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## May 2024 Meeting Minutes

### Exemption Committee

#### State of Hawai'i Environmental Advisory Council

Meeting Held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Via ZOOM videoconference

#### Governor

Josh Green, M.D.

#### Lt. Governor

Sylvia Luke

#### OPSD Interim Director

Mary Alice Evans

#### Chairperson

Puananionaona Thoene

#### Vice Chair

Mary Begier

#### Members

Stephanie Dunbar-Co  
Dawn Hegger-Nordblom  
Ian Robin Kaye  
Theresita Kinnaman  
Michele Lefebvre  
Rachel Sprague  
Michael Tulang

Members Present (2): Michele Lefebvre (Chair); Puananionaona Thoene

Members Absent (1): Michael Tulang

Staff Present: Tom Eisen, Kaylie Yoshioka

Members of the Public Present: Jiaping Fouse (SFA)

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

With two of three members present, Michele Lefebvre convened the meeting at 12:01 PM. All present were introduced.

2. Exemption list status

Agency	Status	Next Action
LISTS		
Department of Hawaiian Homelands	Received 01/12/2024.	Continued discussion of list.
State of Hawaii, School Facilities Authority	Received 03/08/2024.	Recommend to Council publication of list for 15-day public review.

#### Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

No further discussion, waiting to hear back from DHHL on suggested revisions to the list to focus the list on agency actions rather than homeowner or lessee actions.

#### State of Hawaii, School Facilities Authority

SFA made the requested changes to the list. Onaona moved to recommend the list out of committee to the full Council that the list be published for the 15-day comment period in The Environmental Notice (TEN). Michele seconded, and the motion passed. It will be published in May 23, 2024, edition of TEN. If any comments are received by the public, then SFA can make any adjustments to the list if needed and put the list up for concurrence to the full Council and expect it will be on the July meeting agenda for concurrence by the full Council

3. Review and approval of March and April 2024 meeting minutes.

Onaona moved to approve the March and April 2024 meeting notes as drafted, Michele seconded, no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Additional Items

Onaona asked if any additional lists were in the pipeline, but there are none. Ron provided a list of the agencies that had been contacted over the past several years about updating their exemption lists. The list should be updated over time. Onaona mentioned a previous conversation about updating the Exemption Guidance

([https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/erp/OEQC\\_Guidance/2019-09-Exemptions-Guidance.pdf](https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/erp/OEQC_Guidance/2019-09-Exemptions-Guidance.pdf)).

Onaona asked Tom that if there were any changes needed, the committee could support that effort. Onaona noted the heading and logo would need to be updated. Tom will check to see if ERP has the Word document.

5. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 PM.