.

**Election of O‘ahu County Officers 2025-2027 – (see attached Candidate List)**

- Elections Officer: Kevan Wong – presented the following list of uncontested nominees:  
County Chair, Lynn Robinson Onderko  
County Vice Chair, Isaiah Baclaan  
Secretary, Jimmy Nguyen  
Region 1 Chair, Kevan Wong  
Region 2 Chair, Nathan Chair

Region 3 Chair, Ken Peck  
Region 4 Chair, Radiant Cordero  
Region 5 Chair, Roth Puahala  
Region 6 Chair, Melissa Vomvoris  
Region 7 Chair, Vacant  
Region 8 Chair, Cross Crabbe  
Region 9 Chair, Fullerton Hopena Pokipala  
Region 10 Chair, Kathleen Pahinui

Chair strand declared the above listed nominees elected to their respective offices by acclamation.

Chair Strand recognized Lynn Robinson Onderko, the newly elected O‘ahu County Chair for brief remarks.

- **RECESS FOR LUNCH**

**Chair Strand called for a Moment of Silence for fellow Democrats who had passed away:**  
Chuck Prentiss and Jake Managdeg

**Resolutions Committee Report – (see attached Resolutions Committee Report)**

- Committee Co-Chair: Makana Paris and Leialoha Tumbaga – The Resolutions Committee met on April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup> via Zoom to deliberate and discuss proposed resolutions of the O‘ahu County Democrats. The Committee on Resolutions moves for the adoption in gross of the 22 resolutions as printed and circulated with the proviso that the secretary of the O‘ahu County committee shall have the authority to correct any non-substantive errors and make conforming changes as necessary.
  1. 2025-A Urging the City to Reforest and Use Hawaiian Sustainable Landscapes Across Leeward O‘ahu.
  2. 2025-B Urging the City to Provide Emergency or Second Access Routes for Isolated Communities.
  3. 2025-C Urging the City to Create a Landfill Host Compensation Fund.
  4. 2025-D Urging the City to Create Community Gardens in Leeward O‘ahu
  5. 2025-E Urging the United States Government to Ensure Adequate Monitoring and Remediation For the Navy’s Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility and to Protect Oahu’s Wai
  6. 2025-F Supporting the Sponsorship of Local Artists to Create Community Murals

7. 2025-GA Urging the O‘ahu County Democrats to Develop a Social Media Strategy and Social Media Team
8. 2025-HA Urging the O‘ahu County Democrats to Better Connect With Our Communities and Districts and Engage in Community-Related Service Projects
9. 2025-I Requesting the Department of Environmental Services to Convene a Working Group on Solid Waste Management in Honolulu County
10. 2025-J Urging the City and County of Honolulu to Commit to a Nuclear-Free, Sustainable Future for Honolulu County
11. 2025-K Requesting the Office of Planning and Sustainable Developments to Commission a Study of Energy Consumption Sections to Identify Decarbonization Opportunities in Honolulu County
12. 2025-L Urging the President Donald Trump and All Members of the Current and Future Administrations to Abide by the Laws of the United States, Including Compliance with Court Orders
13. 2025-NA Expressing Appreciation for the Homeless Outreach and Navigation for Unsheltered Persons (HONU) Program
14. 2025-O Urging Requirement of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Prior to the Reopening of Any Shaft or Well Closed Due to a Red Hill Fuel Storage Facility Discharge of Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH)
15. 2025-Q Urging Honolulu Authorities to Adopt Environmental Restoration Standards and Accountability for Underground Storage Tank Releases
16. 2025-R Requesting the Hawai‘i State Auditor to Conduct a Management and Financial Audit of the State’s Medicaid Health Care Insurance Contractors on a Biennial Basis for Honolulu County
17. 2025-S Requesting the Attorney General to Produce and Provide a List of State Lands in Honolulu County Currently Leased to the United States of America or any Federal Agency
18. 2025-T Urging the City and County of Honolulu to Seek Clarification of Disaster and Emergency Definitions to Enhance Emergency Management and Protect Democratic Process
19. 2025-U Affirming the Importance of Marine Ecosystem Restoration to Achieve Honolulu County’s Decarbonization Goals
20. 2025-W Urging the Board of Land and Natural Resources not to Approve any new Land Dispositions or Renew Any Land Leases that Allow or Facilitate Military Training Activities on State-Owned Lands in Honolulu County
21. 2025-Y Requesting the Department of Environmental Services to Convene a Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste Reduction Working Group to Propose Ways

to Reduce Construction and Demolition Waste in Preparation for the Closure of the  
PVT Land Company Ltd. C&D Landfill

22. 2025-Z Opposing the Opening of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument to  
Commercial Fishing

Pursuant to convention rules 8B, Chair Strand received separation forms for resolutions:  
2025-W, 2025-J, and 2025-S.

Without objection, the remaining 19 resolutions were adopted in gross.

After debate on the separated resolutions, Resolution 2025-W Urging the Board of Land and  
Natural Resources not to Approve any new Land Dispositions or Renew Any Land Leases that  
Allow or Facilitate Military Training Activities on State-Owned Lands in Honolulu County,  
Resolution 2025-J Urging the City and County of Honolulu to Commit to a Nuclear-Free,  
Sustainable Future for Honolulu County, and Resolution 2025-S Requesting the Attorney General  
to Produce and Provide a List of State Lands in Honolulu County Currently Leased to the United  
States of America or any Federal Agency were each adopted.

**Consideration of Submissions Not Recommended by Convention Committees**

Delegate Michael Golojuch Sr. moved to request consideration of the Rules Committee  
Proposal Amending Bylaws 12.4 and 5.1 that were not recommended by the Convention Rules  
Committee which would if adopted eliminate the current two gender slate requirement for OCC  
Chair and Vice Chair. The motion to consider this not recommended proposal failed to achieve  
the necessary 2/3 vote for consideration.

**Convention Adjournment** – With no further business in order the Chair Strand declared the  
2025 convention of the O‘ahu County Democrats of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i adjourned  
at 1:43pm.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

I Convention Standing Rules as adopted by the OCC on March 1, 2025 & confirmed by the delegates.

II Convention Program

III Treasurer's Report

IV. Recommended Amendments to O'ahu County Bylaws



## ATTACHMENT I

### STANDING RULES OF THE 2025 O'AHU COUNTY DEMOCRATS CONVENTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 10, 2025

**Adopted by the O'ahu County Committee on March 1, 2025**

The 2025 O'ahu County Convention will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025 in-person at the Ke'ehi Lagoon's Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Memorial Hall at 2685 North Nimitz Highway Honolulu, HI 96819. The Platform, Rules, and Resolutions Committee meetings will be held during the period of April 6-April 27 with specific dates, times, and URL information posted on the O'ahu County Democrats website no later than April 1, 2025.

#### **Rule 1. Registration Required.**

All Delegates to the O'ahu County Convention must register online on the O'ahu County Democrats website [oahudemocrats.org](https://oahudemocrats.org) or by mail to be sent to O'ahu County Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i, P.O. Box 1793, Honolulu, HI 96806-1793. Paper registration will be used as a last resort. Registration and payment deadlines are listed in the table below.

#### **Rule 2. Delegate Eligibility.**

- A. Delegates, as defined in Sections 12.4, 12.5 and 12.6 of the O'ahu County Bylaws, are eligible to be Delegates to the O'ahu County Convention after payment of the registration fee according to the payment schedule.
- B. Should a Delegate not meet the requirements in 2A the Delegate will be given the opportunity to update their membership information or provide proof of voter registration for the delegate slot they hold prior to the close of Convention registration on Wednesday, May 7, 2025.
- C. The names and representative constituencies (regions/districts) of all Convention delegates as described in Section 12.4, 12.5, and 12.6 of the OCD Bylaws, shall be submitted to the Credentials Committee as soon as possible but no later than 11:59 PM, May 5, 2025. No alternate delegates will be credentialed after this date.
- D. Payment schedule is as described in the table below.

Regular Rate	\$40.00 In Person	Prior to 11:59 PM, Saturday, April 25, 2025
Late Rate	\$50.00 In Person	Prior to 11:59 PM, Wednesday, May 7 No registrations will be accepted after this date and time. <i>Paper registration must be postmarked no later than May 3, 2025.</i>

### **Rule 3: Convention Hall, 2685 North Nimitz Highway Honolulu, HI 96819**

The County Convention will be conducted in person at Ke'ehi Lagoon. Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Memorial Hall, 2685 North Nimitz Highway Honolulu, HI 96819. All voting for the convention will be conducted in person on site. All Convention Committee Meetings will be conducted via Zoom in accordance with applicable laws, governing documents, these Rules and the Committee Rules, and the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (RONR), which shall control in that order of priority. All participants shall comply with these rules and procedures.

- A. Registered, credentialed Delegates must access the meeting in person at Ke'ehi Lagoon, Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Memorial Hall. Joining the Convention with a group on a single registration is not permitted.
- B. Sign In Protocols.
  - 1. Participants shall be credentialed in-person at the convention hall. They must sign in with their legal first and last names, region and district (e.g. Barack Obama 9-49); Phone numbers or fictional names are not permitted.
  - 2. The Registration and Credentials Committee will verify the delegates' information before processing them into the Convention Hall.
- C. Except for the parliamentarian, access by non-voting attendees (guests, observers) at the Convention will be limited.
- D. Interference and Noise. In person attendees shall mute their microphone at all times. After one warning, the Chair may order the muting of a disruptive delegate. After two or more warnings, the Chair holds the right to dismiss a delegate causing undue interference. The Chair's decision will be announced to the body.
- E. Decorum (Discussion, Debate, and Visual). Decorum is prescribed in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*; personal attacks, vulgarity, or offensive language can result in loss of debate privileges. Likewise, it is a breach of decorum to use electronic comment icons in debate. Visual decorum will also be enforced; any vulgar or offensive image, video, or attire is prohibited. Such breaches of decorum shall be cause for an immediate removal by the Chair from the meeting. Removal of an attendee, will be announced and recorded in the minutes.
- F. Electronic Recording. No videotaping or other electronic recording is permitted during any of the proceedings (except by the host and/or secretary) unless approved in advance.

### **Rule 4. Convention Committees.**

Proposed Resolutions, Platform Planks and amendments to the O'ahu County Bylaws must be submitted by April 4, 4:30 pm.

- A. Each Convention Committee shall convene at least once between April 6- April 27, 2025 via Zoom to consider submissions, to reformat, combine and/or revise submissions, and to adopt a committee report containing its recommendations that will be presented by the appointed chairperson or co-chairpersons of that committee.
- B. Detailed information regarding the 2025 Convention Committee's election procedures and meeting rules can be found in: *Appendix A - DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII (DPH)- 2025 O'AHU COUNTY CONVENTION, CONVENTION COMMITTEES: SELECTION PROCEDURES & MEETING RULES*

## Rule 5. Submissions to Platform, and Resolutions.

- A. The proposers of all platform planks, bylaw amendments, and resolutions shall submit proposals in a Microsoft Word compatible format (8.5" by 11"), using Arial 10 font, with one-inch margins on all sides. Resolution proposals shall be no longer than one page. Each proposal submitted to the Platform Committee is limited to one platform plank. Each proposal shall be submitted by e-mail to the appropriate committee. Convention Committee emails are listed in the table below.
- B. Email Submissions should include the following information in its subject line: 2025 OCD Convention *TYPE OF DOCUMENT*," where the words *TYPE OF DOCUMENT* " should be replaced with one of the following words: Resolution, Platform, or Rules. The body of the email should include the following information: type of document (Resolution, Platform Plank, or Bylaws Amendment), the title of the document, name of moving Delegate, and the software program (For example: Microsoft Word) used for submission. All submissions of proposed resolutions, platform planks, and rules amendments must be received before 4:30 pm on April 4, 2025.

Platform	<a href="mailto:oahuplatformcommittee@gmail.com">oahuplatformcommittee@gmail.com</a>
Resolutions	<a href="mailto:oahuresolutionscommittee@gmail.com">oahuresolutionscommittee@gmail.com</a>
Rules (Bylaws)	<a href="mailto:oahurulescommittee@gmail.com">oahurulescommittee@gmail.com</a>

- C. The Resolutions Committee will accept and consider resolutions that relate specifically and exclusively to O'ahu County issues and the work of the O'ahu County Committee and its committees. Resolutions, submitted in the prescribed format by the deadline, will be accepted and evaluated based on the following criteria, in priority order.

### Resolutions:

1. Submitted by elected officials who are Democrats.
  2. Aligned with the OCC's five Legislative Priorities—affordable housing, public education, healthcare, climate change, and economic inequality.
  3. Originating from a standing committee of the OCC.
  4. Resolutions thanking a person or organization external to the OCC for supporting the work of the OCC.
  5. From any O'ahu County Democrat provided that the resolution is specific to OCC issues and does not conflict with the platforms or resolutions of the Democratic Party of Hawaii or the Democratic National Committee.
- D. All submissions must be supported by another member as a second which must be verified by a separate email to the respective committee email within the submission deadline.
- E. Submissions not recommended by the designated convention committee must be included in their report but may only be considered at convention after all the recommended proposals have been considered and only if a 2/3rds vote of the delegates approves consideration. The motion to consider a proposal not recommended by the designated committee shall be undebatable.

- F. No floor submissions will be considered on the day of the Convention except for Courtesy Resolutions, at the discretion of the Chair.

**Rule 6. Proposed Changes to the O'ahu County Bylaws shall:**

- A. State the section and subsection of the Bylaw proposed to be amended.
- B. State the Bylaw provision again with changes, additions, or deletions set forth in Ramseyer format, i.e., strikethrough deletions and underline words to be added or inserted. EXAMPLE:  
~~This section is being stricken.~~ This section is being inserted. This section is not being changed.
- C. State the rationale for the proposed change.
- D. If the proposal affects other sections of the Bylaws, identify those sections and state the appropriate changes.
- E. The proposers of all bylaw amendments shall submit proposals in a Microsoft Word compatible format (8.5" by 11"); using Arial 10 font, with one-inch margins on all sides. Each proposal shall be submitted by e-mail to the Convention Rules Committee. The Rules Committee email is listed in the table above. Submissions will only be accepted by email and should be submitted as described in Rule 5.B, above with "Bylaws" used as, "TYPE OF DOCUMENT".
- F. All submissions must be supported by another member as a second which must be verified by a separate email to the respective committee email within the submission deadline.
- G. Submissions not recommended by the designated convention committee must be included in their report but shall only be considered at convention after all the recommended proposals have been considered and only if a 2/3rds vote of the delegates approves consideration. The motion to consider a proposal not recommended by the designated committee shall be undebatable.
- H. No floor submissions will be considered on the day of the Convention.

**Rule 7. Floor Participation.**

Participation in the deliberations on the convention floor shall be limited to Delegates presenting official Delegate voting cards issued at registration to that Delegate. A Delegate wishing to speak shall use the public-address system and is entitled to speak only when recognized by the presiding officer.

- A. When recognized by the Chair, the Delegate must state the delegate's first and last name and district clearly.
- B. Delegates must use the appropriate microphone. A Delegate recognized to answer a request for information, parliamentary inquiry or to make a point of order only may not make any other motion, nor engage in debate, nor make any remarks for or against a motion being debated.
- C. All main motions and amendments made from the floor must be submitted to the presiding officer in writing and signed by the Delegate making the motion 24 hours in advance.
- D. Delegates recognized for a *Point of Information* or a *Parliamentary Inquiry* must immediately state their question upon recognition. A Delegate recognized to express a *Point of Information* or a *Parliamentary Inquiry* may not make any other motion, nor engage in debate, nor make any remarks for or against a motion being debated.

- E. A delegate shall stand in line at the floor mic. The Sgt.-at-Arms will monitor the order of pro and con speakers for each topic. When recognized by the Chair, the delegate must then immediately address the Chair and state their *Point of Order*. A delegate recognized to express a *Point of Order* may not make any other motion, nor engage in debate, nor make any remarks for or against a motion being debated.
- F. Requesting the Floor. Voting members who attend in person must stand in line at the floor mic and request recognition by the Chair to make a motion or speak in debate, and after being recognized by the Chair, will speak clearly, and state their name and district.
- G. Debate on each debatable motion shall be limited to two ( 2) minutes per speech, with a two-speech limit per Delegate on each debatable motion.
- H. The Chair may close debate after three delegates have spoken in favor and three delegates have spoken in opposition to the pending motion.

#### **Rule 8 . Separate Consideration of Resolutions, Platform Planks, and Bylaw Amendments.**

- A. Proposed Resolutions recommended in the Resolutions Committee Report shall be considered for adoption *in gross*. If a Delegate desires to amend any resolution or speak against the resolution submitted in the Resolutions Committee Report, the delegate shall submit the appropriate separation and/or amendment forms to the Parliamentarian twenty-four (24) hours prior to the Convention Call to Order. The Delegate who calls for such separate consideration of a resolution shall be recognized first to speak against and/or offer an amendment to the specified resolution.
- B. Proposed changes to the O'ahu County Democrats Platform recommended by the Convention Platform Committee shall be considered for adoption *in gross* . If a Delegate desires to amend any Platform Plank or speak against the Platform Plank submitted in the Platform Committee Report, the delegate shall submit the appropriate separation and/or amendment forms to the Parliamentarian twenty-four (24) hours prior to the Convention Call to Order. The Delegate who calls for such separate consideration of a Platform Plank shall be recognized first to speak against and/or offer an amendment to the specified Platform Plank.
- C. Proposed changes to the O'ahu County Democrats Bylaws recommended by the Convention Rules Committee shall be considered for adoption *in gross*. If a Delegate desires to amend any Bylaw Amendment or speak against the Amendment submitted in the Rules Committee Report, the Delegate shall submit the appropriate separation and/or amendment forms to the Parliamentarian twenty-four (24) hours prior to the Convention Call to Order. The Delegate who calls for such separate consideration of a recommended Bylaw Amendment shall be recognized first to speak against and/or offer an amendment to the specified proposal.

#### **Rule 9. Voting.**

- A. Voting will be conducted using iClicker software, voting cards or signed ballots. Each registered Delegate entitled to vote will be issued a "voting card" which the Delegate shall raise when called upon by the chair to express the Delegate's vote. No one except the Delegate to whom the voting card or iClicker is issued may use the iClicker or voting card to vote. Each Delegate must return the iClicker device and voting card issued to them at the end of the convention or if the Delegate must leave before adjournment. Any iClicker and or voting card left unattended or in the custody or use of anyone except the Delegate to whom it was issued will be confiscated by the Sergeant-at-Arms.
- B. Unless ten (10) Convention delegates object, motions will be adopted by general consent.

## **Rule 10. Nominations.**

Candidates must have filed nomination papers with the county secretary or chair by 4:30 pm April 30<sup>th</sup>. Nominations shall not be accepted from the floor.

## **Rule 11. Elections.**

At the 2025 Convention, elections will be held for the O'ahu County Chairperson and Vice Chairperson slate, County Secretary, County Assistant Secretary, County Treasurer, County Assistant Treasurer, and Ten (10) Regional Chairpersons. The election shall be decided by a majority of votes cast.

- A. Election shall be by an electronic poll (iClicker) or signed ballot unless there is only one (1) nominee for a position in which case election shall be by acclamation.
- B. In contested races, candidates may speak for two (2) minutes each. Delegates shall elect candidates for contested positions using a single, first poll or signed ballot provided
- C. The election shall be decided by a majority of votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority on the first poll, then a second poll or signed ballot between the top two (2) vote-getters shall be conducted.
- D. Ties on the second poll or ballot shall be decided by the flip of a coin.

## **Rule 12. Minutes.**

The Chair shall appoint a Convention secretary to prepare the minutes of the O'ahu County Democrats 2025 Convention and shall be approved at a subsequent OCC meeting.

## **Rule 13. Parliamentary Procedures.**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, the Bylaws of the O'ahu County Democrats, or these Standing Rules.

## ATTACHMENT II

### **O'ahu County Democrats 2025 Convention Ke'ehi Lagoon, Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Memorial Hall Saturday, May 10, 2025: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

#### **PROGRAM**

##### **8:00 Convention Registration & Hot Breakfast**

Delegates must sign in at Ke'ehi Lagoon, Weingarten Hall to obtain voting cards and iClicker software links

##### **8:50 Assembly of Delegates**

##### **9:00 Call to Order**

Opening Protocol: Roth Puahala  
Inspiration: Rev. Frances Wiebenga  
National and State Anthems  
Welcome Message from Elected Officials  
Welcome Message from State Party Chair, Derek Turbin

##### **Special Speakers**

Marty Conmy, Resistance  
Larry Smith, Blue Wave

##### **Adoption of the Credentials Committee Report**

Credentials: Joe Francher

##### **Confirmation of Convention Standing Rules Adopted by OCC March 1, 2025**

OCC Chairperson: Lorna Takehara Strand

##### **Adoption of the Convention Program**

Convention Planning Committee Chair: Kevan Wong

##### **Appointments**

Parliamentarian: *Dr. William Puette, PRP*  
Elections Officer: *Kevan Wong*  
Sergeant-At-Arms: *Tim Huycke*  
Recording Secretary: *Melissa Vomvoris*  
Scribe: *Jimmy Nguyen*  
Audiovisual manager- Nathan Char

##### **Treasurer's Report**

OCC Treasurer: Joe Francher

##### **Remarks by OCC Chair**

*Lorna Strand*

##### **Platform Committee Report**

Committee Chair: Brenden Kinoshita

##### **Rules Committee Report**

Committee Chair: Jimmy Nguyen

##### **Supplemental Credentials Committee Report (if needed)**

Credentials: Joe Francher

##### **Election of O'ahu County Officers 2025-2027**

Elections Officer: Kevan Wong  
Recognition of Candidates for Remarks

##### **30 Minute Recess for Lunch and Region Meetings (Bento Lunches)**

Hosted by your respective current and incoming Region Chairs

## **Return from Recess: Announcement of Finalized Region Election Results**

Vice Chair: Kevan Wong

## **Remembrances of Deceased O'ahu County Democrats** Lorna Strand

## **Resolutions Committee Report**

Chair: Makana Paris

## **Consideration of Submissions Not Recommended by Convention Committees**

Rules,  
Platform  
Resolutions

## **2:00 pm Convention Adjournment**

*Hawai'i Aloha*

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## **Meeting of the 2025-2027 O'ahu County Committee**

To immediately follow the Adjournment of the 2025 Convention, O'ahu County Committee

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### ***Hawai'i Pono'i***

Hawai'i pono'i,  
Nānā i kou mō'i,  
Ka lani ali'i,  
Ke ali'i.

Hawai'i pono'i,  
Nānā i nā Ali'i,  
Nā pua muli kou,  
Nā pōki'i.

Hawai'i pono'i,  
E ka lāhui ē,  
'O kāu hana nui  
E ui ē.

Hui:  
Makua lani ē,  
Kamehameha ē,  
Na kāua e pale,  
Me ka ihe.

### ***Hawai'i Aloha***

E Hawai'i e ku'u one hānau e  
Ku'u home kula'iwi nei  
'Oli nō au i nā pono lani ou  
E Hawai'i, aloha ē

Hui:  
E hau'oli e nā 'ōpio o Hawai'i nei  
'Oli ē! 'Oli ē!  
Mai nā aheahe makani e pā mai nei  
Mau ke aloha, no Hawai'i

E ha'i mai kou mau kini lani e  
Kou mau kupa aloha, e Hawai'i  
Nā mea 'ōlino kamaha'o no luna mai  
E Hawai'i aloha ē  
(hui)

Nā ke Akua e mālama mai iā 'oe  
Kou mau kualono aloha nei  
Kou mau kahawai 'ōlinolino mau  
Kou mau māla pua nani ē  
(hui)

		Revenue				Revenue				Revenue				Revenue								
	REVENUE	Jan-24	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	2024 Annual	Jan-25	February	March	April	May	2025 Annual	TOTAL	
Administration	Convention Revenue/Sponsors	\$ 4,230	\$ 7,950		\$ 4,935	\$ 5,465								\$ 22,420	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,720	\$ 620	\$ 3,430	\$ 1,680	\$ 7,560	\$ 30,180	
	RPT Communications fee (\$5 cat)														-	417					417	
	District Region Fundraising	\$ 111	\$ 1,071	\$ 817	\$ 1,588	\$ 186	\$ 211	\$ 488	\$ 186	\$ 3,371	\$ 86	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 6,488	\$ 271	\$ 281	\$ 221	\$ 1,092	\$ 25	\$ 1,889	\$ 10,777	
	Mega Wave Fundraising	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 236	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 736	\$ 40	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 40	\$ 25	\$ 155	\$ 891	
	A&O																				\$ -	
	Organizing For Elections/T-Shirts	\$ 245	\$ 280	\$ 855	\$ 115	\$ 230				\$ 110					\$ 1,835						\$ -	\$ 1,835
Social Events														\$ 2,502							\$ 2,502	
	Social Events													\$ 2,502							\$ 2,502	
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 4,731	\$ 11,978	\$ 6,877	\$ 7,191	\$ 441	\$ 236	\$ 511	\$ 331	\$ 3,606	\$ 111	\$ 211	\$ 211	\$ 36,181	\$ 858	\$ 2,036	\$ 866	\$ 4,562	\$ 1,710	\$ 10,001	\$ 46,303	
	EXPENSE	Jan-24	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	2024 Annual	Jan-25	February	March	April	May	2025 Annual	TOTAL	
Administration	Meeting Equipment				\$ 975	\$ 102							\$ 750	\$ 1,527			\$ 68			\$ -	\$ 48	\$ 1,794
	Website																				\$ -	\$ -
	USPS PO Box Fee										\$ 302			\$ 302							\$ -	\$ 302
	Fundraising Events	\$ 8	\$ 50	\$ 1,967							\$ 267	\$ 401		\$ 2,725							\$ -	\$ 2,733
	Communications/Social Media/Mail	\$ 47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47	\$ 47	\$ 47	\$ 47	\$ 47	\$ 47	\$ 47	\$ 47	\$ 47	\$ 565	\$ 47	\$ 175	\$ 47	\$ 47	\$ 47	\$ 268	\$ 830	
	Bank Service Fees	\$ 87	\$ 211	\$ 207	\$ 224	\$ 13	\$ 12	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 12	\$ 7	\$ 41	\$ 11	\$ 858	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 33	\$ 142	\$ 3	\$ 183	\$ 1,041	
Meetings & Outreach	Event					\$ 2,303								\$ 2,303							\$ 2,303	
	Equipment-Fundraising Screen			\$ 102										\$ 102							\$ -	\$ 102
	Equipment-Projection Screen																				\$ -	
	District Mtg Setup/Banner	\$ 615	\$ 535	\$ 836	\$ 272		\$ 247		\$ 50					\$ 2,555					\$ 67	\$ 67	\$ 2,622	
	PROTECTED (resistance office)																\$ 2,423	\$ 836		\$ 3,259	\$ 3,659	
	Honorary Ad for District Mtg																				\$ -	\$ -
BLUE WAVE	Pictorials	\$ 54	\$ 424			\$ 1,592					\$ 5,312			\$ 7,382							\$ -	\$ 7,382
	Marketing																				\$ -	\$ -
Digital Equity	Training Venues	(25)	(25)								\$ 320			\$ 320							\$ -	\$ 320
	Equipment: \$400 +\$1,100																				\$ -	\$ -
Organizing For Elections (modified June 2024)	Training /T-Shirts/Other \$1,100			\$ 64	\$ 848									\$ 913							\$ -	\$ 913
	Kalua July 4th Parade \$2,161.75						\$ 1,134		\$ 1,506					\$ 2,640							\$ -	\$ 2,640
	O'hana Sign Waiving \$0.00								\$ 102		\$ 329											

Oahu County Democrats 2-Year Operations Budget - May 2023 to May 2025										
		2024			2024 Final			2025		
		Actual	ORIGINAL	DIFFERENCE	Actual	ORIGINAL	DIFFERENCE	Actual	ORIGINAL	DIFFERENCE
		REVENUE								
	ICovention Revenue	\$ 22,620	\$ 5,000	\$ 17,620	\$ 7,560	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,560			
	OPM Communications Fee (\$21.65/mt)	\$ 5	\$ 1,535	\$ 1,530	\$ 117	\$ 417	\$ 300			
	Printed/Region Fundraising	\$ 4,485	\$ 300	\$ 4,185	\$ 848	\$ 1,500	\$ 652			
	Blue Wave Fundraising	\$ 738	\$ 1,500	\$ (164)	\$ 155	\$ -	\$ 155			
	AAJAD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Organizing For Elections	\$ 1,835	\$ -	\$ 1,835	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Social Events	\$ 2,502	\$ -	\$ 2,502	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ (7,500)
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$ 36,181	\$ 7,835	\$ 28,346	\$ 10,021	\$ 11,417	\$ (1,396)			
		EXPENSE								
	Meeting Equipment	\$ 1,827	\$ -	\$ 1,827	\$ 68	\$ -	\$ 68			
	Videotape	\$ -	\$ 228	\$ (228)	\$ -	\$ 228	\$ (228)			
	Video on Run Fee	\$ 302	\$ 275	\$ 27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Fundraising Events	\$ 2,275	\$ -	\$ 2,275	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ (2,500)			
	Communications/Social Media/Mail	\$ 565	\$ 1,800	\$ (1,235)	\$ 266	\$ 750	\$ (484)			
	Bank Service Fees	\$ -	\$ 30	\$ (30)	\$ 820	\$ -	\$ 820			
	"Zoom"	\$ 3,301	\$ 2,093	\$ 1,208	\$ -	\$ 2,093	\$ (2,093)			
	Equipment-Projection Screen	\$ 302	\$ -	\$ 302	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	District Mtg Sites/Banner	\$ 2,553	\$ 3,000	\$ (445)	\$ 67	\$ -	\$ 67			
	<b>PROFESTING</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,659	\$ 3,000	\$ 659			
	Newspaper Ad for Precinct Mtg	\$ -	\$ 3,600	\$ (3,600)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Postcards	\$ 3,282	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,282	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Mailing	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ (4,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Training Venues	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ (2,000)	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ (25)			
	Equipment \$400-\$1,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Training \$70-Drivts/Other \$1,100	\$ 919	\$ 1,100	\$ (187)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Vehicle July until Parade \$21,65/mt	\$ 5,646	\$ 2,165	\$ 3,481	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Online Signage \$10.00	\$ 631	\$ 631	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Upper Region/Adt On Vote \$200	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ (2,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	<b>Neighborhood Election 2023 (1/11/25)</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ (2,000)			
	Workshop Refreshments	\$ 666	\$ 330	\$ 336	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	"Running to Win" mailing/printing	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ (25)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Candidate Posters \$20-\$200	\$ 480	\$ 3,000	\$ (2,020)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Harold Luther King Parade	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 1,397	\$ 1,000	\$ 397			
	Marlin Luther King Activities	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ (3,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	AAJ Forum - Discussion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Kapapa Event	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	You Tube Discussion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Intermeeting (GOOD DRIVE BANNER)	\$ 231	\$ -	\$ 231	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	OCC Convention 2024	\$ 31,252	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,252	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	OCC Convention 2025	\$ 1,400	\$ -	\$ 1,400	\$ 4,441	\$ 5,000	\$ (559)			
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	\$ 36,795	\$ 30,172	\$ 6,583	\$ 9,882	\$ 16,411	\$ (6,529)			
	<b>NET INCOME</b>	\$ (574)	\$ (2,337)	\$ (1,763)	\$ 139	\$ (5,341)	\$ (5,233)			

## ATTACHMENT IV

### AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE O'AHU COUNTY DEMOCRATS

#### Recommended Amendment #1

#### [Two ways to fill vacancies for County Convention Delegates] OCD Bylaw 12.4

Amendments to Bylaw 12.4.D and E

#### As is:

(12.4) The delegate body of the Convention shall be comprised as follows.

- A. Each District shall have twenty-five (25) delegates.
  - 1. Members elected to the District Council, whether at the biennial election meeting or at a later meeting as prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, shall automatically become delegates to the O'ahu County Convention.
  - 2. The remaining delegates (called "At-large delegates") shall be elected at the same time by all the district members present at the biennial election meeting. A member who cannot be present, and desires to run for an at-large delegate position, shall submit a nomination request in writing to the District Chair prior to the meeting.
  - 3. Alternate delegates may also be elected by all members present at the biennial election meeting.
- B. Each District shall make every effort to elect delegates composed of equal numbers of men and women.
- C. In addition to elected delegates, the members of the Executive Committee of the O'ahu County Committee shall be delegates to the O'ahu County Convention.
- D. If, following the Biennial Elections, there remain vacant At-Large delegate positions, the District Council shall be empowered to fill the remaining positions, up until ten (10) days prior to the convention, after that the District Chairperson shall be empowered, provided that:
  - 1. Best attempts are made to ensure gender equity is maintained; and
  - 2. District Council meetings to fill vacancies may be conducted by videoconference, phone or email;
  - 3. Appointments shall be in writing.
- E. If an elected delegate cannot attend, they shall notify the District Chairperson in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the convening of the convention. The District Chairperson shall select the first alternate delegate and move down the list of alternates in order when filling any subsequent delegate positions created by withdrawals. If there is no alternate list, the District Chairperson will inform the District Council members and all District members who have an email address on file with the Party of the vacancy or vacancies. Members will let the District Chair know of their desire to become a delegate. The District Chair will fill vacancies on a first come, first served basis, but will make the best effort to select a person of the same gender. F. Each delegate to the O'ahu County Convention is entitled to one (1) vote.
- F. No official delegate shall be prevented from fully participating in the County Convention due to an inability to pay part or all of the established registration fee.

**As amended:**

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- E. If an elected delegate cannot attend, they shall notify the District Chairperson in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the convening of the convention.
  - 1. 1. If there is an alternate delegate list, the District Chairperson shall select the first alternate delegate to fill the vacancy created by the withdrawal.
  - 2. 2. If there is no alternate delegate list, the vacancy shall be filled in the manner set forth in (12.4.D).

~~The District Chairperson shall select the first alternate delegate and move down the list of alternates in order when filling any subsequent delegate positions created by withdrawals. If there is no alternate list, the District Chairperson will inform the District Council members and all District members who have an email address on file with the Party of the vacancy or vacancies. Members will let the District Chair know of their desire to become a delegate. The District Chair will fill vacancies on a first come, first served basis, but will make the best effort to select a person of the same gender.~~
- F. Each delegate to the O'ahu County Convention is entitled to one (1) vote.
- G. No official delegate shall be prevented from fully participating in the County Convention due to an inability to pay part or all of the established registration fee.

**Rationale:**

Rule 12.4 sets out how delegates to the OCD Convention get elected or selected. (Officers of the OCC and elected officials achieve delegate or equivalent status in a different manner.) The delegates are selected either at the biennial election meeting, a later meeting, or by the District Chair. Most of the delegates are likely to be elected because they were elected to the District Council.

If there are vacancies after the biennial election meeting, these may be filled by the District membership or District Council at later meetings. At the end of this process, the District Chair is empowered to fill last-minutes vacancies.

A list of alternate delegates is only generated when all delegate positions available at the biennial election meeting have been filled.

Rule 12.4.E addresses the circumstance in which a vacancy occurs because an elected delegate finds they cannot attend. If so, that position is filled thus: a) if there is a list of alternates, the first alternate is selected or b) if there is no list (because there were vacancies at the time of the biennial election meeting), the vacancy is filled in the regular manner set out in the prior section 12.4.D. The amendment shortens Paragraph E, which is long and complicated, and makes clear the two situations: the normal situation in which vacancies have occurred due to lack of candidates and the other situation in which there are no vacancies and one occurs only because an elected delegate has to withdraw.

## **Recommended Amendment #2**

### **[Eliminates a duplication] OCD Bylaw 12.5(2)**

#### **Amendment to OCD Bylaw 12.5(2)**

##### **As is:**

(12.5) Elected federal, state and County officials, or officials who may have been appointed to fill a vacant position of an elected official, and who currently serve in office shall have all the rights and privileges of a delegate subject to the following requirements:

1. Be a member of the Democratic Party in good standing; and
2. Have attained their present office in a partisan election as a Democrat or have been appointed to fill a vacant position of an elected official, or have attained their present office in a non-partisan State or County election, provided they are Democratic Party members in good standing and residents of O'ahu.

##### **As amended:**

(12.5) Elected federal, state and County officials, or officials who may have been appointed to fill a vacant position of an elected official, and who currently serve in office shall have all the rights and privileges of a delegate subject to the following requirements:

1. Be a member of the Democratic Party in good standing; and
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##### **Rationale:**

Eliminates a duplicative phrase.

## Recommended Amendment #3

### [OCC Chair designates one committee co-chair as the presiding officer] OCD Bylaws 9.1 and 12.7

#### Amendments to 9.1 and 12.7

##### As is:

(9.1) There shall be standing committees on rules; finance; legislation; membership; affirmative action, inclusion and diversity; elections; and convention planning. At least one of the co-chairs of each committee shall be a member of the OCC and shall be appointed by the Chair with advice and consent of the OCC. Membership of the committees is open to any member of the O'ahu County Democrats.

(12.7) The Co-Chairs and members of the Convention Committees of Rules, Platform, Credentials and Resolutions shall be appointed by the County Chairperson, in keeping with the Party's commitment to gender equity, from among the Convention delegates with the concurrence of the O'ahu County Committee.

##### As amended:

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(12.7) The Co-Chairs and members of the Convention Committees of Rules, Platform, Credentials and Resolutions shall be appointed by the County Chairperson, in keeping with the Party's commitment to gender equity, from among the Convention delegates with the concurrence of the O'ahu County Committee. For each committee, the OCC Chair shall designate one co-chair to serve as the presiding officer and the other to serve as the secretary or scribe.

##### Rationale:

Under Robert's, committees have only one presiding officer. If there are two, that situation could lead to an irresolvable conflict. The amendments add the requirement that the OCC Chair select which committee co-chair will serve as presiding officer.

## Recommended Amendment #4

### [Notification upon removal] OCD Bylaw 4.3

Proposed Changes to the O'ahu County Bylaws  
Section 4. District Council

(4.3) District Chairpersons shall have the duty to represent their districts by attending or being represented at OCC meetings. If a District Council Chairperson does not fulfill this duty, unexcused, for

three (3) OCC meetings per term of office, the District Chairperson shall automatically give up their position as District Chairperson.

The OCC Secretary shall notify the entire district when a District Chairperson is automatically removed from their position, after the time to appeal has elapsed as described below.

Any District Chairperson may request a hearing, in writing, to challenge the automatic removal from their position within fifteen (15) calendar days of the notice of removal. The County Chairperson shall appoint a special committee, within ten (10) calendar days after receiving the request, to conduct a hearing of the circumstances of the removal and submit its recommendation to the County Committee not later than thirty (30) calendar days after being appointed. A copy of the special committee's recommendation shall be given to the District Chairperson who requested the hearing. The County Chairperson shall place the matter of consideration of the special committee's recommendation on the County Committee's next meeting agenda.

**Rationale:**

We need to notify the district when a chairperson is removed.