



**O'ahu County Democrats
2026 Convention
Minutes**

The annual O'ahu County Democrats Convention was held on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 9:04 am at Ke'ehi Lagoon, Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Memorial Hall, the OCC Chair presiding and Secretary serving as recording secretary being present.

Inspiration – Rebecca Soon

Members – National Anthem and Hawai'i Pono'i

Welcome Message from Elected Officials:

Lt. Governor Sylvia Luke

Chair Lynn Robinson Onderko on behalf of Senator Mazie Hirono

Video message from Senator Brian Schatz,

Adoption of Credentials Committee Report

Co-Chairs: Kaleo Chang & Kate Ozawa

Kate Ozawa moved on behalf of the Credentials Committee that the roll of 110 voting delegates registered and in attendance as of 9:09am be adopted as the official roll of the voting members of the 2026 Oahu County Convention pending a revised report.

Without objection, the roll of 110 voting delegates registered and in attendance as of 9:09am was adopted pending a revised report. Quorum was established as a majority of 110, pending a revised report.

Confirmation of Convention Standing Rules

OCC Chair, Lynn Robinson Onderko – Without objection, the convention standing rules as adopted by the OCC on March 21, 2026 were confirmed by the delegates.

Adoption of the Convention Agenda

Andrew McClean moved on behalf of the Convention Committee to adopt the convention agenda as circulated.

Melody Aduja (D48, Region 9) moved to amend agenda to include In Memorial - Hopena Pokipala. Adopted without objection.

Pohia Ryan moved to add Lt. Governor to agenda. Adopted without objection.

Chair Robinson announced the following Appointments:

Sergeant-At-Arms: Tim Huycke

Elections Officer: Michael Golojuch, Jr.

Recording Secretary: Patrick Smith

Scribe: Cori Terayama



Treasurer's Report (Report Included)

OCC Treasurer, Andrew McClean – submitted the treasurer's report (Attachment III).
Chair Robinson Onderko announced that the treasurer's report will be filed subject to audit.

Remarks by OCC Chair

Thanked all delegates for attending and all those involved with organizing and putting on the convention.

Video Message from District 1 Representative Ed Case

Platform Committee Report (Report included)

Co-Chairs: Jake Schafer & McKenna Woodward

Jake Schafer informed the convention on behalf of the Platform Committee that no submissions were received and therefore the Platform Committee has no recommendations for adoption by the delegates to the 2026 convention of Oahu County Democrats.

The report was received and will be filed with no further action required.

RECESS

Address to Delegates

Address by Senator Jarrett Keohokalole.

Rules Committee Report (Report included)

Co-Chairs: Anthony Makana Paris & Cori Teriyama

Cori Teriyama informed the convention on behalf of the Rules Committee that no submissions for changes to state constitution or bylaws were received and therefore the Rules Committee has no recommendations for adoption by the delegates to the 2026 convention of Oahu County Democrats.

The report was received and will be filed with no further action required.

IN MEMORIAM

Governor John Waihe'e, III spoke in memoriam for Governor George Ariyoshi.
Michael Golojuch, Jr. spoke in memoriam for Congresswoman Colleen Hanbusha.
Pohia Ryan spoke in memoriam for Hopena Pokipala.

RECESS FOR LUNCH



Golf Tournamnet Fundraiser

Rick Onderko presented details about upcoming golf tournament

Supplemental Credentials Reports

Kate Ozawa moved on behalf of the Credentials Committee that the roll of 116 voting delegates registered and in attendance as of 11:34am be adopted as the official roll of the voting members of the 2026 Oahu County Convention pending a revised report.

Without sufficient objection, the revised roll of 116 voting delegates registered and in attendance as of 11:34am was adopted.

Address to Delegates

Address by Representative Della Au Bellati.

Elections Committee Report

Co-Chairs: Michael Golojuch, Jr.

For the election of SCC at-large reps to state central committee, Michael Golojuch, Jr. presented the two different gender nominees:

Nominees: McKenna Woodward
 Joe Francher

Without objections, candidates delivered candidate speeches. As the Oahu County bylaws do not require a vote when there is only one nominee per office, the chair declared nominees to be elected by acclamation.

Address to Delegates

Without objection, chair allowed the following candidates for Lt. Governor to speak to the convention.

Member John Choi & Kaua'i Mayor Derek Kawakami

Address by State Chair Derek Turbin

Chair Appreciation

Chair thanked Dr. William Puette for his extraordinary past service to the party.



Resolutions Committee Report (Report included)

Co-chairs: Janel Fujinaka & Dale Vanderbrink

Dale Vanderbrink informed the convention on behalf of the Resolutions Committee that no submissions for resolutions to O'ahu County Democrats were received and therefore the Resolutions Committee has no recommendations for adoption by the delegates to the 2026 convention of Oahu County Democrats.

The report was received and will be filed with no further action required.

Address to Delegates

Address by Young Democrats of Hawai'i President Cori Terayama

Without objection, address by Chair of the state convention.

Convention Adjournment

Announcement: Immediately following adjournment, there will be an O'ahu County Committee meeting.

The convention adjourned at 12:19pm.

Submitted by Patrick Smith, OCC Secretary



Approved July 11, 2026



ATTACHMENTS

- I. Convention Standing Rules as adopted by the OCC on March 21, 2026 & confirmed by the delegates.
- II. Convention Program (Agenda)
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. O'ahu County Democrats 2026 Convention Resolution Committee Report
- V. O'ahu County Democrats 2026 Convention Resolution Committee Report
- VI. O'ahu County Democrats 2026 Convention Rules Committee Report



**STANDING RULES OF THE 2026 O'AHU COUNTY DEMOCRATS CONVENTION
TO BE HELD ON APRIL 25, 2026**

**Adopted by the O'ahu
County Committee on**

March, 21 2026

The 2026 O'ahu County Convention will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026, and will be conducted in person at the Ke'ehi Lagoon Memorial Park. The Platform, Rules, and Resolutions Committee meetings will be held during the period of April 1 and April 15, 2026, with specific dates, times, and URL information posted on the O'ahu County Democrats website no later than March 25, 2026

Rule 1. Registration Required.

All Delegates to the O'ahu County Convention must register online on the O'ahu County Democrats website oahudemocrats.org or by mail to be sent to the 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, 2.5, 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 Monday, April 20, 2026.
- C. The names and representative constituencies of all Convention delegates as described in Section 12.4 of the OCD Bylaws shall be submitted to the Credentials Committee as soon as possible, but no later than 11:59 PM, April 20, 2026. No alternate delegates will be credentialed after this date.
- D. Payment schedule is as described in the table below.

Early Bird Rate	\$40.00	Prior to 11:59 PM, Wednesday, March 25
Regular Rate	\$50.00	Prior to 11:59 PM, Wednesday, April 15
Late Rate	\$60.00	Prior to 11:59 PM, Monday, April 20. No registrations will be accepted after this date and time. <i>Paper Registration must be postmarked no later than April 17, 2026</i>

Rule 4. Convention Committees.

Pursuant to O'ahu County Democrats Bylaws Section 12.1.2, the business and purposes of the County's Annual Convention in even-numbered years shall be limited to and dedicated to the following work relating to the State Party, but County work as listed in 12.1.1 b & c may also be considered as time permits:

- a. Elect the County Representatives to the SCC;
- b. Consider and vote on proposals for the State Biennial Convention to amend the DPH Constitution, Bylaws, and Platform; and
- c. Consider and vote on resolutions addressing State- wide, National, or International policies that can be proposed to the delegates of the DPH Biennial Convention on behalf of O'ahu County Democrats.

B. Each Pre-Convention Committee shall convene at least once between April 1 and April 15, 2026 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. Pre-Convention Committee meetings may be held in person or via Zoom.

C. Detailed information regarding the 2026 Pre-Convention Committees' s election procedures and meeting rules can be found in: *Appendix A - DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII (DPH)- 2026 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 the subject line: 2026 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 March 30, 2026.

Platform	platform@oahudemocrats.org
Resolutions	resolutions@oahudemocrats.org
Rules (Bylaws)	rules@oahudemocrats.org

- C. The Resolutions Committee will accept and consider resolutions that relate to State-wide, National, or International policies that can be proposed to the delegates of the DPH Biennial Convention on behalf of O'ahu County Democrats. 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 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.
 - 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 Democratic Party of Hawai'i Constitution and Bylaws, and if time permits, the O'ahu County Bylaws shall:

- A. State the section and subsection of the Constitution or Bylaw proposed to be amended.
- B. State the Constitution or 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.

State the rationale for the proposed change.

If the proposal affects other sections of the Constitution and Bylaws, identify those sections and state the appropriate changes.

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".

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.

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.

No floor submissions will be considered on the day of the Convention.

Rule 7. Protocols and Floor Participation.

- A. Electronic Recording. No video-taping or other electronic recording is permitted during any of the proceedings unless approved in advance.
- B. The Chair or their designee shall appoint a member(s) to act as "Host(s)" and/or "Co-Host(s)" for the Convention or pre-convention committee meetings for the purpose of scheduling, initiating, polling, and controlling meeting functions as directed.

- C. For purposes of the Convention, participation in the deliberations on the Convention floor shall be limited to registered and credentialed Delegates.
- D. When recognized by the Chair, the Delegate must state the Delegate's first and last name and district clearly
- E. Delegates shall stand in line at the floor mic to raise a *Point of Order* when a delegate notices a breach of order or rules. The Sargeant-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 must stand in line at the floor mic to request recognition by the Chair to make a motion or speak in debate, and after being recognized by the Chair, the member will speak clearly and state their name and district.
- G. All main motions and amendments made from the floor must be in writing by the Delegate making the motion and will be read by the Chair.
- H. 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. The speaker will be given a thirty (30) second warning and will be warned when the two (2) minutes are over. All attendees must stand quietly by the floor mic after speaking.
- G. The Chair may close debate after three delegates have spoken in favor and three delegates have spoken in opposition to the pending motion.
- H. Decorum is prescribed in RONR; personal attacks, vulgarity, or offensive language can result in loss of debate privileges. Breaches of decorum shall be cause for loss of debate privileges or immediate dismissal by the Chair from the meeting. The Chair's dismissal of an attendee will be announced and recorded in the minutes.

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 Democratic Party of Hawai'i Platform recommended by the Pre-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 Democratic Party of Hawai'i Constitution Bylaws recommended by the Pre-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 during all business meetings of the Convention will be conducted in person. The Chair or their designee shall direct the voting procedures which may include, but are not limited to general consent, a polling method, or roll call. **Voice votes shall not be used to vote on any question.**
- B. Unless ten (10) Convention delegates object, motions will be adopted by general consent.

Rule 10. Nominations.

Candidates for the Representatives from O'ahu Democrats to the SCC must have filed nomination papers with a personal profile and picture to the County Secretary by 4:30 p.m., April 15, 2026, ten (10) days before the Convention of the O'ahu County Democrats

- A. Nominations shall not be accepted from the floor.

Rule 11. Elections.

- A. At the 2026 Convention, elections will be held for the Representatives from O'ahu Democrats to the Democratic Party of Hawai'i State Central Committee.
- B. In contested races, candidates may speak for two (2) minutes each.
- C. The election shall be decided by a majority of votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority on the round of voting, then a second round between the top two (2) vote getters shall be conducted.
- D. Ties on the second round poll shall be decided by the flip of a coin.

Rule 12. Observers.

- A. Observers are permitted to watch the proceedings but are not permitted to speak, vote, or otherwise participate in debate unless specifically invited by convention leadership.
- B. Photos and recordings are not permitted during the convention unless specifically authorized by the Chair of the Convention.
- C. Disruptive behavior may result in being asked to leave. This decision shall be at the discretion of the Chair of the Convention.

Rule 13. Minutes.

The Chair shall appoint a Convention secretary to prepare the minutes of the O'ahu County Democrats 2026 Convention and shall be approved at a subsequent OCC meeting.

Rule 14. 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.

O'ahu County Democrats 2026 Convention
Saturday, April 25, 2026: 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Ke'ehi Lagoon Memorial Park
AGENDA

8:00 Doors Open **Convention Registration**

8:15 **Buffet Breakfast**

8:50 **Assembly of Delegates**

9:00 **Call to Order**

Oli: Rebecca Soon

National Anthem and *Hawai'i Pono'i*

Welcome Messages:

Senator Mazie Hirono (written remarks)

Senator Brian Schatz (video)

Adoption of the Credentials Report

Credentials Chair: *Kate Ozawa*

Confirmation of Convention Standing Rules

OCC Chairperson: *Lynn Robinson Onderko*

Adoption of Convention Agenda

Convention Co-Chair: *Andrew McLean*

Appointments

Sergeant-At-Arms: *Tim Huycke*

Elections Officer: *Michael Golojuch, Jr*

Recording Secretary: *Patrick Smith*

Scribe: *Cori Terayama*

Treasurer's Report

OCC Treasurer: *Andrew McLean*

Remarks by OCC Chair

Lynn Robinson Onderko

Additional Messages

Congressman Ed Case (video)

Platform Committee Report

Co-Chairs: *Jake Schafer and McKenna Woodward*

Address to Delegates

State Senator Jarrett Keohokalole

Rules Committee Report

Rules Co-Chair: Cori Terayama

In Memoriam - Governor George Ariyoshi

Governor John Waihe'e III

In Memoriam - Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa

SCC Member, Michael Golojuch, Jr.

(Moment of Silence)

BENTO LUNCH

Glenn Ida Golf Tournament

GIGT Co-Chair, *Rick Onderko*

Supplemental Credentials Report

Credentials Co-Chair: *Kate Ozawa*

Address to Delegates

State Representative Della Au Belatti

Election of O'ahu County Representatives to the State Central Committee

Elections Committee Co-Chair: *Michael Golojuch, Jr.*

Candidate Speeches: *McKenna Woodward, Joe Francher*

Address to Delegates

Democratic Party of Hawai'i Chair, *Derek Turbin*

Resolutions Committee Report

Co-Chairs: *Janel Fujinaka and Dale Vanderbrink*

Address to Delegates

YDHI President, *Cori Terayama*

1:00 pm **Convention Adjournment**

Hawai'i Aloha

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 kōu hana nui
E ui ē.

Hui:
Makua lani ē,
Kamehameha ē,
Na kōua 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)

Oahu County Committee Democratic Party

Treasurer Statement

March 2026

Bank Balance (Prior Month End)	\$23,789
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REVENUE	
Revenue Item	Amount (\$)
General Fundraising	\$53
Total Revenue	53\$

EXPENSES		
Category	Expense Item	Amount (\$)
Fees	Bank Account	\$2.50
	ActBlue Fee	\$2.00
	Convention	\$3,380
	Blue Wave	
Total Expenses		\$3,384\$

SUMMARY	
Summary Item	Amount (\$)
Balance as of Month End	\$19,989

O'ahu County Democrats 2026 Convention Resolution Committee Report

The O'ahu County Democrats' Resolution Committee did not meet. Zero (0) submissions proposing resolutions to O'ahu County Democrats were received.

Committee Co-Chairs:

Dale VanderBrink

Janel Fujinaka

Committee Member(s):

Leimomi Khan

The Resolutions Committee respectfully has no recommendations for resolutions for adoption by the delegates to the 2026 convention of O'ahu County Democrats.

O‘ahu County Democrats 2026 Convention Platform Committee Report

Aloha O‘ahu County Convention delegates:

The members of the Platform Committee are:

Co-Chair: Jacob Schafer

Co-Chair: McKenna Woodward

Member: Roth Puahala

Member: Carolyn Golojuch

The committee did not receive any submissions for this year’s convention. The committee has no recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacob Schafer & McKenna Woodward
Committee Co-Chairs

REPORT OF
THE 2026 O‘AHU COUNTY DEMOCRATS CONVENTION RULES COMMITTEE

Aloha O‘ahu County Convention delegates:

The members of the Rules Committee are: Anthony Makana Paris, Cori Terayama, Michael Golojuch, Jr., and Richard Oshiro.

The committee did not receive any submissions for this year’s convention. The committee has no recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Makana Paris & Cori Terayama
Committee Co-Chairs