



# STATE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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## September 2024 Meeting Minutes

### Exemption Committee

### State of Hawai'i Environmental Advisory Council

Meeting Held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Via ZOOM videoconference

*Governor*  
Josh Green, M.D.

*Lt. Governor*  
Sylvia Luke

*OPSD Interim Director*  
Mary Alice Evans

*Chairperson*  
Puananiaona Thoenes

*Vice Chair*  
Mary Begier

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

Members Present (2): Michele Lefebvre (Chair); Puananiaona Thoenes

Members Absent (1): Dawn Hegger-Nordblom

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

Members of the Public Present: Kalico Chun, DHHL

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

With two members present, Michele Lefebvre convened the meeting at 1:37 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, no action this meeting.

#### 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. Follow-up on Revisions to Exemptions 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 further edits as they reviewed the document. Overall changes included the following: inserting links to the updated calendar; and clarifying text (including revisions to clarify that to appeal an EIS is a direct or declaratory action no longer an appeal, clarify the word "required" for creation an exemption

list to "if it's helpful" or something similar, clarify that agencies are required to publish monthly lists of exemptions not individual exemption notices, and clarify that de minimus and Part 1 are the same. Onaona and Tom will share edits to the to the guidance document during with ERP staff for their use, prior to the next committee meeting. Mary Alice encourage the committee to bring the revised guidance before the full council to be approved before Onaona terms off.

4. Review and approve August 2024 meeting minutes

Onaona moved to approve the August 2024 meeting minutes, Michele seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 PM.