

DRAFT Minutes of the Advisory Committee on Plants and Animals
May 12, 2023, Meeting
Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Helmuth Rogg called the Advisory Committee on Plants and Animals to order on Friday, May 12 at 9:32 AM via Zoom Meeting.

Members Present:

Dr. Helmuth Rogg, Committee Chairperson, HDOA

Members Virtually Present:

Dr. Maria Haws, Professor of Aquaculture, Pacific Aquaculture & Coastal Research Center, University of Hawaii at Hilo
Pamela Mizuno, Director of Panaewa Zoo, County of Hawaii, Retired
Cynthia King, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)
Ex Officio Member Designated Representative
Joshua Fisher, (Invasive Species Biologist, U. S. Fish and Wildlife)

Others Present:¹

Jodi Yi, Deputy Attorney General (DAG)
Jonathan Ho, Branch Manager, PQB, HDOA
Chris Kishimoto, Entomologist, PQB, HDOA
Kevin Salvador, IT Specialist, HDOA
Noni Putnam, Land Vertebrate Specialist, PQB, HDOA
Dr. Michael Wong, DVM, Interim University Veterinarian, University of Hawaii
Animal & Veterinary Services
Deborah Safarik, Secretary, PQB, HDOA

Others Virtually Present:

Sherylyne Namahoe, Secretary, Plant Industry Division, HDOA
Catht, Public Member

¹ The identification of the public members is based on their sign-in name but are not verified.

II. INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTS

Chairperson Helmuth Rogg introduced himself and asked the Committee members to briefly introduce themselves. For those in attendance virtually, he asked that they indicate if anyone is in the room with them. Dr. Maria Haws, Pamela Mizuno, Cynthia King, and Joshua Fisher introduced themselves. All indicated they were alone. DAG Jody Yi also introduced herself. Chairman Rogg also asked others present who were in the conference room to introduce themselves. Dr. Michael Wong, Chris Kishimoto, Noni Putnam, Jonathan Ho, Kevin Salvador and Deborah Safarik introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 28, 2022, AND FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Chairperson Rogg asked Committee members if they had any comments on the minutes from October 28, 2022, and February 15, 2023, meetings respectively. Hearing there were no comments, Chairperson Rogg called for a motion.

Committee Member Maria Haws made a motion to approve the minutes. Committee Member Pam Mizuno Seconded the motion.

Chairperson Rogg asked if there is any discussion or comments from the public or testimony. IT Specialist Kevin Salvador then provided instructions to the general public on how to raise hands to testify virtually. No comments were made.

Chairperson Rogg called for the vote.

Vote: APPROVED 5/0 (Rogg, Haws, Fisher, King, Mizuno)

Motion carries.

IV. REQUEST TO BE REVIEWED BY COMMITTEE

Request to: (1) Allow the Importation of Guinea Pigs, *Cavia cobaya* (*Cavia porcellus*), Domesticated Mice, *Mus musculus*, and Domesticated Rats, *Rattus* species, Animals on the List of Conditionally Approved Animals, by Permit, for Research, by the University of Hawaii Animal & Veterinary Services; and (2) Update Permit Conditions for Importation of Guinea Pigs, *Cavia cobaya* (*Cavia porcellus*), Domesticated Mice, *Mus musculus*, and Domesticated Rats, *Rattus* species, Animals on the List of Conditionally Approved Animals, by Permit, for Research, by the University of Hawaii Animal & Veterinary Services.

PQB Land Vertebrate Specialist Noni Putnam provided a synopsis of the request. Ms. Putnam noted that the applicant, Dr. Michael Wong, was present and available to answer any questions.

Chairperson Rogg asked if the Committee Members had questions for PQB. Hearing none, Chairperson Rogg asked for a motion to approve the request. Advisory Committee member Mizuno made a motion to approve. Committee member Cynthia King seconded.

Chairperson Rogg asked if there were any members of the public who wished to testify. IT Specialist Kevin Salvador said there were two people attending virtually, but none had raised their hands. Chairperson Rogg waited a few moments and reiterated his request for public testimony. Mr. Salvador said that there were no hands raised to testify.

Chairperson Rogg asked if there were any additional questions or comments from the Committee. Hearing no response, Chairperson Rogg called for a vote.

Vote: APPROVED 5/0 (Rogg, Haws, King, Fisher, Mizuno)

Motion carries.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Rogg called to Adjourn the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Plants & Animals at 9:49 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Safarik
Secretary, PQB