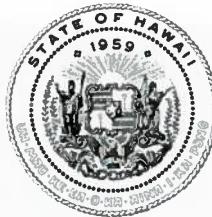


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STATE FIRE COUNCIL (SFC)
FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-2026 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time: September 5, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Place: Meeting held in person and via audioconferencing pursuant to HRS § 92-3.7. Remote meeting by interactive conference technology; notice; quorum. Effective: January 1, 2022

Present:

Kazuo Todd	SFC Chair and Fire Chief of the Hawaii County Fire Department (HCFD), Hawaii County
Dorothy Booth	SFC Vice Chair and State Fire Marshal State of Hawaii
Sheldon Hao	SFC Member and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) City and County of Honolulu
Michael Gibson	SFC Member and Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD), Kauai County
Martinez Jacobs	SFC Member and Airports Fire Chief Airports Division, Transportation Department (ARFF) State of Hawaii
Michael Walker	Fire Protection Forester Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) State of Hawaii
Gary Lum	SFC Administrative Specialist III
Socrates Bratakos	SFC Administrative Specialist II
Carol Suzuki	SFC Secretary (joined meeting at 1:20 p.m.)

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Absent:

Bradford Ventura	SFC Member and Fire Chief of the Maui Department of Fire and Public Safety (MFD), Maui County
Michael O' Sullivan	Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarette (RIPC) Administrator

Guests:

Pao-Chi Hwang	Battalion Chief, Fire Prevention Bureau, HFD
Rayland Sin	United States Airforce
Gary Honold	Regional Director, Northwest Division National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
K. Max Lindsey Kanekawaiola	Code Specialist, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), State of Hawaii
Bryan Imai	Government Relations Manager, International Code Council (ICC)
Brenton Inouye	Deputy Attorney General Department of the Attorney General, State of Hawaii
Danielle	Member of the public
Hanna Leslak	Member of the public
K. Johnson	Member of the public
Riley Fujisaki	Member of the public

I. Introduction

- A. Chair Todd called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST). This meeting was recorded.
- B. Chair Todd welcomed everyone. Attendees introduced themselves.

Rayland Sinn spoke about digital literacy month to encourage first responders to offer educational opportunities. Looking for innovative ways to encourage first responders to work to share rich Hawaiian history.

C. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: To approve the September 5, 2025 meeting agenda.

All members voted in favor of accepting the agenda as presented; the motion was carried.

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II. Old Business

A. State amendments to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1 Fire Code, 2024 Edition.

AS Lum modified the fire code amendments and sent them to the SFC members right after the August 11, 2025 meeting. The SFC discussed and agreed upon the following amendments to the proposed fire code amendments:

- 1) Deletion of 32. Sec. 11.12.3.2.1 Roof access for one and two-family dwellings and townhouses for photo-voltaic systems (PVS).
- 2) Amended 20 Sec. 2.2, NFPA 1124: Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, Storage and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles, 2026 Edition to include Chapters 6 and 7, from the 2013 edition.

Numbers moved up 36 is 35 after AS Lum deleted 32.

Discussion continued on Sec. 35 to 43 as proposed in the fire code amendments, related to retrofitting existing buildings.

Fire Chiefs from Kauai and Honolulu have no objection to accept the amendments to Sec. 35 to 43, as recommended by the Fire Prevention Committee.

MOTION: Remove Section 35 to 43 from the amendments to the fire code related to fire protection retrofit to existing assemblies and fire protection systems in high rise buildings.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION: To accept the Hawaii State Fire Code amendments as written, except for the changes accepted at the August 11, 2025 meeting.

A vote was taken with 4 ayes and one nay; the motion was carried.

In summary, by accepting the fire code as written with the exception of the carried motion from the August 11, 2025 meeting, counties now have two years to initiate local amendments before code becomes the county code.

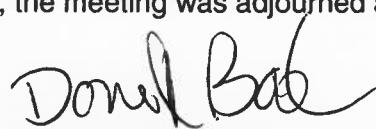
B. Wildland-Urban Interface Risk Assessment & Mitigation for the Fire Service class

On November 6, 2025, a class is scheduled to be held on Maui. A second class may be offered in Honolulu on November 5, 2025. SFM Booth will follow up and AS Lum and Chief Hwang will assist with logistics

III. Discussion of Next Quarterly Meeting

The second quarterly meeting will be held on November 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

IV. Hearing no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m. by Chair Todd.


Dorothy "Dori" Booth
Acting Chair