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October 1, 2019, Meeting Minutes  
on November 5, 2019

Meeting held on  
Tuesday, October 1, 2019,  
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
No. 1 Capitol Building, Room 410  
Executive Office on Aging  
250 S. Hotel St., Honolulu, HI 96813

- Members Present (8):** Mary Begier (Vice-Chair); Roy Abe; Scott Glenn (Director, *ex-officio*, Office of Environmental Quality Control [OEQC]); Maka'ala Ka'umoana; Robin Kaye; Theresita Kinnaman; Robert Parsons; Michael Tulang; Mahina Tuteur
- Members Absent:** Stephanie Dunbar-Co; Robin Kaye; Puananionaona Thoene (Chairperson); Ronald Terry
- Staff Present:** Bill Cooper, Deputy Attorney General (AG); Leslie Segundo, OEQC
- Public Present:** Chelsea Harder (Hawaii Green Growth - Aloha Plus Challenge); Edward G. Bohlen

Note: Text in **bold** indicates the original text of the agenda

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

With a quorum of eight members, Vice-Chairperson Begier (Acting Chairperson) convened the meeting at 1:02 PM.

## 2. **Review and approval of prior meeting minutes**

**MOTION:** Member Ka'umoana moved, and Member Tulang seconded, that the Council approves the draft minutes for September 3, 2019. A brief discussion ensued, and no changes were offered. Acting Chairperson Begier called for the question, and the Council unanimously approved the motion (8-0-0).

## 3. **OEQC Director's Report**

- Director Glenn informed the Council of his impending departure from OEQC. Effective October 16, 2019, the Governor has appointed Director Glenn as the new Director of the Energy Office for the State of Hawai'i. The Acting Chairperson and members present offered their thanks and congratulations for the many years of service that he served with them. His last day at OEQC would be on Tuesday, October 15, 2019. The vacancy created by his transition has yet to be filled by the Governor. Until then he noted that the Office and Council would be under the administrative supervision of Dr. Bruce Anderson, Director of Health.

- Director Glenn reported that the Planner V was out of the office on extended leave. The Secretary II, Planner III and Environmental Health Specialist continue to provide staff support.
- Director Glenn reported that he continues to work on two projects for completion prior to his departure. The first one, just completed, is the Unofficial Compilation 2019 (containing various relevant environmental statutes and rules). The second one is the Chapter 343, HRS, process flow chart with reference to the newly adopted Chapter 11-200.1, Hawai'i Administrative Rules. He noted that both documents have undergone peer review with the Hawaii Chapter of the American Planning Association. One outstanding pending project is the update to the 2012 Environmental Guidebook; this would be a future task for the next Director. A brief discussion then ensued on the need to develop content guidance as opposed to process guidance.
- Director Glenn finally reminded members to lock in future travel as early as possible. Staff will be able to assist in this.

#### **4. Annual Report Committee Update**

Acting Chairperson Begier yielded the floor to Committee Chair Parsons to discuss the following items with the Council. He noted that due to a misunderstanding in scheduling, Ms. Harder was unable to attend the earlier Committee meeting. He invited Ms. Harder to sit at the table to participate in the discussion.

- Committee Chair Parsons reminded the members that the statutory deadline for submitting the Annual Report to the legislature is January 31, 2020. Director Glenn informed members that he had made contact with four of the six targeted agencies, namely, the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) and the Department of Transportation (DOT). The Office would contact the remaining two agencies, namely, the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). With respect to the conduct of the upcoming agency interviews, it was noted that two committee members, Ms. Thoene, and Mr. Abe, reside on the island of O'ahu. Committee Chair Parsons then invited Ms. Harder to speak about the Aloha Plus Challenge initiative of Hawaii Green Growth (HGG).
- Ms. Harder began by describing HGG's Aloha Plus Challenge program created in response to climate change concerns and based primarily on the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Environmental Program. The Aloha Plus Challenge has had high-level statewide goals in place for the past five years. Government signatories to the program include the Governor, the four county mayors, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Data is charted on the multi-year Aloha Plus Challenge Dashboard. There are some five-hundred stakeholders statewide.
- Ms. Harder described the Aloha Plus Challenge as an attempt to answer the question: "How do we measure what matters?" Noting that local action is the primary driver of progress, she noted that the data on Dashboard is an open platform containing various metrics and contextual metadata. Some important data include: State sustainable development goals. There ensued a brief discussion on highlighting the year 2045 as a clean energy milestone, and the year 2030 as a "30 by 30"

milestone for natural resources management. Also discussed was a waste reduction group plan to reduce solid waste sources by 70% prior to burning at HPOWER. Other subjects discussed included: smart sustainable communities (housing, health, complete streets), affordable housing metrics and multimodal transportation assessment *vis a vis* traffic impact assessments.

**5. Exemption Committee Update**

- Action Chairperson Begier noted that there would be no update since Committee Chair Terry was absent (excused) and no Committee meeting was held.

**6. Information and Outreach Committee Update**

Committee Chair Abe reported that the Information and Outreach Committee met earlier to discuss a checklist of procedures for future committee activities with respect to conferences and presentations. There was a brief discussion on landfill diversion efforts and solid waste management.

**7. Public Forum**

There were no comments.

**8. Adjournment**

**a. Next Meeting, Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M**

The Information and Outreach Committee would meet at 11:00 A.M. The Annual Report Committee would meet at noon, the Exemption Committee would meet (if a meeting is agreed upon) at 10:00 A.M. While Acting Chair Begier indicated that she would not attend the November meeting, she later found that she was able to attend it. The meeting ended at 2:52 P.M.