

PEST CONTROL BOARD
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Date: Monday, May 20, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: King Kalakaua Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Present: Julian Yates, Ph.D., Department of Entomology, Ex-Officio, Chairperson
Alvin Fukuyama, Industry Member, Vice Chairperson
Lance Kobashigawa, Department of Agriculture, Ex-Officio
Robert Koide, Industry Member
Walter Chun, Public Member
Ronald Weinberg, Public Member
Rodney Tam, Esq., Deputy Attorney General
Charlene L.K. Tamanaha, Executive Officer
Christine Hironaka, Secretary

Members

Excused: Lynn Nakasone, Department of Health, Ex-Officio
Rodney Ono, Industry Member

Guest: Michael Miske – Kamaaina Termite
Andi Kaneakua – Kamaaina Termite

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor as required by §92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”).

Call to Order: There being a quorum Chairperson Yates called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Chairperson Yates asked the guests to introduce themselves. Mr. Miske stated that he was in attendance to ask the Board to remove the conditional status from his license and that Ms. Kaneakua was there to take notes regarding the Board’s decision on the status of his license.

Additions to the Agenda:

None.

Approval of the Minutes:

Chairperson Yates asked the Board if there were any amendments to the minutes of the March 18, 2013 minutes. Mr. Kobashigawa responded

that on page 2, the second paragraph under Review of Test Specs for Examination Update, "Mallis" should be replaced with "Crop Protection".

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Fukuyama, seconded by Mr. Weinberg, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2013 meeting as amended.

Executive

Officer's Report:

The Executive Officer thanked Mr. Koide for his years of service as a Pest Control Board member and also for his contributions to the standards for termite inspections in the proposed rules. This will be Mr. Koide's last meeting as he is determined to enjoy his retirement and forge new paths. Mr. Terrance Manago will be replacing Mr. Koide on the Board effective July 1, 2013. There is still one more vacancy on the Board and the Governor may appoint an interim Board member, although no word has been received to date.

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Thomson Prometric: Pest Control Exam Update

The Executive Officer informed the Board that personnel changes at Prometric has occurred again and to date no individual has been assigned to move forward to update the pest control examinations.

Chairperson Yates asked when the last time the exam was updated and Mr. Weinberg added that there have been complaints from pest control operators regarding the exam questions. The Executive Officer responded that she believed in 2002 and that the exams are developed with the input of experts which include Board members and the Department of Agriculture by Prometric with no up-front costs to the Board. Thus it's not a simple matter to change testing agencies because most will require up front costs to cover exam development. Prometric has been willing to recover development costs through examination fees. The local Prometric representative, Lauren Biddle, is helping to keep the ball rolling. Mr. Fukuyama commented that the pest control exam requires the applicant to have been properly trained.

Mr. Miske indicated that answers to exams appear incorrect or outdated and that his employees are not able to pass the law exams. The Executive Officer indicated that applicants who fail may review the exam with Prometric. Exam questions are developed from the references listed. It cannot contain answers from other sources. Mr. Miske indicated that the references are outdated and no longer available.

The Board thanked Mr. Miske for his comments and assured him that the exams and reference material will be reviewed and updated.

Appearance: a. Michael Miske Request to Remove Conditional Status

It was moved by Mr. Weinberg, seconded by Vice Chairperson Fukuyama, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session pursuant to HRS §§92-4 and 92-5, to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities at 2:39 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Weinberg, seconded by Mr. Koide, and unanimously carried to reconvene to the Board's regular order of business at 2:59 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Weinberg, seconded by Vice Chairperson Fukuyama and unanimously carried to remove the conditions from Mr. Michael Miske's license and to convert it to an unconditional status.

Applications: a. Exam Ratification(s)

None.

b. Exam

It was moved by Mr. Weinberg, seconded by Mr. Koide, and unanimously carried to **approve/defer** the following applications for examination in the respective branches:

1. Lawrence Fujii, PCFR BR-1, BR-2, BR-3
Terminix PCO-618, BR-1, BR-2 & BR-3
Approve BR-3 (Deferred 3/18/13)
Defer BR-1 (Deferred 3/18/13)
2. Jarret M. K. Holokai, PCFR BR-1, BR-2 & BR-3
Terminix, PCO-618, BR-1, BR-2 & BR-3
Approve BR-3 (Deferred 3/18/13)
Defer BR-2 (Deferred 3/18/13)
3. Zan Nicolas, PCFR BR-3
For Termites Only Inspections, PCO-924 BR-1, BR-2 & BR-3
Defer
4. Travis Tamangided, PCFR BR-1 & BR-3
Terminix, PCO-618 BR-1, BR-2 & BR-3
Approve BR-3 (Deferred 3/18/13)

5. Ralph Y Yasunaga, Jr., PCFR BR-1, BR-2 & BR-3
Terminix, PCO-618 BR-1, BR-2 & BR-3
Approve BR-3 (Deferred 3/18/13)
6. John B. Nakauye, PCO RME, BR-1, BR-2 & BR-3
Terminix, PCO-618 BR-1, BR-2 & BR-3
Approve BR-1 (Deferred 3/18/13)

c. Without Exam Ratification(s)

None.

d. Without Exam

None

e. Reconsideration of Any Application

None

Unfinished Business: a. Rule Revisions

The Executive Officer informed the Board that she is still working on the rule changes to HAR 16-94-17 and requests the Board to re-look at HAR 16-94-17 regarding the number of years of experience and number of jobs required for each branch. The Board asked Mr. Lyons to obtain input from the industry regarding HAR Section 16-94-17.

Announcements:

Next Meeting:

Monday, July 15, 2013
2:00 p.m.
King Kalakaua Conference Room
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Lunch for Mr. Koide

A farewell lunch for Mr. Koide will be scheduled on Monday July 15, 2013 at 11:15 a.m., place to be determined.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Charlene L.K. Tamanaha
Charlene L.K. Tamanaha
Executive Officer

/s/ Christine Hironaka
Christine Hironaka
Secretary

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- Minutes approved as is.
 Minutes approved with changes, see minutes of _____