

Early Learning Board Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 12 2024
AGENDA
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Center for Early Education and Development (CEED), 2nd Floor
 Kindergarten and Children’s Aid Association (KCAA Preschools of Hawaii)
 2707 South King Street, Honolulu, HI 96826

The public may attend the meeting in person or remotely via the ZOOM link (see below)
 2707 South King Street, Honolulu, HI 96826
 The Chair will preside virtually via Zoom

Early Learning Board Mission: To support children’s academic and lifelong well-being by directing and supporting the Executive Office on Early Learning for an effective, coordinated, high-quality early learning system from prenatal to kindergarten entry.

Board expectations:

- Inquiry mindset. Ask informed questions. Other mindsets are equity, bold, and radical. *(Anne Douglass)*
- Come informed: Written reports to be read before meetings. Meeting time can be utilized for discussion and decision-making. Not all written reports require decision-making.
- County representatives should be informed about early learning in their county.
- Shifting in our thinking from seeing early educators as objects of change to agents of change. *(Anne Douglass)*

The Board will accept public testimony with each agenda item. Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per agenda item and must address items listed on the published agenda

I.	Welcome/Mission/Announcements/Roll call: Elaine Yamashita	1:30 - 1:35
II.	Review and Approve Minutes: Elaine Yamashita <i>Action: Approve 07/11/24 Meeting Minutes</i>	1:35 - 1:40
III.	Board member report on BUILD Quality Improvement Summit: Sulma Gandhi, Elaine Yamashita <i>Outcome: Information</i>	1:40 - 1:50
IV.	Executive Office on Early Learning Updates Report: Director Arikawa-Cross/Staff	1:50 - 2:35

	<p>Roadmap to Achieve the Objectives of Act 46 and Act 210 (SLH 2021) related to early learning and early childhood care opportunities in the State of Hawaii by 2032 – Public Pre-Kindergarten Expansion & Early Learning Board (ELB):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Workforce Development and Support ● Facilities for Early Childhood Education Programs ● Funding for the Early Care and Education Mixed Delivery System ● Program Quality Improvement and Maintenance ● Health Mental Health & Nutrition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Promotion of Oral Health - Hawai'i Dental Service Foundation Grant ● Systems Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Hire to EOEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ PreK Educational Specialist ■ Research Statistician ■ Office Assistant ○ Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Summit Learning ○ Quarterly Preschool Development Grant B-5 Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Goal 1: Comprehensive Needs Assessment ■ Goal 2: Updating the State Plan ■ Goal 3: Parent and Family Engagement ■ Goal 4: Workforce ■ Goal 5: Program Quality Improvement ■ Goal 6: Enhance Quality and Expand Access ○ Legislative Update: Submission of ACT 46 Report <i>(available on EOEL website)</i> <p>EOEL Biennium Requests and Legislative Proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget and Personnel Asks related to Expansion (Action Item Number 2) - Legislation to formally repeal section 302L-10, HRS - Legislation to amend section 302L-1.6(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) <p><i>Outcome: Information/Questions/Discussion</i></p>	
V.	<p>Finance committee: Stephen Schatz Proposed salary adjustment for EOEL Executive Director.</p> <p>Working on proposed salary schedule for EOEL Executive Director.</p> <p><i>Outcome: Information/Questions/Discussion/Vote on salary adjustment</i></p>	2:35-2:50
	Break	2:50-3:00
VI.	<p>Schedule for vice-chair election: Governance committee, Dayna Luka for Matt Shim Process was approved at 7/11/24 meeting. Schedule for nominations, self-nomination, and vote.</p> <p><i>Outcome: Information</i></p>	3:00 - 3:10
VII.	<p>Status of EOEL Executive Director evaluation process: Governance committee, Dayna Luka for Matt Shim</p>	3:10 - 3:20

	Proposed annual schedule. <i>Outcome: Information/Questions/Discussion</i>	
VIII.	Proposed travel policy for voting board members: Governance committee, Dayna Luka for Matt Shim <i>Outcome: Information/Questions/Discussion/Vote</i>	
IX.	Proposed standing subcommittee: Legislative matters. Elaine Yamashita <i>Outcome: Discussion. Action: Refer to Governance for follow up.</i>	3:10 - 3:20
X.	Clarification and update on Act 156 (SB 2475 SD2 HS2 CD1) - Establishing the Harm to Students Registry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently Dept. of Education (DOE), Hawai‘i Association of Independent Schools (HAIS), and EOEL are working on implementation. Because the statute refers to education, Dept. of Human Services (DHS) licensed child care programs are not currently required to consult the registry, although they have access. The harm to students registry would have a record of complaints that do not necessarily lead to prosecution and conviction. Fingerprint and criminal history checks reflect convictions. - Update: DOE campuses with non-DOE or EOEL early childhood programs are screening those teachers and aides as volunteers on campus. Volunteers are subject to the requirement. <i>Outcome: Information.</i>	3:20 - 3:40
XI.	In-person retreat for board members - Elaine Yamashita Oct. 10, 8:30 - 12. Open to public (no zoom access)	3:40 - 3:55
XII.	Review Agenda Outcomes/Announcements/Closing – Elaine Yamashita	3:55 - 4:00

Next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 10, 2024

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