

# Early Learning Board (ELB)

Thursday, November 8, 2018

1:30 am – 4:00 pm

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

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

**Advisory Board Members in Attendance:** Dana Balansag (for Director Bhanot), Ben Naki, Mike Fahey, Matt Shim (for Director Anderson), Cherilyn Shiinoki, Ann Tom, Wai’ale’ale Sarsona (for Jack Wong), Bob Davis (for Superintendent Kishimoto), Jin Chang, Edel Baguio-Larena, Bob Peters, Namaka Rawlins, Mari Uehara

**Absent:** Kaina Bonacorsi, Stephen Schatz (for President Lassner)

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

**EC State Plan Steering Committee in attendance:** Robyn Chun, Christina Cox, Kim Guieb, Deb Zysman, Kerrie Urosevich, Carrie Shoda Sutherland

**Public in Attendance:** Camille Masutomi, Cindy Ballard, Deanne Goya, Jordana Ferreira, Caroline Suga, Rebecca Gomez

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
<b>MINUTES:</b>		
<b>Welcome/Introductions—</b> Bob Peters	Bob welcomed the group at 1:35 p.m. and announced that today’s meeting was a joint meeting of the ELB and the EC State Plan Steering Committee to celebrate the near completion of the State Plan (still being graphically treated). He then reviewed the agenda items for the day, much of which will be led by Consultant Lily Bloom Domingo and Lauren. Self-introductions were made around the room.	

<p><b>Review and Approve</b>  <b>10/18/18 minutes</b>—Bob Peters</p>	<p>The October minutes were reviewed and approved as distributed.</p>	
<p><b>Public Comment</b>— Bob Peters</p>	<p>Kerrie announced that Jordana Ferreira recently started at Action Strategy. Jordana had been the Associate Director at PATCH for the past several years. Kerrie also reported that Action Strategy is currently finalizing its 2019 policy priorities, and will share these at an ELB meeting once they are confirmed.</p> <p>Christina announced that Cindy Ballard is the new Director of Training at KCAA. Cindy had been overseeing the DHS Training contract awarded to PATCH for several years. Christina also announced that Erickson Institute will be starting new cohorts for literacy and math next week at CEED.</p> <p>Deb announced that HCAN is in the midst of setting its 2019 Legislative Policy Agenda – will tighten these up by the end of December and will be co-presenting them with Keiki Caucus. HCAN will be hosting an advocacy training on 12/1 @ Catholic Charities, in collaboration with PHOCUSED, HANO, and Appleseed. HCAN is also recruiting for the next cohort for the Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) – a 20-week training starting in late January 2019 in Windward Oahu. Applications are on the HCAN website.</p>	
<p><b>EOEL Director’s Report</b>  ---Lauren Moriguchi</p>	<p>Lauren announced that the application for the federal Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five (PDG B-5) was submitted on November 6<sup>th</sup>, and thanked all involved in the process of bringing this proposal to completion. \$965K was requested to support Hawaii’s early childhood system-building and infrastructure strengthening efforts. Awards are to be announced in mid-December. The vision for the PDG B-5 grant is: “Hawaii will have a strong infrastructure for a coordinated mixed delivery system that addresses equitable access to, and transitions between, high quality programs and services for all children</p>	

	<p>birth through five statewide, to support their health safety, and readiness for lifelong learning”.</p> <p>Questions were raised about the ELB’s role. Lauren responded that the Board will oversee the grant process. Because the ELB no longer functions as an advisory (and therefore could not be the State Advisory Council for the grant), a sub-committee of the ELB and others will be convened as the State Advisory Council for this grant. The SAC will provide monthly progress reports to the ELB. An approval for the establishment of the sub-committee will be needed once notification of an award is received.</p> <p>Lauren asked if any ELB members are interested in pre-K site visits. Namaka, Ann, Kaina, Wai’ale’ale, Cherilyn, Jin and Ben indicated they are interested in joining in on the site visits. Wimmie will contact the members and coordinate visits with the schools.</p>	
<p><b>Leadership Update/Action Items</b> — Bob Peters</p>	<p>Bob reported that the revision of the mission statement will be addressed at the December meeting, and reiterated that the committee structure of the ELB will resume once the EC State Plan is finalized.</p>	
<p><b>State Charter School Pre-K Sustainability Proposal</b> – Deanne Goya</p>	<p>Deanne provided a power point presentation and additional handouts (“Contributions to Early Childhood in Hawaii” and “Student Outcomes Data for School Year 2017-2018”) to address questions from the previous ELB meeting for more information about the 18 preschools currently operated by the Hawaii Public Charter School Commission.</p> <p>Deanne’s presentation provided the following information (see power point handout for details):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed operational and administrative costs.</li> <li>• Pre-K teacher retention rate and teacher credentials.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student outcomes addressing social-emotional, physical, language, cognitive, literacy and math development (see handout).</li> <li>• YouTube video: Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission Pre-K 2018. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBH1vfZYm7c">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBH1vfZYm7c</a>.</li> </ul> <p>A motion to support the Charter School Commission’s legislative ask to sustain the 18 pre-K classrooms was approved.</p>	
<b>Communication Plan Presentation and Discussion</b> – Lauren & Consultant Team	See separate notes from Lily Bloom Domingo.	
<b>Early Learning Board’s Role for the State Plan</b> — Consultant Team	See separate notes from Lily Bloom Domingo.	
<b>Member Updates</b> – Bob Peters	DOE: “School Readiness Action Plan: Pre-Kindergaren (internal to the HIDOE) has been developed by Communication Specialist Lindsey Chambers.	
<b>Review Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of mission statement translation at December meeting.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Outcomes</b>—Bob Peters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PDG B-5 submitted on 11/6/18 – awaiting award notification.</li> <li>• State Advisory Council action will need to be taken if Hawaii receives a PDG B-5 award.</li> <li>• The Charter School Commissions’ ask of \$4M was approved by the ELB – will need to determine how to effectively advocate for this, along for the EOEL Pre-K ask.</li> <li>• Tuesday (11/13/18) is the deadline to submit comments on the EC Comprehensive State Plan to Lily.</li> <li>• Have 4 volunteers (Cherilyn, Deb, Kerrie, and Namaka) to do an OpEd piece before the Legislature convenes – from a family and system perspective.</li> <li>• There will be ongoing conversation regarding the ELB’s oversight role regarding the EC State Plan.</li> <li>• We have met a milestone in completing the EC State Plan!</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Announcements</b></p>	<p>The next ELB meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2018 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.</p>	
<p><b>Executive Session</b></p>	<p>No items from the AG.</p>	
<p><b>Closing</b>—Mike Fahey</p>	<p>“The size of your dreams must always exceed your current capacity to achieve them. If your dreams do not scare you, they are not big enough.” (Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, first elected female head of state in Africa; 24<sup>th</sup> President of Liberia from 2006-2016.)</p>	

Submitted by Chris Jackson