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Minutes

State of Hawai'i Environmental Advisory Council

Via Zoom and in person at

6th floor conference room, 235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Tuesday, July 2, 2024, 1:00 pm

Governor
Josh Green, M.D.

Lt. Governor
Sylvia Luke

OPSD 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

Puananionaona Thoene (Chairperson), Dawn Hegger-Nordblom, Theresita Kinnaman, Michele Lefebvre, Michael Tulang

Members Absent

Mary Begier (Vice Chairperson), Stephanie Dunbar-Co, Robin Kaye, Rachel Sprague

Staff

Mary Alice Evans (OPSD Director), Elise Amemiya (Deputy Attorney General), Kayli Yoshioka (ERP Staff), ERP Staff

Public

None.

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

Materials for this agenda and minutes of this meeting will be available at specific links indicated below or at: <https://planning.hawaii.gov/erp/ec-meetings/>. Meeting recording may be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VgmWwAU26Ao>

1. Call to order, Roll Call, Introductions, Quorum

With a quorum of 5 members present, Chairperson Thoene called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM.

2. Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) Director's Update

Director Evans reported that bills that were on the governor's intent to veto list did not pertain to the Environmental Advisory Council's focus. She further reported that the governor's emergency proclamation relating to wildfires will expire on July 2nd, but she does expect a 12th version to be released. Under the expected new proclamation, Chapter 343 will be suspended to the extent necessary. She also reported that they are continuing to work on housing specifically related to areas within the transit-oriented development (urban areas).

3. Review and adoption of meeting minutes

- **May 2024 meeting minutes**

https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/erp/EC_Meetings/2024-05-07-Environmental-Advisory-Council-Minutes-draft.pdf

MOTION: Member Lefebvre moved to approve the May 2024 meeting minutes as circulated. Member Tulang seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public testimony. The EAC unanimously approved the motion (5-0-0).

4. Exemption Committee Update

- **Review of and action to concur with the State of Hawai'i School Facilities Authority exemption list**

Committee Chair Lefebvre reported the State of Hawai'i School Facilities Authority's exemption list did not receive any comments during its 15-day comment period. The committee had a motion to send the list to the Council to approve the list for concurrence.

MOTION: Motion of concurrence in favor of the State of Hawai'i School Facilities Authority's exemption list was unanimously approved (5-0-0).

- **Committee update to EAC regarding review of agency exemption lists**

Committee Chair Lefebvre reported that the committee is still waiting for DHHL's exemption list. Committee Chair Lefebvre also reported that the committee is reviewing the State of Hawai'i Department of Education's (DOE) exemption list. The committee presented revisions to the DOE and the DOE will present any changes in the next committee meeting.

Chairperson Thoene reported that the committee is also working on revising the exemptions guidance document but was not able to discuss it in the July committee meeting. She expects that the document will be presented to the Council in the next meeting.

Chairperson Thoene reported that Member Hegger-Nordblom has joined the Exemption Committee.

5. Information & Outreach (I&O) Committee Update

- **Discussion of and planning for future forums**

Member Hegger-Norblom reported that there are no current updates from the I&O committee regarding any future forums. They are currently waiting to see the status of members on the Council.

6. Next meeting: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 TBD

7. Reminders:

- **Send all ERP correspondence to dbedt.opsd.erp@hawaii.gov**

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM.