

# ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

LEIOPAPA A KAMEHAMEHA, ROOM 203  
235 S. BERETANIA STREET, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813  
APRIL 18, 2012, 1400 HOURS UNTIL 1600 HOURS

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Atkin; Peter Cooper; Scott Glenn; Gary Hooser (Director of Environmental Quality Control, *ex officio*, voting); Robert Inouye; Charles Prentiss; John Richards; Shannon Mears; Mary Steiner (Chairperson); James Sullivan; Iris Terashima; and Marjorie Ziegler.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Malia Akutagawa;

OTHERS PRESENT: Sign-in sheet attached.

1. CALL TO ORDER: With a quorum of eleven members, Chairperson Mary Steiner called the meeting to order at 1414 hours.
2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 15, 2012 MEETING MINUTES: Chairperson Steiner entertained a motion for the approval of the March 15, 2012, meeting minutes. Mr. Sullivan noted that the personal possessive pronoun “her” in item 3A of the minutes needed to be replaced by “his” so that the corrected sentence read as follows: “Acting Chairperson Sullivan requested that members inform the Chairperson of their availability for meetings upon receipt of his electronic mail inquiries.”  
**MOTION 1**: Mr. Atkin moved, and Mr. Prentiss seconded that the Environmental Council approve the minutes of March 15, 2012, as corrected above by Mr. Sullivan. There was no discussion. Chairperson Mary Steiner called for the question. The Environmental Council approved Motion 1 by acclamation.
3. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:
  - A. Expression of Gratitude: Chairperson Steiner thanked Vice-Chairperson Sullivan for chairing the March 15, 2012, meeting in her absence. Members present applauded Mr. Sullivan’s efforts.
4. DIRECTOR’S REPORT:
  - A. Staffing Update: Director Hooser introduced Ms. Anna Kelly, new Secretary for the Office of Environmental Quality Control, and Ms. Genevieve Hilliard, new Planner for the Office of Environmental Quality Control.
  - B. Legislative Report: Director Hooser spoke briefly on the status of various legislative measures including: SB 755 (Temporary Exemptions from Chapter 343 HRS); SB 2281 (Direct to EIS); SB 2873 (Act 87, 2009, Second Extension); SB 3010 (Bridges exemption); and HB 1893 (Broadband exemption). Brief discussions followed his presentations on each measure.
  - C. Interagency Dialogue: Director Hooser spoke of a meeting he had with the Office of the Governor dealing with interagency dialogue between the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the Office of Environmental Quality Control. A brief discussion followed.
  - D. Community Outreach on Chapter 343, HRS: Noting that the Legislative Session is almost over, Director Hooser reported on the Office’s efforts in reinstating the community outreach session on the Chapter 343, HRS, process that he would be undertaking with the assistance of the staff.
  - E. One-Hundred Innovative Ideas: Director Hooser spoke briefly on One-Hundred Innovative Ideas, a book published by Florida legislator Mark Rubio, and how the Council and the Office could initiate a similar action for Hawaii.
5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Exemption Committee: Committee Chair Atkin report that Standing Committee had met on April 06, 2012, and today to discuss two proposed amendments to the list of classes of exempt action by the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the City Department of Environmental Services. Today's meeting was well attended and we received testimony on the DLNR's proposal from a number of members of the public. Due to time constraints, the Committee was unable to receive more testimony and move a recommendation to the full Council. The Committee informed all it would continue its meeting on May 3, 2012.
  - B. Rules Committee: There was no report.
  - C. Annual Report Committee: Committee Chair Terashima reported that the Annual Report had been distributed to contacts for the press release. She noted that the Environmental Council would need to elect a new chair in July.
  - D. Legislative Committee: Committee Chair Mears reported that the session is almost over. He informed the Environmental Council that his Committee would be meeting on May 17, 2012.
6. PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ms. Kat Brady testified that despite the contentiousness of the Legislative session, she was grateful that Director Hooser stood firmly in his positions. All present applauded Director Hooser's efforts.
7. NEW BUSINESS: (1) Retreat at the end of June 2012; (2) Standing Committee on Legislative Measures Meeting on May 17, 2012; (3) Continuation of today's meeting of the Standing Committee on Exemption Lists on May 03, 2012; (4) May 17, 2012, meeting of the Standing Committee on exemption lists; (5) Travel arrangements for neighbor island members; (6) the Uniform Information Practices Act (Chapter 92F, HRS), and the State Public Meeting Law (Chapter 92, HRS).
8. ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Steiner adjourned the meeting at 1555 hours.