

Early Learning Board Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2025
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

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 are 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/Vision & Mission/Announcements/Roll call: Elaine Yamashita Vision & mission read by: Stephanie Shipton Documents approved in December are in ELB drive: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 2024-25 Framework of Policy Priorities2. 2024-25 EOEL Executive Director evaluation criteria	1:30 - 1:35
II.	Review and Approve Minutes: Elaine Yamashita <i>Action: Approve 12/12/24 Meeting Minutes</i>	1:35 - 1:40

<p>III.</p>	<p>Executive Office on Early Learning Updates Report: Director Arikawa-Cross/Staff</p> <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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hawai'i Association for the Education of Young Children (HIAEYC) Accreditation Support (National AEYC, National Early Childhood Program Accreditation, National Association of Family Child Care) <p>Legislative Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Legislative Process Training for EOEL ● Meetings with Legislators ● Budget Briefings <p><i>Outcome: Information, questions</i> <i>Public comment</i></p>	<p>1:40 - 2:10</p>
<p>IV.</p>	<p>The proposed salary schedule for EOEL Executive Director: Governance Committee, Matthew Shim</p> <p>Referred to Governance by Finance committee.</p> <p>W Governance Subcommittee Update to ELB on 12-12-24.docx</p> <p><i>Outcome: Discussion, vote.</i> <i>Public comment</i></p>	<p>2:10 - 2:25</p>
<p>V.</p>	<p>Unfinished business: How to address compliance with Head Start Act in relation to ELB having a “representative of local providers of early childhood education and development services.” Elaine Yamashita, Yuuko Arikawa-Cross, Government Affairs Specialist Jennifer Chow</p> <p>In the November meeting, the board approved moving the proposed bill forward. The purpose is to address compliance with the Head Start Act with the addition of the director of the Head Start Collaboration office and a representative from the Head Start agencies as ex-officio members. Board started discussion on how to include language to include the representative of local providers. The current board has an early childhood program director as a voting member. Suggestions included language to include a representative of local providers as an ex-officio if no voting board member fills that role.</p> <p><i>Outcome: Discussion, action on next steps</i> <i>Public comment</i></p>	<p>2:25 - 3:00</p>

	BREAK	3:00 - 3:10
VI.	<p>Unfinished business: Update on Act 156 (SB 2475 SD2 HS2 CD1) - Establishing the Harm to Students Registry and Dept. of Human Services (DHS) access to the Registry:</p> <p>At the December meeting, DHS board member Dayna Luka agreed to check with the DHS deputy attorney general (AG) regarding the most effective way to have DHS gain access to the Registry. This is an update on the discussion.</p> <p><i>Outcome: Information, discussion</i> <i>Public comment</i></p>	3:10 - 3:30
VII.	<p>Proposed policy re: Mixed delivery system: Elaine Yamashita</p> <p>ELB has supported a mixed delivery system, which supports family choice. However, it has not been an articulated policy.</p> <p>The first step is to come to an understanding of what the term “mixed delivery system” means, and what it looks like in Hawai’i.</p> <p>Today is an introduction to the term, using materials from the Early Care & Education Consortium, Early Childhood Education Advocates, and EOEL.</p> <p>Definition of the term: https://www.ececonsortium.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/ECEC-Solutions-Paper-Mixed-Delivery.pdf</p> <p>Short video explaining benefits of mixed delivery: https://test.eceadvocates.com/index.php/news/56-the-right-direction-mixed-delivery-early-care-and-education.html</p> <p>EOEL diagram which shows the variety of funding that supports family choice. https://earlylearning.hawaii.gov/early-learning-opportunities-in-hawaii/</p> <p><i>Outcome: Information, discussion.</i> <i>Public comment</i></p>	3:30-3:55
VIII.	Review Agenda Outcomes/Announcements/Closing – Elaine Yamashita	3:55 - 4:00
Items for the February agenda		
I.	<p>Presentation from County Coordinators Sharing information on what the different coordinators do.</p>	

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