



**Minutes of the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity
November 25, 2025**

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<https://dab.hawaii.gov/meetings-reports/>

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting of the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity was called to order on November 25, 2025, at 9:17 am by Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity Chairperson, Sharon Hurd. The meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom and in-person from:

*State of Hawaii, Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity
Plant Quarantine Branch
1849 Auiki Street*

Members Present In-Person:

Sharon Hurd, Chairperson, Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity

Members Virtually Present: Roll call/alone

Brian Nielson, DLNR, Ex-Officio Member
Mark Takemoto, DBEDT, Ex-Officio Member
Diane Ley, Hawaii Member
Nathaniel Oswald, Maui County Member
James Gomes, Member-at-Large

Excused:

Dr. Parwinder Grewal, Dean CTAHR, Ex-Officio Member
En Young, Member-at-Large

Deputy Attorney General Present In-Person:

DAG Jennifer Waihee-Polk

Others Present In-Person:

Kevin Salvador, DAB/IT
Marci Clingan, DAB /Office of the Chair
Kevin Moore, DAB /ARM
Wayne Takamine, DAB/Ag Loan
Andrew Robinson, DAB/Ag Loan

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2 Others Virtually Present:¹
3 HDOA IT (Host)
4 Imiloa Borland
5 lindsey.ancog
6 DAB Presentation
7 Kori Koike - DAB
8 HDOAPIO
9 Lesley Harvey
10 Brandi Ah Yo
11 Joy Gold
12 Sunrise Strategies
13 Maria McCarthy
14 Janet
15 BTM B.I.
16 Dean Matsukawa
17 Richard Kim - HDAB
18 Jonathan Ho, DAB Plant Quarantine Branch
19 yamamoto earl
20 Kori Koike - DAB
21 Roy Hasegawa
22 yamamoto earl
23 Claire Orodio
24 Chris Kishimoto
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27 II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 10/28/25 MEETING

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29 Motion to Approve: Gomes/Ley
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31 Public Testimony:

32 None
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34 Board Discussion:

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36 Chairperson Hurd said there is an amendment to page 7, line 14 which would correct
37 the word URES to EURUS.
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39 Member Neilson planned to abstain from the vote since he was not present at the
40 meeting.
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42 Vote: Deferred

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

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III. INTRODUCTIONS

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DIVISIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

A. AGRICULTURAL LOAN DIVISION

- 1. Request for Approval of One (1) Class-C Qualified Farm loan for co-borrowers Malolo Farm, LLC, and Alison Minney, Member Manager

Andrew Robinson, Agricultural Loan Division, presented testimony as submitted.

Motion to Approve: Gomes/Ley

Public Testimony:
None

Board Discussion:
None

Vote: Approved; Unanimously

B. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

- 1. Request for:
 - (1) Acceptance for Annual Renewal After the Fact of Revocable Permits Omitted from 2025 Renewal List for TMK Nos.: (1) 6-9-001:002, 003 POR & 036; and (2) 5-2-001:017; Statewide
 - (2) Acceptance for Annual Renewal of Revocable Permits for 2026 for TMK Nos.: (1) 4-1-008:071 & 072; (1) 6-9-001:002, 003 POR & 036; (1) 9-4-002:080; (2) 1-1-003:028; (2) 1-6-005:008, 021, 022 & 023; (2) 2-9-001:008 & 011; (2) 5-2-001:017; (3) 1-3-002:099 & 012 POR; (3) 3-1-004:001; (3) 4-1-004:031; (3) 4-6-002:001; (3) 4-7-004:009; (3) 4-9-011:002; (3) 5-6-001:001; (3) 5-8-002:006; (4) 1-9-002:019; (4) 1-9-003:006; (4) 1-9-003:010; (4) 1-9-007:005, 007, 028, 029 & 030; (4) 1-9-007:046; (4) 1-9-012:011; (4) 4-1-001:007; (4) 4-1-001:012; (4) 4-1-009:005 & 006; Statewide

1 Kevin Moore, Agricultural Resource Management Division, presented testimony as
2 submitted.

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4 Motion to Approve: Gomes/Ley

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6 Public Testimony:

7 None

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9 Board Discussion:

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11 Member Gomes thanked the Chair and staff for their work on transferring leases under
12 Act 90 and expressed hope for converting these RPs to long-term dispositions.

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14 Member Ley echoed the previous comments and expressed hope that the survey and
15 subdivision for Hawaii Fish Company could be completed in the next year.

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17 Vote: Approved; Unanimously

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20 2. Request for Acceptance of Annual Lease Rent as Determined by
21 Independent Appraisal for Rent Reopenings for TMK Nos.: (1) 4-1-
22 008:045; (1) 4-1-010:029; (1) 4-1-010:081; (1) 4-1-010:104; (1) 4-1-
23 018:040; (1) 4-1-018:052; (1) 4-1-027:016; (1) 4-1-035:010; (1) 4-2-
24 010:004; (2) 1-6-005:002; (2) 1-6-008:008; (3) 1-5-116:035; (3) 2-2-
25 056:031; (3) 2-9-002:047; and (3) 7-3-049:004; Statewide

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28 Kevin Moore, Agricultural Resource Management Division, presented testimony as
29 submitted.

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31 Motion to Approve: Gomes/Ley

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33 Public Testimony:

34 None

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36 Board Discussion:

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38 Member Ley noted that in the past, the board received a confidential exhibit comparing
39 existing and proposed rental rates, which would be helpful.

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41 Mr. Moore apologized for the oversight if the exhibit was not submitted.

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1 Member Ley responded that it's fine and the costs aren't significant for the amount of
2 acreage, but that it would be helpful for the board to have the detail.

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4 Vote: Approved; Unanimously

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7 V. OLD BUSINESS

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11 VI. NEW BUSINESS

12 1. NON-ACTION ITEM: Invasive Species Action Plan Updates

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14 Jonathan Ho, Plant Quarantine Branch, presented new business item.

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16 Mr. Ho said he'll work with the Office of the Chair for a more detailed agenda item for
17 the next board meeting.

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19 Mr. Ho said there were three critical positions that were filled: Craig Clouet (GIS
20 Program Manager), Esther Reichert (Pesticide Branch Manager), and Don Yanagisawa
21 (Plant Quarantine Branch Nursery Specialist in Hilo). Interviews are scheduled for the
22 Plant Specialist, Insect Specialist, and the Oahu and Maritime Supervisors in the next
23 two weeks. The Land Vertebrate Specialist did not have qualified applicants.

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25 The biosecurity website, biosecurity.hawaii.gov, is now live. It was required by Act 236
26 to be implemented by December 1st. It currently contains data on High-Pathogen Avian
27 Influenza, Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle, Coqui Frog, and Little Fire Ants, primarily for
28 O'ahu. A demonstration of the site can be provided at the next meeting.

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30 Mr. Ho reported on recent rapid responses, including two skunk incidents in Hilo and
31 Honolulu Harbors, and an opossum at a Maui car dealership, all believed to be
32 stowaways on cargo ships, with the skunks testing negative for rabies. He detailed the
33 development of Government Industry Agreements (GIAs) under Act 236, which aims at
34 fostering partnerships between industry and government to prevent, detect, and
35 manage pests and diseases, with a contract issued to UH CTAHR for a systems
36 approach to pest management targeting specific pests like Little Fire Ants, Coconut
37 Rhinoceros Beetle and Queensland Beetle.

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39 Chairperson Hurd inquired about how GIAs prepare the industry for rapid response, to
40 which Ho explained they aim for proactive, standardized plans, training industry
41 partners for early detection and immediate deployment to increase overall capacity.
42 Regarding the biosecurity dashboard, Ho clarified its current O'ahu-centric data is due
43 to initial input from Plant Quarantine Branch staff, but the GIS manager is working to

1 integrate data from partners on other islands. He also confirmed that Akamai Arrival
2 information could be added to the biosecurity website, noting that all airlines are now
3 participating in the Akamai Arrival program, with 70-75% of agriculture forms being
4 collected on average

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6 Public Testimony:

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10 Motion to adjourn: Gomes/Ley

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12 The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 am

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14 Respectfully submitted,

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