

**Early Learning Board Priorities
2020 – 2021**

Board Related:

- Plan and implement a smooth leadership transition process to on-board the new Director.
- Enhance Board capacity (selecting a Vice-Chair, facilitating the ad-hoc Workforce Equity Subcommittee, supporting all committees as needed)

System Related:

- Increase access, capacity and use of high-quality early childhood development programs.
- Promote collaboration among/across public agencies as well as between the public and private sectors in Early Childhood from prenatal through kindergarten entry.
- Support efforts to sustain current early childcare program options throughout the Islands.

EOEL Related:

- Design and conduct a successful EOEL Director search process which results in the selection of a Director to enhance the State’s early learning system.
- Support EOEL’s Budget request for fiscal year 2021:
 - Funding for 7 classroom positions that were restored without funding (note: Governor has promised funding for these classrooms for only this year)
 - Funding for Program Specialist position that was restored without funding
 - Allocate 2 positions – Preschool Teacher and Educational Assistant III (note: funding was provided for this by SB78, SLH 2019 but positions were not allocated)