

PEST CONTROL BOARD
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Date: November 7, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: King Kalakaua Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: David Lau, Industry Member, Chair
John Speed, Industry Member, Vice Chair
Terrance Manago, Industry Member
William Lee, Industry Member
Scott Ai, Public Member
Julian Yates, Ph.D., Public Member
Jia-Wei Tay, Ph.D., Department of Plant & Environmental Protection
Sciences, Ex-Officio
Lei Ana E. Green, Executive Officer
Christopher Leong, Esq., Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Susan Reyes, Secretary

Member(s)
Excused: Greg Takeshima, Department of Agriculture, Ex-Officio
Gracelda Simmons, Department of Health, Ex-Officio

Guest(s): Tim Lyons – Hawaii Pest Control Association
James Ewing – J&E Termite and Pest Control
Steve Russo – Terminix International

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was posted to the State electronic calendar pursuant to HRS section 92-7(b).

Call to Order: There being quorum present, Chair Lau called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Mr. Ai, seconded by Mr. Manago, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2022, meeting.

Executive Officer’s Report: a. Examination Report

**PROMETRIC
 HAWAII PEST CONTROL EXAMINATIONS
 EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTERED AUGUST 2022**

<u>EXAM</u>	<u>ADMINISTERED</u>				
	<u>NO. EXAMS</u>	<u>NO. FAIL</u>	<u>NO. PASS</u>	<u>% FAIL</u>	<u>%PASS</u>
PART 1	2	1	1	50%	50%
FIELD REP BR 1	0	0	0	0%	0%
FIELD REP BR 2	1	1	0	100%	0%
FIELD REP BR 3	1	0	1	0%	100%
OPERATOR BR 1	0	0	0	0%	0%
OPERATOR BR 2	1	1	0	100%	0%
OPERATOR BR 3	0	0	0	0%	100%
TOTAL NO. EXAMS ADMINISTERED				5	
TOTAL NO. EXAMS PASSED				3	
TOTAL NO. EXAMS FAILED				2	
TOTAL PERCENT PASSED				60%	
TOTAL PERCENT FAILED				40%	

**PROMETRIC
 HAWAII PEST CONTROL EXAMINATIONS
 EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTERED OCTOBER 2022**

<u>EXAM</u>	<u>ADMINISTERED</u>				
	<u>NO. EXAMS</u>	<u>NO. FAIL</u>	<u>NO. PASS</u>	<u>% FAIL</u>	<u>%PASS</u>
PART 1	1	0	1	0%	100%
FIELD REP BR 1	1	1	0	100%	0%
FIELD REP BR 2	11	1	10	10%	90%
FIELD REP BR 3	5	2	3	40%	60%
OPERATOR BR 1	0	0	0	0%	0%
OPERATOR BR 2	1	0	1	0%	100%
OPERATOR BR 3	0	0	0	0%	0%
TOTAL NO. EXAMS ADMINISTERED				19	
TOTAL NO. EXAMS PASSED				15	
TOTAL NO. EXAMS FAILED				4	
TOTAL PERCENT PASSED				78%	
TOTAL PERCENT FAILED				22%	

Mr. Lee entered the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Ms. Green stated that the following are corrections to typos on the applications list:

- 5.b.(iii): Taoti Latu, Jr.
- 5.c.(ii): Robert Clark, Sr.

Applications:

a. Pest Control Operator (“PCO”)

	Applicant	Branch(es)	Board Determination
(i)	J & E Termite and Pest Control, Inc. James Ewing, RME (PCO-1524, BR-1, 2, 3) - REACTIVATION	1, 2, 3	Deferred
(ii)	Tyler Mayekawa Sole Proprietor	2	Deferred
(iii)	Patrick Nunnari (PCO-1707 / BR-3) Additional Class The Terminix International Company, LP (PCO-618 / BR-1, 2, 3)	2	Approved
(iv)	Edwin Tabangcura American Fumigation Services, LLC (PCO-1595 / BR- 1, 2, 3)	1	Deferred
(v)	Termite Express, LLC (PCO-1699 / BR-1) Additional Class George Ofsanka, III, RME (PCO-884 / BR-1, 2, 3)	2, 3	Approved
(vi)	Clinton Yamashita (Approved for Exam / BR-2) Additional Class Orkin, LLC (PCO-1349 / BR-1, 2, 3)	3	Deferred

b. Pest Control Field Representative (“PCFR”)

	Applicant	Branch(es)	Board Determination
(i)	Matthew Bax The Terminix International Company, LP (PCO-618 / BR-1, 2, 3)	1, 2, 3	BR 1, 2 - Approved BR 3 – Approved Pending Additional Documentation

(ii)	Andy Jee Five Star Termite & Pest Control, LLC (PCO-1517 / BR-1, 2, 3)	2, 3	Approved
(iii)	Taoti Latu, Jr. The Terminix International Company, LP (PCO-618 / BR-1, 2, 3)	2	Approved

c. Ratification(s)

	Applicant	License	Branch(es)
(i)	Wallace Choy Absolute Termite & Pest Control Hawaii, LLC (PCO-1409/ BR-1, 2, 3)	PCFR	1
(ii)	Robert Clark, Sr. The Terminix International Company, LP (PCO-618 / BR-1, 2, 3)	PCFR	2
(iii)	Carlton Eto The Terminix International Company, LP (PCO-618 / BR-1, 2, 3)	PCFR	2
(iv)	Nolen Kaai Four Corner Pest Control (PCO-1328 / BR-2, 3)	PCFR	2, 3
(v)	Jaelene Lawless The Terminix International Company, LP (PCO-618 / BR-1, 2, 3)	PCFR	2
(vi)	Mikel Neves The Terminix International Company, LP (PCO-618 / BR-1, 2, 3)	PCFR	2, 3
(vii)	Forest Matthews The Terminix International Company, LP (PCO-618 / BR-1, 2, 3)	PCFR	2
(viii)	Steven Thompson The Terminix International Company, LP (PCO-618 / BR-1, 2, 3)	PCFR	1, 2, 3
(ix)	Terry Togashi The Terminix International Company, LP (PCO-618 / BR-1, 2, 3)	PCFR	2

(x)	Clinton Yamashita Orkin, LLC (PCO-1349 / BR-1, 2, 3)	PCO	2
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It was moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Vice Chair Speed, and unanimously carried to approve, defer, or ratify applications as reflected above.

New Business:

a. Pest Control Operator and Pest Control Field Representative Exams

1. Exam Administrator Update

Ms. Green stated that, effective January 2023, PSI will be the new exam administrator. The contract with Prometric will go through the end of December 2022. Dr. Yates asked if PSI will review questions periodically and make changes, as necessary, if there are consistently a large number of incorrect answers on the same questions. Ms. Green said she will ask PSI.

Mr. Lee asked if the exam administered by PSI will have the same questions that are on the current Prometric exam. Ms. Green responded that the current exams are owned by Prometric and that the exam administered by PSI will be developed with a different bank of questions. PSI will be working with our subject matter experts who will review exam questions to develop the exam for the pest control industry in this State.

Mr. Lee asked, regarding applicants who have taken the exam and have failed, when they register to sit for the exam again would that registration be with PSI and would they need to sit for the new exam. Ms. Green stated that if the applicant retakes the exam before the end of December 2022, then it will be the same exam with Prometric. But, after December 31, 2022, the applicant would need to register with PSI and pass that exam to qualify for licensure.

Mr. Manago asked where PSI is located. Ms. Green responded that, like Prometric, the corporate office is not in Hawaii, but they have testing centers in Hawaii.

Chair Lau commented that this change in the exam administrator is a positive thing, as the Board is able to update its exams, which it has been trying to do. In late 2020, the Board worked on updates to its fumigation exams with Prometric, but the updated exams were never published. This change in exam administrator will enable the Board to update all its exams for 2023.

Ms. Green asked the Board members if they had any further questions for PSI, in addition to the question that Dr. Yates asked earlier.

At this time, there were no further questions for PSI from the Board.

Meeting Schedule: a. 2023 Board Meeting Schedule

Ms. Green provided the 2023 schedule, with quarterly meetings for the year. She stated that due to being incredibly short-staffed in the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, the Executive Officers and Secretaries have taken on additional responsibilities. The Board had cancelled its September 2022 meeting, and this is the last meeting of 2022. The Board's office will publish the 2023 meeting schedule and, if necessary, the Board can schedule additional meetings.

Mr. Manago asked if the quarterly meeting schedule would delay the licensing process. Ms. Green responded that the quarterly meeting schedule will not delay the licensing process or adversely affect the regulation of the industry. The Applications Review Committee will continue to review applications between meetings so that applicants can sit for the exam, and applications can be ratified at future meetings.

2023 Legislation: a. Legislative Designation

Ms. Green noted that the Board will be meeting quarterly in 2023 and asked if the Board would like to delegate authority to a Board member who may provide general subject matter feedback and/or testimony during the legislative session.

It was the consensus of the Board to delegate authority to Vice Chair Speed, and Chair Lau as the back-up.

Mr. Lyons asked if the Board has a position on any possible legislation that may be introduced in response to a recent news report regarding Michael Miske and allegations regarding his qualifications for licensure.

Ms. Green responded that the Board has not discussed the matter. If the Board would like to discuss the matter or any legislation that is introduced, they may do so at a future meeting.

Announcements: a. Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 21, 2023
2:00 p.m.
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

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/s/ Lei Ana Green
Lei Ana Green
Executive Officer

/s/ Susan A. Reyes
Susan A. Reyes
Secretary

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11/10/22

- Minutes approved as is.
- Minutes approved with changes, see minutes of _____.