



NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY

An Authority of the State of Hawaii attached to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism



RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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December 2, 2024
11:00 a.m.

An Interactive Conference Technology Meeting was held at
NELHA OceanView Conference Room
Hale Iako Building
73-970 Makako Bay Drive
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
and via Zoom Video Conferencing Software.

Members/Designees in Attendance

Alan Hilton (RAC Chair)
Todd Low
Donald Thomas, Ph.D
Dennis Bishop
John C. Wiltshire, Ph.D
Ned Murphy
Patrick S. Cross, Ph.D
Shaun M. Moss, Ph.D
Cherie Kauahi

Guests/Staff Present

Laurence Sombardier (NELHA)
Faustine Edge (NELHA)
John Cole (AG)
Kaliko Chun (DHHL)
Mark Ladao (Hawai'i Public Radio)

Full Research Advisory Committee meeting recording available at: <https://youtu.be/pKUQe9bYA3E>

- **Item 1. (11:02 am; video run time 0:00.12) Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Alan Hilton (Chair Hilton) at 11:02 a.m. Chair Hilton asked Interim Executive Director (ED) Sombardier for a roll call of RAC Advisory Committee (RAC) members at the Hale Iako Conference Room. Chair completed the roll call for members on line. Reference to Act 220. All nine members were present.

Director Cross joined the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

- **Item 2. (11:05 a.m. video run time 0:05:59) Review/Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting of RAC, August 26, 2019.**

Chair Hilton recapped the last meeting of the RAC. RAC Member Murphy moved to approve the August 26, 2019 and RAC Member Thomas seconded the motion (11:09 a.m. video run time 0:09:42). The minutes were approved (9-0) (11:10 a.m. video run time 0:10:14).

- **Item 3a. (11:10 a.m. video run time 0:10:30) New Business. Discussion and Decision-Making of Nomination and Election of Member to Serve as RAC Secretary.**

Chair Hilton entertained a motion to nominate John Wiltshire (RAC Member Wiltshire) as RAC Secretary (11:12 a.m. video run time 0:11:11). RAC Member Thomas motioned to approve and RAC Member Murphy seconded (11:16 a.m. video run time 0:11:21). The motion to elect RAC Member Wiltshire as RAC Secretary was approved (9-0) 11:18 a.m. video run time 0:14:23).

- **Item 3b. (11:18 a.m. video run time 0:14:30) New Business. Discussion of Potential New RAC members(s) to Recommend to NELHA Executive Director.**

Chair Hilton opened this item for discussion and nominations of potential new members.

- **Item 4. (11:20 a.m. video run time 0:18:22) Announcements.**

Chair Hilton opened the floor to any public announcements. There were none.

- **Item 5. (11:21 a.m. video runtime 0:19:28) Adjournment.**

RAC Member Thomas moved to adjourn the RAC meeting, RAC Member Bishop seconded the motion (11:21 a.m. video run time 0:18:31). There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m. (video runtime 0:19:28).

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