

Early Learning Board (ELB)

Thursday, April 13, 2023

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

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

**Meeting Chair will preside at CEED Center, KCAA
2707 South King Street, Honolulu, HI 96826
Or Via the Zoom Link**

Board Members in Attendance: Justina Acevedo-Cross, Erin Henderson-Lacerdo, Kaiulani Laehā, Ben Naki, Mei Ou, Robert Peters (for Director Bossert), Mari Uehara, Megan McCorrison, Melodie Vega, Nāpua Rosehill (for Jack Wong), Stephen Schatz (for President Lassner), Keiko Nitta (for Director Fink), Dayna Luka (for Director Betts), Lane Tsuchiyama (ELB Institutional Analyst)
Absent: Megan McCorrison, Kerrie Urosevich, Rochelle Mahoe, Matt Shim

Executive Office on Early Learning staff in attendance: Yuuko Arikawa-Cross, Alohilani Maiava Shigeta, Chris Jackson, Jordana Ferreira, Jeff Larson, Kevin Kabasawa, Stephanie Tim Sing, Ashley Miura

Public in Attendance: Emma Christopherson, Angela Miyashiro, Charlotte Yee, Cheri Nakamura, Ka‘ano‘i Walk, Ka‘ina Bonacorsi, Kim Guieb, Kiyo Noguchi, Lisa Martinez, Mary Ann Nemoto, Raya Esteban, Robyn Chun, Scott Fuji, Vivian Eto, Tamia McKeague, Christina Cox, Ke‘ōpū Reelitz, Ted Burke

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
MINUTES:		
Welcome/Introductions— Bob Peters	Chair Peters began the meeting at 1:33 PM and asked Nāpua Rosehill to read the mission statement. He reminded everyone that regardless of in-person attendance, protocols would proceed as usual, with votes conducted by roll call. Attendance was taken, and quorum was established.	
Review and Approve 2/22/23 Special Meeting	The Chair entertained a motion to approve the 2/22/23 special meeting minutes. Mari Uehara requested a correction on page 6 to change	

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<p>Minutes and 3/9/23 Minutes—Bob Peters</p>	<p>“Hawaii Chapter of American Association of Pediatrics” to “Hawaii Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics.” Bob Peters also requested a correction on page 3 to change “ELAB was put into place to ensure that the Director position would not be subject to political changes when the Governor changed. The Board...” to “ELAB was put into place. To ensure that the Director position would not be subject to political changes with the Governor changed, the Board...”</p> <p>The 2/22/23 special meeting minutes were approved with the requested corrections. (Bob/Justina: Y—9; N—0.)</p> <p>The Chair then entertained a motion to approve the 3/9/23 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as distributed. (Ben/Melodie: Y—9, N—0).</p>	<p>The February special meeting minutes (2/22/23) were amended and approved as amended. The March meeting minutes (3/9/23) were approved as distributed.</p>
<p>Public Comment—Bob Peters</p>	<p>No public comments were provided.</p>	
<p>Executive Office on Early Learning Updates—Yuuko Arikawa-Cross</p>	<p>Yuuko asked Jordana Ferreira, EOEL’s Government Affairs Specialist, to provide legislative updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.B. No. 300, the budget bill, has been heard by both the House and the Senate. The S.D. 1 version includes appropriations to add 55 additional EOEL public prekindergarten classrooms by SY 2024, 11 of which are for SY 2023; appropriations for the Early Childhood Educator Stipend Program; positions to enhance EOEL’s internal capacity; and an appropriation ceiling for the Early Learning Special Fund. • Conference will begin soon for bills that the Senate and the House do not agree on; they will be discussed further through conference committees. Public testimony will not be accepted. • Upcoming deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thursday, April 13, 2023 is second crossover for bills. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tuesday, April 24, 2023 is second crossover for concurrent resolutions. ○ Thursday, April 27, 2023 and Friday, April 28, 2023 is final decking for non-fiscal and fiscal bills respectively. ○ Sine die is Thursday, May 4, 2023. <p>Yuuko asked Alohi Maiava Shigeta, EOEL’s Program Specialist in charge of PDG B-5 grant work, to provide updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EOEL is providing partners and champions of the State Plan this form to share information on progress of SIP objectives https://forms.gle/6RWFrCTCxcgk4Qb29. The form can also be found on www.earlychildhoodhawaii.com on the side navigation tab. Alohi requested board members share the form with those in their organization and organization partners and to contact EOEL if members have any questions or would like to share information that the form cannot capture. This form will be open until the end of the year and it can be filled in throughout the year as progress happens, and more than once if needed. • PDG B-5 has initiated several RFP processes related to updating the comprehensive needs assessment and for Early Head Start and Child Care partnerships. A few members of EOEL and Hawaii P-20 also attended an all grantee networking webinar by the PDG B-5 TA Center that was related to providing guidance on the needs assessment, strategic planning, and program performance evaluation plan, along with feedback to plan for new TA needs from states. <p>Justina Acevedo-Cross asked Alohi whether it would be possible to share a print version of the google form survey on the EOEL website, so that people, especially when gathered in a group, can look at the questions and discuss them without having to pull up the form itself</p>	
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	<p>before they are ready to answer the questions. Alohi said this has been suggested before, and EOEL is working on adding the questions to the website for accessibility.</p> <p>Yuuko asked Chris Jackson, EOEL’s Head Start Collaboration Office (HSSCO) Program Specialist, to provide Head Start Collaboration updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State-level MOUs with Hawaii Head Start/Early Head Start (HS/EHS) continue to be reviewed/updated with State partners and are being vetted with HS/EHS Directors. Once this is complete, the MOUs will go to the State Attorneys General’s office for approval before signatures can be obtained.• HS/EHS Directors and the HSSCO Director met with the Lieutenant Governor on April 11 to inform her about, and advocate for the comprehensive services delivery model that programs provide statewide as deliberations move forward on her <i>Ready Keiki Initiative</i>.• An annual OHS Region 9 Hawaii/Outer Pacific Head Start Institute is being convened on Kauai the week of April 17-21. This will include updates from R9 leadership, as well as professional learning, networking and planning opportunities for HS/EHS teams.• The HSSCO Director continues to engage with stakeholders, and in numerous meetings, to represent Head Start in advocacy, program planning, and systems-building, with an emphasis on workforce development, infant and toddler issues, and early childhood health and homelessness issues. <p>Yuuko provided additional EOEL updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yuuko and Alohi completed training on Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support and received the Family Strengthening and Support Certification from the	
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	<p>National Family Support Network. She explained that the training was very informative and that it was a good opportunity to reflect on current practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently, EOEL is supporting 2 FCIL programs at Kailua Elementary and Nānākuli Elementary in partnership with Keiki O Ka ‘Āina, and is exploring options to provide more FCIL opportunities to other communities. • EOEL has been invited to be part of the Hawaii Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Advisory Group. The group’s goals are to look at the quality and strategies for change regarding CACFP’s dashboard and story map and inform how these maps can best be shared with and utilized by the wider ECE community. • In March, EOEL launched the Early Childhood Educator Stipend Program, in partnership with the Samuel N. and Mary Castle Foundation and the College of Education at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. To date, a total of 64 applications have been received, with 16 still in the process of completion. There are 30 people who are enrolled and have received their stipends, while another 18 have received their stipends but are still awaiting enrollment. • Yuuko announced that Chaminade University, in partnership with Kamehameha Schools, is offering 150 fully paid tuition scholarships - 50 each year for three years beginning this fall - for an online bachelor’s degree program. This program is designed for working adults interested in advancing their careers. • Yuuko concluded with EOEL personnel updates, explaining that the Business Manager position selection is still in progress, while interviews for the Institutional Analyst position will take place on May 8th. 	
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<p>Subcommittee Reports— Subcommittee Heads</p>	<p>Ben Naki, chair of the Strategic Implementation Subcommittee (SIS), provided subcommittee updates. The SIS met last week Tuesday (4/4/23) to discuss the draft dashboard that EOEL has created showing progress on the state plan. They provided feedback to Alohi and Jeff Larson (EOEL’s Research Statistician) on the “Early Childhood Systems” building block (the first of 6 building blocks within the Early Childhood State Plan). Alohi and Jeff will use that feedback to create an updated version for the SIS to review. There are two more SIS meetings scheduled - one for April 19th, and one on May 11th. The SIS will look at the other 4 building block dashboards and think about the best way to represent the progress being made within each building block. Once the dashboards are finalized, the SIS will approve them, and EOEL will be able to present the dashboards at an ELB meeting prior to making the information public (post on the EOEL website). Ben hopes the SIS will be able to get through the other building block dashboards by the next ELB meeting.</p> <p>Chair Peters provided the Governance Standing Subcommittee (GSS) updates for Subcommittee chair Matt Shim, who was absent. Chair Peters reported on the status of SB 1022, explaining that the bill passed the Senate and crossed over to the House with no amendments. On March 16th, the House Committee on Education passed the bill with amendments, incorporating the amendments proposed by the ELB in its testimony. On March 22, the HD1 version passed second reading and was then referred to the Finance Committee, which recommended passage as is. On April 4, the bill passed its third reading in the House and then crossed over and was received by the Senate. The Senate disagreed with those amendments, and referred the bill to conference. Currently; there is no indication of what exactly the disagreements are with the bill.</p>	
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	<p>Chair Peters asked Jordana Ferreira to explain the process of legislative conference committees. Jordana explained that once a bill moves through both chambers and then returns to its originating chamber amended, if the originating chamber does not agree with those amendments, the bill moves to conference. If a bill moves to conference, there is a standard, general notice of disagreement posted. Conferees are selected from each chamber that then confer on the bill during conference. Public testimony is not received during this time, but public attendance is allowed. Notice of conference hearings must be posted at least 24 hours in advance. Jordana suggested to those interested in attending conference hearings to check the hearing notices for the date and time, and explained that for the Board, it would be acceptable to send a collective conference memo with any requests as it pertains to the bill.</p> <p>Chair Peters explained that he will send a collective conference memo in support of the amended bill as the ELB’s position. Any Board member can also send their own memo in, but should not do so as an ELB member. Members, however, are welcome to speak to legislators as members of ELB.</p> <p>Chair Peters has reached out to the Boards and Commissions to ask what the implications of this bill mean for Board membership since ELB’s status is currently uncertain, but he has not yet heard back. If the bill is not enacted, then the Board would continue to function as it currently does. Chair Peters will keep everyone informed in the meantime, and will send in the conference memo which will be similar to the testimony the Board has already approved.</p>	<p>ELB will be providing a collective conference memo to the conference committee hearing in regard to SB 1022.</p>
<p>Public Comment—Bob Peters</p>	<p>No public comments were provided.</p>	

<p>Member Updates—Bob Peters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ben Naki</i> followed-up on Chris Jackson’s announcement regarding the recent meeting Head Start directors and their CEOs had with the Lieutenant Governor. He explained that HS wanted to make sure that the Lt. Governor had an accurate picture of the scope of services that HS and EHS brings to the state and the number of families they interact with, as well as the amount of federal funding and resources they have available. They also wanted to make sure the Lt. Governor saw HS/EHS as a resource, so they can be included in conversations to assist with efforts for the Ready Keiki Initiative. Ben expressed agreement with Chris that it was a good meeting and that he has high hopes for the future. Ben also provided an update on HS enrollment, sharing that several programs are still under-enrolled and that there are still openings statewide, especially on the neighbor islands. HS is also currently looking at creative ways to handle the workforce shortage issue. • <i>Justina Acevedo-Cross</i> reported that the virtual Kahewai Summit will be taking place on April 20 and 21, and is open to early childhood providers across all settings. The summit will include professional development opportunities around trauma-informed practices, and that many people present at the ELB meeting have helped design the sessions. Currently, there are about 320 people registered. Information can be found at https://www.hais.us/RelId/766721/ISvars/default/Kahewai_Summit.htm 	
<p>Review Agenda Outcomes—Bob Peters</p>	<p>Chair Peters reviewed the following agenda outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The February special meeting minutes (2/22/23) were amended and approved with those amendments. • SB 1022 HD1 will likely head to conference. The ELB will be providing a collective conference memo in support of the bill. 	
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>None were provided.</p>	

Closing —Bob Peters	Chair Peters closed the meeting early and thanked everyone present for all their hard work in improving the lives of young keiki in Hawai‘i.	
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Submitted by Ashley Miura and Chris Jackson