
Early Learning Board

Nov. 14, 2024

I. Welcome/Vision & Mission

- Vision (4/12/18) and mission (2/8/18) - read by Kau'i Burgess

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.

Mission: To support children's academic and lifelong well-being by directing and supporting the EOEL for an effective, coordinated, high quality early learning system from prenatal to kindergarten entry.

Announcements/Roll call

Announcements:

- Survey results of 10/10/24 board retreat. See board packet.
- Folder titled "10.10.24 retreat materials" created in ELB drive in "1. Early Learning Board" folder. Documents include slides, Guiding principles, Common acronyms, ECE Organizations, Mixed delivery in HI, and 1 page Habits of system thinkers.
- Procedure to include a community member with important information: A voting board member can make a motion to "suspend the rules" to allow the community member to participate in the discussion.

Roll call

II. Review and approval of 10/10/24 minutes

Mahalo to Tara Castrovinci, communications for EOEL for the minutes.

Any corrections?

III. Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) Updates Director Arikawa-Cross and Staff

IV. PATCH (People Attentive to Children) Update on new initiatives

Leah McRae, Registry Manager, and Nicole Higa, Resource and Referral Manager

Break: 10 minutes

X. Approval of proposed by-laws for ELB

Governance subcommittee chair: Matt Shim

- Agenda item moved forward.
- Proposed by-laws were sent out in October 2024.

Public comment: limited to 2 minutes per person

Proposed bill to amend Sec. 302L-1.6(b)

The purpose of the bill is to bring ELB into compliance with the Head Start Act requirements for State Advisory Council.

Clarification (full details in print agenda):

- Proposed bill also includes adding “president of Head Start Association or their designee” in addition to the Head Start Collaboration Office director.
- One of the current at-large voting members of the board may also satisfy the requirement to include “(v) a representative of local providers of early childhood education and development services” but this requirement is not directly addressed in the current ELB statute.

Recommendations:

- a. The edited bill (**board materials packet**) that adds the Head Start agency representative and Head Start Collaboration Director be approved and submitted for possible inclusion in the Governor's Admin package, and the (to be approved today) ELB by-laws will address cover the conflict of interest issue for the Head Start Collaboration Director instead of the proposed bill.
- b. To meet the timeline for 2025 administration package legislative proposals, address any additional revisions not already included in the proposed bill by requesting edits as the bill moves through committee(s) in the Legislature. This will allow for further discussion of the questions related to a representative of local providers of early childhood education and development services without endangering EOEL's ability to meet the Admin Package deadlines.

Questions to consider:

- a. Should the requirement to include a representative of local providers of early childhood education and development services be clarified in the ELB statute?
- b. If so, would this be a non-voting member or voting member? If a voting member, does the board wish to specify that one of the county or at-large seats must also fulfill this federal requirement, or does the board want to add another voting member to the make-up of the ELB?
- a. In the previous board composition, the Child Care Business Coalition was the representative. **Clarification: CCBC did not appoint a representative.** Would that be the most appropriate entity? Or, could this requirement be met by any provider of early childhood education and development services?

Public comment: limited to 2 minutes per person

VI. Unfinished business: Proposed salary adjustment for EOEL Executive Director

Finance subcommittee chair: Stephen Schatz

See updated memo in board packet.

Public comment: limited to 2 minutes per person

VII. Update on proposed salary schedule for EOEL Executive Director

Finance subcommittee chair: Stephen Schatz

Finance is referring the issue to Governance subcommittee

Public comment: limited to 2 minutes per person

VIII. Vice-chair election

Governance subcommittee: Matt Shim

Nominations closed on Oct. 25, 2024.

Announcement of candidates, vote.

Public comment: limited to 2 minutes per person

IX. Proposed subcommittee to handle Legislative matters

Governance subcommittee chair: Matt Shim

Issue was referred to Governance at 10/10/24 board meeting.

Update on outcome of discussion at Governance 10/18/24 subcommittee meeting.

Public comment: limited to 2 minutes per person

XI. 2023-24 Framework of Policy Priorities as a base for 2025 legislative session

Board chair Elaine Yamashita

See the 2023-24 Framework in board packet. It was approved in December 2023 for the 2024 legislative session.

Presented today for discussion, to be voted on in Dec. 2024.

Public comment: limited to 2 minutes per person

XII. Unfinished business: Update on Harm to Students Registry

At the October meeting, the board voted to have this issue on the agenda for at least two more meetings.

Board member Phil Bossert is unable to attend today, please see his emailed update on the agenda.

Public comment: limited to 2 minutes per person

XIII. EOEL Executive Director evaluation criteria

Governance subcommittee: Matt Shim

See memo from Governance in board packet.

Today: vote on the memo

Public comment: limited to 2 minutes per person

XIV. Review agenda outcomes, announcements

- Agenda outcomes
- Announcements (board members, members of public)
 - MAHALO NUI to Harry and Jeanette Weinberg CEED Center (Christina Cos and Lynette Kamekona) for the use of CEED. MAHALO NUI to EOEL Data Technician Kevin Kabasawa for tech support!
 - Next month: Updates on Early Childhood Apprenticeships
- Closing

Quote for today:

Many things can wait. Children cannot. Today their bones are being formed, their blood is being made, their senses are being developed. To them we cannot say “tomorrow”. Their name is today.

Gabriela Mistral

Remember to honor our early educators and the teachers in your life!