

Early Learning Board Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 10, 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 in person

Early Learning Board Vision: Creating a sustainable early learning system that partners with families to ensure that every child is healthy, valued, and successful in school and life.

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 09/12/24 Meeting Minutes</i>	1:35 - 1:40
III.	Executive Office on Early Learning Updates Report: Director Arikawa-Cross/Staff	1:40 - 2:10

	<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 ● Systems Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Increase in the number of students experiencing unstable housing that submitted applications ○ Special Needs and Early Intervention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 2nd Annual Early Childhood Conference ○ Family Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Outreach activities in Honolulu and on Kaua‘i ○ Ready Keiki Backpack Distribution Update ○ Visits to EOEL PreK on Moloka‘i ○ Preschool Development Grant B-5 Opportunity: Notice of Application: PDG Early Childhood Workforce Stabilization & Compensation Assistance Program 	
IV.	<p>Unfinished business: Proposed bill to amend Sec. 302L-1.6(b) HRS (Adds Head Start Collaboration position to ELB as non-voting member to comply with federal Head Start act): Postponed at 9/12/24 meeting.</p> <p><i>Action: Information/discussion/vote</i></p>	2:10 - 2:20
V.	<p>Unfinished business: Salary adjustment for EOEL Executive Director Postponed at 9/12/24 meeting.</p> <p><i>Action: Information/discussion/vote</i></p>	2:20 - 2:25
VI.	<p>Unfinished business: Proposed Standing subcommittee to handle Legislative matters Postponed at 9/12/24 meeting.</p> <p><i>Outcome: Discussion. Possible action: Refer to Governance for follow up.</i></p>	2:25 - 2:40
VII.	<p>Unfinished business: Clarification and update on Act 156 (SB 2475 SD2 HS2 CD1) - Establishing the Harm to Students Registry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From July: 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 	2:40 - 2:55

	<p>of complaints that do not necessarily lead to prosecution and conviction. Fingerprint and criminal history checks reflect convictions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sept. update: DOE campuses with non-DOE or EOEL early childhood programs are planning to screen these teachers and aides as contractors on campus. Contractors are subject to the requirement. - Question for discussion: How will DHS-licensed child care programs access the Harm to Students Registry? <p><i>Outcome: Information, discussion</i></p>	
VIII.	<p>Finance committee: Working on proposed salary schedule for EOEL Executive Director. Current salary adjustment is based on Hawai'i Government Employee's Association (HGEA) Bargaining Unit 06. Finance is looking at what future salary adjustments are based on, which could be a combination of current state models.</p> <p><i>Outcome: Information/Questions/Discussion</i></p>	2:55 - 3:00
	Break	3:00 - 3:10
IX.	<p>Schedule for vice-chair election: Governance committee, Dayna Luka for chair Matt Shim</p> <p>Process was approved at 7/11/24 meeting. Schedule for nominations, self-nomination, and vote.</p> <p><i>Outcome: Information</i></p>	3:10 - 3:15
X.	<p>Proposed by-laws for board: Governance committee, Matt Shim</p> <p>Set of proposed by-laws, based on current practices and approved board policies. Governance recently reviewed and adjusted section 9.8, which relates to how a public member can propose an agenda item. The whole document will be up for discussion and approval at the November 14 meeting.</p> <p><i>Outcome: Information, discussion.</i></p>	3:15 - 3:25
XI.	<p>EOEL Executive Director evaluation criteria: Governance committee, Dayna Luka for chair Matt Shim</p> <p>Memo from Governance for 2024 evaluation criteria for the EOEL Executive Director is adapted from Dec. 2023 memo. Governance worked on criteria with the Executive Director. Memo presented today, to be voted on in November.</p> <p><i>Outcome: Information, discussion</i></p>	3:25 - 3:35

XII.	<p>EOEL Workforce and Enrollment Data Review: Director Arikawa-Cross/Staff</p> <p>Data requested:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total number of EOEL teachers and educational assistants hired 2. Current number of vacant teacher and EA positions, by island and school 3. Total number of enrolled students in EOEL PreK classrooms, including update on number of accepted applications <p>This data can be used to provide a clear picture of staffing needs and enrollment status, so that ELB can make informed decisions on addressing workforce shortages and improving student intake processes.</p> <p><i>Outcome: Information, discussion</i></p>	3:35 - 3:50
XIII.	<p>Proposed ad hoc or standing committee: System communication and collaboration - Elaine Yamashita</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resource to read before meeting: Building Block 5 of the Hawai'i Early Childhood State Plan 2019-2024 (pp. 20-22): https://earlylearning.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Hawaii-Early-Childhood-State-Plan-Comprehensive.pdf - Purpose is to establish what information needs to be shared, what the communication channels are, and how the information is available in order to establish and maintain an effective early learning system. - Members would include key system stakeholders. <p><i>Outcome: Discussion/questions. Possible action: Refer to Governance for further definition and development.</i></p>	3:50 - 3:55
XIV.	<p>Review Agenda Outcomes/Announcements/Closing – Elaine Yamashita</p>	3:55 - 4:00

Next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14, 2024

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