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August 2024 Meeting Minutes

Exemption Committee

State of Hawai'i Environmental Advisory Council

Meeting Held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Via ZOOM videoconference

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Josh Green, M.D.

Lt. Governor
Sylvia Luke

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

Members Present (3): Michele Lefebvre (Chair); Puananionaona Thoene, Dawn Hegger-Nordblom

Staff Present: Tom Eisen, Mary Alice Evans, Kayli Yoshioka

Members of the Public Present: None

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

With three members present, Michele Lefebvre convened the meeting at 12:03 PM. All present were introduced.

2. Exemption list status

Agency	Status	Next Action
LISTS		
Department of Hawaiian Homelands	Received 01/12/2024. Waiting to hear back from DHHL.	No action this meeting.
State of Hawaii, Department of Education	ERP Received 04/10/2024, ExComm Received List 05/24/2024.	Waiting for DOE list revisions.

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, Department of Education

No further discussion, waiting for DOE list revisions. They may be ready next month.

3. Review and approve June 2024 and July 2024 meeting minutes
Onaona moved to approve the June and July 2024 meeting minutes, Dawn seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss revisions to Exemption Guidance Document
Exemption Committee and ERP staff discussed the track changes in the version of the document attached to the meeting agenda. The group also identified new edits as they

reviewed the document. Overall changes included the following: clarifying text; eliminating reference to transitioning since the rules were updated in 2019; updating website addresses; updating the agency from OEQC to OPSD ERP; updating from Environmental Council to Environmental Advisory Council; deleting reference to the expedited process; and removing the publication calendar to avoid needing to update the guidance annually. Onaona emailed the edits she made to the guidance document during to the meeting to ERP staff for their use.

5. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 PM.