Environmental Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Leiopapa A Kamehameha Bldg.
Room 405, 235 S. Beretania St, Honolulu, Hawaiʻi 96813

Members Present:
Roy Abe, Mary Begier, Stephanie Dunbar-Co, Scott Glenn, Makaʻala Kaʻaumoana, Robin Kaye, Robert Parsons, Joseph Shacat, Ronald Terry, Puananionaona Thoene, Michael Tulang, Mahina Tuteur

Members Absent:
P. Kaʻanohi Kaleikini, Charles Prentiss, Theresita Kinnaman

EC Counsel:
Edward G. Bohlen

Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) Staff:
Leslie Segundo

Public: None

Note: **Bolded** items indicate text from the agenda.

Note: The Council deferred election of the Council Chair and Vice Chair until Chair Shacat’s arrival at 1:52 PM. These minutes reflect the order of discussion.

1. **Call to order, roll call and quorum, introductions**
   a. With quorum of eleven members present (Roy Abe, Mary Begier, Scott Glenn, Makaala Kaumoana, Robin Kaye, Theresita Kinnaman, Robert Parsons, Ronald Terry, Puananionaona Thoene, Michael Tulang and Mahina Tuteur). Vice-Chair Thoene called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. All present introduced themselves.

2. **Review and approval of prior meeting minutes**
   a. Director Glenn reported that minutes for the meetings of November 7, 2017, December 5, 2017, and January 9, 2018 had yet to be prepared by staff. There were no meeting minutes to approve.

3. **OEQC Director’s Report**
   a. Director Glenn reported that he would be on official travel during the first week of April.
   b. The OEQC is continuing to recruit a secretary. Ms. McIntyre will begin on May 3, 2018.
   c. Director Glenn has begun preparing for public hearings by contacting the Small Business Regulatory Review Board and the Legislative Reference Bureau for the next steps in the public hearing approval process.
   d. Counsel Bohlen directed Director Glenn to incorporate the minor typographic corrections from Member Terry into Version 1.0 of the Proposed Rules and corrections from Member Tuteur into the Rationale document.
4. Legislative Committee
   a. Proposed measures related to Chapter 341, Chapter 343, and Chapter 344, Hawai’i Revised Statutes.
      b. Committee Chair Kaye reported that the Legislative Committee met to discuss various measures related to the Chapter 343, HRS, EIS Law, though no action was taken.
      c. Committee Chair Kaye met separately with Senator Mike Gabbard and Representative Chris Lee on February 21, 2018 to discuss various legislative measures of interest to the Environmental Council. Both agreed to attend an Environmental Council meeting after the legislative session if invited.

5. Information and Outreach Committee
   a. Toxoplasmosis public education initiative, including planning for a public information meeting to increase awareness and disseminate information

   MOTION: Director Glenn moved and Member Kaye seconded that the Environmental Council authorize Member Ka’aumoana to implement a toxoplasmosis public informational meeting at the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa. During discussion, Council members emphasized that the purpose of the forum be focused on toxoplasmosis, particularly native species, and not on the ethical question of “trap, neuter, and release” methods of feral cat management. The Environmental Council unanimously approved the motion (11-0-0).

6. Publication of 2017 Annual Report
   a. Director Glenn reported that the 2017 Annual Report has been put in final form for minor editing and submission to the Legislature in about two weeks. The OEQC plans to print copies for members of the Environmental Council.

7. Election of Council Chair and Vice Chair
   a. The Council deferred this item to the end of the agenda until Chair Shacat arrived, which was at 1:52 PM.
      b. Member Ka’aumoana nominated Vice Chair Thoene as Chair of the Environmental Council, with Member Terry seconding. No further nominations were made. Chair Shacat called for the question. The Environmental Council unanimously acclaimed Ms. Thoene as Chair of the Environmental Council (13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions (12-0-0)).
      c. Member Dunbar-Co nominated Member Begier as Vice-Chairperson of the Environmental Council, with Member Parsons seconding. Member Begier nominated Member Tuteur, who declined the nomination. Chair Shacat called for the question. The Environmental Council unanimously acclaimed Member Begier as Vice-Chairperson of the Environmental Council (12-0-0).

8. Adjournment
   a. The Environmental Council set meeting dates for the remainder of the calendar year: April 10, May 1, June 12, July 10, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 13, and December 4.
   b. It was moved and seconded that the Environmental Council adjourn until its next meeting. By unanimous acclamation, the Environmental Council approved the motion and adjourned at 15:37 hours (12-0-0).