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April 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Approved on July 2, 2019

Meeting held on
Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM
State Office Tower, Room 204
Leiopapa A Kamehameha
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Members Present (11):

Puananionaona Thoene (Chairperson); Mary Begier (Vice Chairperson); Roy Abe; Stephanie Dunbar-Co; Maka'ala Ka'auomoana; Robin Kaye; Teresita Kinnaman; Robert Parsons; Charles Prentiss; Ronald Terry; Michael Tulang

Members Absent:

Scott Glenn, Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC, *ex-officio*); Paulette Ka'anohi Kaleikini; Mahina Tuteur

Staff Present:

Bill Cooper, Deputy Attorney General (AG); Laura McIntyre and Leslie Segundo, OEQC

Presenters:

Jay Penniman; Rachel Sprague; Hob Osterlund (Kaua'i Albatross Network); and Sabra Kauka (Garden Island RC&D)

Public Present:

Ann Bell (FOMA); Sandy Ward (HOH808 Hui o Ho'ohanua); Carmen Antoky (U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service); Tiana Bolosan (Division of Forestry and Wildlife [DOFAW], State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources); Patrick Chee (DOFAW, Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii - PCSU); Ilana Mimz (Hawaii Pacific University, Friends of HI NWR); Afsheen Siddiqi (DOFAW); Dawn Aupuna; David Smith (DOFAW); Randy Bartlett (HISC/PCSU/RCUH); Celia Khim (DOFAW); Jonnetta Peters (Conservation Council for Hawaii); and Emma Yuen (DOFAW)

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

1. **Call to order, roll call and quorum, introductions**

With a quorum of twelve members present (Onaona Thoene; Mary Begier; Roy Abe; Stephanie Dunbar-Co; Maka'ala Ka'auomoana; Robin Kaye; Theresita Kinnaman; Robert Parsons; Charles Prentiss; Ronald Terry; Michael Tulang; and Mahina Tuteur), Chairperson Thoene called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM. All present introduced themselves.

2. **Seabird Presentation by Jay Penniman, Rachel Sprague, Hob Osterlund, and Sabra Kauka (Brown bag lunch, about 90 minutes)**

In the following order (Sabra Kauka, Rachel Sprague, Jay Penniman, Hob Osterlund) exhibited their video presentations, with each presentation followed by questions and

answers. After thanking the presenters and public for their participation, Chairperson Thoene called for a fifteen-minute recess.

Member Kaye left at 1:55 PM. The quorum count was dropped to ten members present.

Chairperson Thoene reconvened the meeting at 2:00 PM.

Chairperson Thoene recommended that future presentations hosted by the Environmental Council designate a point person to work with OEQC to ensure that the logistics and technology are prepared in advance of the presentations so that the meeting begins on time.

Member Dunbar-Co thanked the organizer of the presentations. She recommended that presentation not be done on the same day as the committee meetings; she also recommended that presentations be scheduled at 10:00 AM to minimize impacts to the Council's afternoon block of time from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

Member Ka'aumoana noted that the lunchtime brown bag was a good idea.

3. Review and approval of prior meeting minutes

No action was taken due to minutes not being available.

4. OEQC Director's Report

Chairperson Thoene noted that Director Glenn had informed her that the draft rules package (Version 2.0) was transmitted to the Office of the Governor after being signed by the Director of Health.

5. Rules Committee Update

Member Terry commended Ms. Emily Gaskin (UH Law School) for her substantive assistance to the Committee. The Committee and Ms. Gaskin plan to continue developing guidance especially with respect to changes to the procedures for exemptions.

Member Terry also noted that the OEQC is working on a guidebook for agencies and the public. He noted that the Committee will need to discuss their exemption guidance with Director Glenn so that the final guidance will include a discussion on the new provisions for exemptions. He also noted that the Committee discussed training and outreach to agencies, organizations and others to tailor specific training according to their needs. OEQC is working on a new version of the Guidebook that will address the new rules. Member Prentiss suggested that the guidance also include information on appropriate lighting for projects so as to minimize the impact on native birds, especially those under conservation protections. Member Ka'aumoana suggested that the guidance include some semblance of the City's process for the green sheet.

6. Annual Report Committee Update

Committee Chair Parsons discussed quorum concerns for the Committee since only three of the six members present constitute the lack of a quorum. Chairperson Thoene confirmed that the Committee consisted of Parsons (Chair), and Members Abe, Begier, Dunbar-Co, Kinnaman and Kaye. She noted that in February, Member Abe requested membership on the Committee. Chair Parsons reported that the Committee had a discussion on how to get

back on track with the content of the Annual Report, as advised by Deputy Attorney General Bohlen at the last meeting. Chair Parsons then read aloud Section 341-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that provided the responsibilities of the Environmental Council. Member Parsons clarified that Director Glenn in previous meetings provided history on past reports and mentioned that prior to 2012, a green-to-red scorecard was used. He continued to note that in 2012, the Council incorporated the Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI) in the Annual Report. He reported that Chelsea Harder from Hawaii Green Growth provided 176 points on their dashboard. Vice Chair Begier requested to be taken off the Annual Report Committee since she already serves of two other committees.

MOTION: Member Terry moved and Member Parsons seconded that the Environmental Council approve the removal of Member Begier from the Annual Report Committee. Chairperson Thoene called for the questions. The Environmental Council unanimously approved the motion (10-0-0).

Chairperson Thoene thanked Mary for her assistance on the 2018, Annual Report. She also noted that the OEQC will update the card that summarizes the memberships of the various committees of the Environmental Council.

7. Information and Outreach Committees

Chair Abe noted that Mr. Josh Attwood of the Hawaii Invasive Species Committee (HISC), Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), coordinated the speakers for their exemplary presentations that were attended by about thirty people. A press release was sent out and KITV reported on the presentation. Member Ka'auomoana reported that Mr. Dan Dennison of DLNR video recorded the presentation for future use.

Chair Abe informed the Council that the Committee would send a letter of thanks to the UH Law School. He noted that the event was financed by in-kind support and self-payment, such as Members Ka'auomoana and Begier paying for their own tickets. The Committee thanked Members Ka'auomoana and Begier and others who contributed donations. Vice Chair Begier noted that people on the Big Island would welcome information on how to deal with invasive species. The Council engaged in a brief discussion on invasive species.

Member Dunbar-Co left at 2:46 PM to board a flight home. Chair Thoene noted that prior to future presentations, the technological issues should be sorted out in advance.

8. Legislative Committee

Committee Chair Kaye needed to leave the meeting early and was thus unable to provide a summary of the Legislative Committee's work to the Council. Chairperson Thoene noted that the Council submitted testimony on HB 1403, draft 2 – Affordable Housing. She also confirmed that the Council did not submit testimony on HB 1586, the Reorganization Bill.

9. Next Meeting

Chairperson Thoene confirmed that the Rules Committee and the Information and Outreach Committee would meet at 10:00 AM. She also noted that the Annual Report and the Exemptions Meetings would take place at 11:00 AM. Chairperson Thoene inquired about the need for a Legislative Committee meeting. Member Terry responded that although he would not be present at the next meeting, he would like to see the rules on the agenda for

future meetings. He indicated that he would provide his comments through the staff of OEQC.

The Council agreed to meet in the Conference Room of the Executive Office on Aging. Chairperson Thoene announced that Vice-Chair Begier won an award for being the Small Business Advocate for the State. The Council congratulated her.

10. Public Forum

None

11. Adjournment

Chairperson Thoene adjourned the Council meeting at 3:03 PM.