

# Early Learning Board (ELB)

Thursday, May 9, 2019

1:30 am – 4:00 pm

*The public may attend the meeting in any of the locations specified below:*

**Main Site: KCAA/CEED Center  
2707 South King Street, Honolulu, HI 96826**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Edel Baguio-Larena, Dana Balansag (for Pankaj Bhanot), Mike Fahey, Christina Kishimoto, Keiko Nitta (for Bruce Anderson), Bob Peters, Nāmaka Rawlins, Stephen Schatz (for David Lassner), Wai’ale’ale Sarsona (for Jack Wong), Cherilyn Shiinoki, Mari Uehara

**Absent:** Kaina Bonacorsi, Ben Naki

**Executive Office on Early Learning staff in attendance:** Lauren Moriguchi, Wimmie Wong Lui, Jeff Larson, Ashley Miura

**Public in Attendance:** Leilani Au, Liz Chun, Justina Acevedo-Cross, Jordana Ferreira, Deanne Goya, Camille Masutomi, Kerrie Urosevich, Melodie Vega, Carol Wear, Hide Wu, Deborah Zysman

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
<b>MINUTES:</b>		
<b>Welcome/Mission—Bob Peters</b>	Bob welcomed the group. He then asked Keiko to read the ELB mission statement and asked that members keep this in mind as they engage in today’s work and work going forward.  Bob recognized Mike at this last ELB meeting of his, thanking him for years of service and willingness to volunteer for so many efforts.  Introductions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leilani Au – center-based program provider representative.</li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justina Acevedo-Cross – philanthropic organizations in support of early learning.</li> <li>• Kerrie Urosevich - Hawaii Early Intervention Coordinating Council representative (taking Mike’s current position).</li> </ul> <p>New members officially start July 1 (Boards &amp; Commissions must still create a document that appoints each member that has to be notarized). Individuals can sit at the table but are unable to vote.</p>	
<b>Review and Approve 4/11/19 minutes—Bob Peters</b>	Minutes were reviewed and approved.	
<b>Public Comment – Bob Peters</b>	<p>Kerrie/Early Childhood Action Strategy: Announced that of the seven bills ECAS supported, four passed (increased access to public pre-K, Zero to Three Court support, midwifery licensure, charter pre-K). Three bills that didn’t pass: family child care tax credit, business tax credit for child care, Father Commission funding.</p> <p>Deb/Hawaii Children’s Action Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning meeting to discuss the second phase of the Little Minds Matter campaign in partnership with the Charter School Commission – outreach to families who are not receiving early learning services – has been scheduled for May 30.</li> <li>• Will be starting the next cohort of parent leaders in the Parent Leadership Training Institute in August. Recruiting for Maui facilitators to start a Maui cohort later this year; welcoming funds and suggestions for recruits. More information on the HCAN website.</li> </ul>	
<b>Director Report/Questions — Lauren Moriguchi</b>	<p>Lauren provided EOEL updates – please refer to handout distributed.</p> <p>The Legislature communicated that its intent was to bring early learning under one umbrella and align all programs.</p> <p>Funding provided is for two years only; would need to request next session that funding be included in EOEL’s base budget.</p>	

	<p>Questions/comments from ELB members and responses included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lauren confirmed that the funding provided by the Legislature through SB78 to expand the EOEL Public Pre-K Program by 10 additional classrooms would be for 10 new classrooms.</li> <li>• SB78 transfers pre-K classrooms, that are weighted student formula-funded and general education classrooms for special education inclusion purposes, from DOE to EOEL. Lauren stated that DOE communicated this legislative session that it has a total of 3 WSF-funded pre-K classrooms.</li> <li>• SB78 establishes EOEL as the administrative authority over private partnership-funded prekindergarten programs in the public schools. Lauren stated that the capacity to open more of such classrooms requires a conversation between EOEL, DOE, and the private funder about responsibilities and private support. Teaching staff would be State employees.</li> <li>• Christina stated she found it strange that the Legislature is intervening in relationships between partners. She stated she has no intention of passing a partner over to someone else and this breaks the MOU she has with private partners. Lauren stated that EOEL has a relationship with Kamehameha Schools and DOE for the pre-K classrooms at Nānākuli and Nānāikapono elementary schools, and hopes this as a way for everyone to work together and have a conversation; Christina stated she would not be at the table for this conversation.</li> <li>• Lauren will update ELB as EOEL continues to work with the Charter School Commission on incorporating its pre-K classrooms into the EOEL Public Pre-K Program.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Preschool Development Grant B-5—Lauren</b></p>	<p>Lauren made a presentation on PDG B-5: background, how it connects with the Early Childhood State Plan, ELB’s role, and status.</p>	

Moriguchi	<p>Questions/comments from ELB members and responses included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The job responsibilities of the State Advisory Council are being revised – disregard document emailed to members prior to today’s meeting, as a finalized version will be sent by Lauren.</li> <li>• Lauren clarified that ELB will approve the content of the strategic plan developed through PDG B-5. DHS and EOEL will be responsible for what is submitted to the federal government (e.g., layout).</li> <li>• Steve suggested that consideration be made to name the strategic plan in a way that distinguishes it from others, even if it uses language other than the federal government’s; may be a good agenda item for the next ELB Meeting.</li> <li>• Lauren stated a no-cost extension is possible but the state should not depend on it.</li> <li>• The timeline is being revised.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Board Responsibilities/Committee Updates—Bob Peters</b></p>	<p>Bob reminded members to use the terms “subcommittee” and “work group” pursuant to statute; the terms also have Sunshine Law implications.</p> <p>Bob clarified that subcommittee membership by board members cannot exceed the quorum of the whole (i.e., cannot exceed more than 50 percent of the voting members, not including vacant positions).</p> <p>Non-ELB members may be invited to participate in subcommittees.</p> <p>Nominations Subcommittee Report (Mike):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition to the new members (announced earlier), Ben Naki was reappointed for a second term.</li> <li>• Board is appointed by the Governor, but confirmed by Senate. Deadline for applications this year was 3/22/19. Mike is</li> </ul>	

	<p>awaiting a response from Boards &amp; Commissions about whether confirmations can be done any other time during the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soliciting any corrections to the member roster. Revised roster will be provided to Boards &amp; Commissions.</li> <li>• Soliciting any corrections to contact info for members.</li> </ul> <p>Governance Subcommittee report (Wai'ale'ale):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following items were the result of discussions among Bob, Wai'ale'ale, Kaina, and Christina.</li> <li>• (Please refer to the handout provided by Wai'ale'ale.)</li> <li>• Establishment of a Finance Standing Subcommittee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Would like a better understanding of finances.</li> <li>○ Subcommittee would recommend to the full Board a process for review of finances.</li> <li>○ Bob stated that though the Board would not be looking for individuals with particular skillsets (e.g., in finance) to sit on the subcommittee, skillsets should be kept in mind.</li> <li>○ Motion to establish a Finance Standing Subcommittee (made by Wai'ale'ale, seconded by Nāmaka). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vote: Ayes, 7; Noes, 0; Abstentions, 0. Motion approved.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Revise scope of the Governance Standing Subcommittee to include the Policies and Processes Ad-hoc work strand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kerrie suggested that work on governance and policy involve different skill sets. Christina responded that there are not enough board members, but if there were, policy could be pulled out.</li> <li>○ Motion to revise the Governance Standing Subcommittee to include the Policies and Processes Ad-hoc work strand (made by Wai'ale'ale, seconded by</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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	<p>Nāmaka).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vote: Ayes, 7; Noes, 0; Abstentions, 0. Motion approved.</li> <li>• Establishment of a PDG B-5 State Advisory Council as a subcommittee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussed previously but not officially established.</li> <li>○ Motion to establish the PDG B-5 State Advisory Council as a subcommittee (made by Wai’ale’ale, seconded by Bob). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vote: Ayes, 7; Noes, 0; Abstentions, 0. Motion approved.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• EOEL Director’s performance evaluation process and timeline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Proposed a modified timeline, with corrections, so budgeting can align better with the legislative process. Currently playing catch-up; the hope is to be better aligned by next March.</li> <li>○ Members and Lauren were asked to provide input on the timeline; approval not needed at this point.</li> <li>○ Further revisions may be needed, but this is a way to move forward.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hope is for subcommittees to convene in June as there will be no ELB meeting that month.</li> <li>• Everyone has agreed to serve on at least one subcommittee. It will be a self-selection process, but Bob may ask individuals to serve on certain subcommittees and invite others to serve as conveners. Members agreed to commit to a subcommittee before leaving today.</li> <li>• State agency representatives could not serve as chairs of ad-hoc subcommittees since they cannot be on the Executive Committee, but could serve as co-conveners.</li> <li>• Bob clarified that the work plan developed with Leslie Mullens was related to ELB structure. That structure was used as a</li> </ul>	
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	<p>model to develop the subcommittees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bob clarified that ELB is responsible for supporting the Early Childhood State Plan. Bob will continue to meet with new members to bring them up to speed, including on the State Plan.</li> <li>• Bob thanked the subcommittee.</li> <li>• Next Governance Subcommittee meeting: May 29, 12-2pm at Kamehameha Schools' Kawaiaha' o Plaza.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Member Updates</b>–Bob Peters</p>	<p>Kerrie: Introduced Hide Wu, new Early Childhood Action Strategy Coordinator. Team 1 will be overseen by a new individual with maternal health background funded by DOH.</p> <p>Cherilyn: Family Hui is sponsoring family fun days at five libraries beginning June 1, in partnership with Hawaii Children's Action Network as family strengthening activities for child abuse and neglect prevention.</p> <p>Edel: Maui Family Support Services is sponsoring a celebration of fathers on June 8 as a way to bring together different providers and create awareness of the importance of fathers in the lives of children.</p> <p>Dana: DHS has another open application period for Preschool Open Doors during May. Deadline to receive applications is May 31.</p> <p>Nāmaka: Six 'Aha Pūnana Leo staff graduated with an early childhood Hawaiian medium early education certificate from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo College of Hawaiian Language.</p> <p>Lauren: EOEL, UH Mānoa College of Education, Honolulu Community College, and Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children are sponsoring a summer institute with Sue Bredekamp, from July 8-12, 8:30am-4:30pm. Interested members should inform Lauren as EOEL may be able to sponsor their</p>	

	registration. Preschool Development Grant tuition stipends may also be available for eligible attendees.	
<b>Executive Session</b>	No items.	
<b>Review Agenda Outcomes—Bob Peters</b>	<p>Lauren will report to ELB on progress with SB78 items (e.g., plans, agreements, implementation), assuming the bill becomes law.</p> <p>A revised job description for the PDG B-5 State Advisory Council Subcommittee will be distributed.</p> <p>Subcommittees were established and scopes revised (as indicated in the “Board Responsibilities/Committee Updates” section).</p> <p>Members will commit themselves to joining one of four subcommittees.</p> <p>A revised executive director evaluation process and timeline was shared.</p>	
<b>Announcements</b>	Mike invited ELB members to his retirement party (flyer distributed).	
<b>Closing—Mike Fahey</b>	<p>“It is wise to direct your anger towards problems - not people; to focus your energies on answers - not excuses.”</p> <p>“When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves.”</p> <p>(William Arthur Ward)</p>	