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State of Hawai'i Environmental Council
April 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes
Approved on October 25, 2018

Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Leiopapa A Kamehameha Bldg.
Room 204, 235 S. Beretania St, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Members Present (9):

Puananionaona Thoene (Chair), Roy Abe, Mary Begier, Scott Glenn (*ex officio*), Maka'ala Ka'umoana, Robin Kaye, Charles Prentiss, Ron Terry, Mahina Tuteur

Members Absent:

Stephanie Dunbar-Co, P. Ka'anohi Kaleikini, Theresita Kinnaman, Robert Parsons, Michael Tulang

Environmental Council Counsel:

Edward Bohlen and Susan Hohmann, Deputies Attorney General

Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) Staff:

Leslie Segundo

Public:

Mary James, Bianca Isaki

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

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

- With a quorum of nine, Chair Thoene called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.
- Chair Thoene noted the Council timely posted a revised agenda that the items for the Department of Land and Natural Resources presentation and Exemption Committee had been cancelled.
- Chair Thoene adjusted the order of the agenda items given the cancellation and the need for two members to leave early.

2. **Update from the Department of Land and Natural Resources regarding the status of aquarium fishing collection**

This item was cancelled.

3. **Exemption Committee**

a. **Action regarding concurrence on the Agribusiness Development Corporation exemption list**

This item was cancelled.

4. **Review and approval of prior meeting minutes**
 - a. **Meeting held on March 6, 2018**
 - By acclamation, the Council unanimously approved the March 6, 2018 minutes.
 - b. **Meeting held on March 7, 2018**
 - By acclamation, the Council unanimously approved the March 7, 2018 minutes.
5. **Native Hawaiian Law Training Course**
 - a. **Friday, May 18, 2018, William S. Richardson School of Law, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**
 - Member Tuteur reported that the training is offered twice a year. She noted that the next Native Hawaiian Law Training Course was scheduled for Friday, May 18, 2018, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the William S. Richardson School of Law on the campus of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Member Tuteur left at 11:35 AM.

6. **OEQC Director's Report**
 - a. **Rules status update**
 - Director Glenn reported that the rules package would be uploaded to the OEQC website. The standard version of the rules was uploaded to CiviComment. He noted that once Ms. McIntyre officially began as OEQC staff, she would work on the public hearings for the draft rules.
 - Director Glenn reported that he met on March 21, 2018, with the Small Business Regulatory Review Board of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. The board had questions on the scoping meeting requirement. Director Glenn said that the board unanimously recommended the draft rules for public hearing, sending a letter to the Governor, Department of Health and OEQC, informing them of the same.
 - He reported that the public hearing notice was scheduled for publication on Sunday, April 15, 2018. A brief discussion on recordation of the proceedings ensued. Court reporting and recording/transcription were compared. The Council preferred to use a transcription service. A brief discussion on travel/ground transportation for the hearing officer(s) ensued. The OEQC would cover travel cost for the public hearings officers. The various island venues (Kaua'i, O'ahu, Moloka'i, Maui, Lana'i, Hawai'i) for the public hearing were discussed. The Department of Health would assist the OEQC with identifying venues as recommended by Councilmembers regarding their home islands.
 - b. **Publication of 2017 Annual Report**
 - Director Glenn also reported that the 2017 Annual Report was uploaded to the OEQC website. A limited print run of color copies of the report was distributed to the Legislature.
 - Director Glenn noted that the OEQC was seeking a new list of candidates for the vacant Secretary II position.
 - He also noted that Chairperson Thoene was interviewed by staff of the Governor and an article concerning the same was published in the Governor's Capitol Connection newsletter.

7. Legislative Measures

- a. Action regarding reappointments of Environmental Council members:**
- i. Governor's Message (GM) 700 – Mary Begier**
 - ii. GM 701 – Robert Parsons**
 - iii. GM 702 – Nichole Mahina Tuteur**
 - iv. GM 703 – Stephanie Dunbar-Co**

MOTION: Member Ka'aumoana moved and Member Terry seconded that the Council submit testimony in favor of the gubernatorial nominations above. After a brief discussion, Chairperson Thoene called for the question. The Council unanimously approved the motion (8-0-0).

8. Information & Outreach Committee

- a. Update regarding the toxoplasmosis public education initiative and forum held on March 31, 2018**
- Member Abe reported that the Committee met earlier on the Toxoplasmosis Seminar at the Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. The panelists were knowledgeable and well-received. The seminar discussed the human health and sociological aspect of toxoplasmosis. Approximately sixty people attended the seminar. Member Abe noted that the seminar received good news coverage.
 - The Council would like to support more forums on this topic as well as work with the Law School to host forums on other topics in the future.

9. Adjournment

- Member Prentiss left at 12:35 PM. The Council was left with seven members (no quorum).
- Chairperson Thoene adjourned the meeting at about 12:40 PM.