

**Early Learning Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, Feb. 13, 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.

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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)*

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*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.	<b>Welcome/Vision &amp; Mission/Announcements/Roll call:</b> Elaine Yamashita Vision & mission read by: Cheryl Cuidiamat Document approved in January are in ELB drive: EOEL Executive Director Performance Based Salary Adjustment Policy  New folder in ELB drive: 2025 session testimony (testimony submitted to Legislature on behalf of ELB)	1:30 - 1:35
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II.	<p><b>Review and Approve Minutes:</b> Elaine Yamashita  <i>Action: Approve 1/9/25 Meeting Minutes</i></p>	1:35 - 1:40
III.	<p><b>Executive Office on Early Learning Updates Report:</b> 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 &amp; Early Learning Board (ELB):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Workforce Development and Support</li> <li>● Facilities for Early Childhood Education Programs</li> <li>● Funding for the Early Care and Education Mixed Delivery System</li> <li>● Program Quality Improvement and Maintenance</li> </ul> <p>Legislative Updates  System Updates  - Outreach and Engagement</p> <p><i>Outcome: Information, questions</i>  <i>Public comment</i></p>	1:40 - 2:30
	<b>BREAK</b>	2:30 - 2:40
IV.	<p><b>Presentation by County Coordinators:</b> Hawai‘i County - Angela Thomas, Maui County - Ka‘ina Bonacorsi, Honolulu C&amp;C - Jordana Ferreira, Kaua'i County - Alanna Souza, Kaua'i Planning &amp; Action Alliance</p> <p>Information on activities of County Coordinators.</p> <p><i>Outcome: Information, discussion</i>  <i>Public comment</i></p>	2:40 - 3:20
V.	<p><b>List of bills with testimony on behalf of ELB submitted to Legislature as of 2/5/25:</b>  Elaine Yamashita (copies of testimony on ELB drive)</p> <p>HB 692: Expanding access to Preschool Open Doors subsidy  HB 549: Apprenticeships in early childhood programs  HB 249: Support of FCIL programs request  HB 429: Budget request for 50 EOEI PreK classrooms for next two years  SB 423: ELB composition to comply with Head Start Act  SB 270: Supporting amendment of Sunshine law to allow board members to attend informational meetings, hearings, conventions, seminars, or community meetings without quorum.  SB1384: Housekeeping bill, clean up language on special fund.</p> <p><i>Outcome: Information</i>  <i>Public comment</i></p>	3:20 - 3:30
VI.	<b>Proposed policy re: Mixed delivery system:</b> Elaine Yamashita	3:30 - 3:55

	<p>Components of a mixed delivery system in Hawai‘i. Funding sources, and subsidies to families.</p> <p>EOEL diagram which shows the variety of funding that supports family choice.  <a href="https://earlylearning.hawaii.gov/early-learning-opportunities-in-hawaii/">https://earlylearning.hawaii.gov/early-learning-opportunities-in-hawaii/</a></p> <p>Maui County Early Childhood Resource Center brochure on subsidies (to be updated in March 2025):  <a href="https://mfss.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Subsidies-Brochure-2.14.24-004.pdf">https://mfss.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Subsidies-Brochure-2.14.24-004.pdf</a></p> <p>PATCH (People Attentive to Children) webpage on choosing child care:  <a href="#">Find Child Care   Patch Hawaii</a></p> <p>List of child care subsidies &amp; funding sources;  <a href="#">Child care subsidies available to families in HI</a></p> <p><i>Outcome: Information, discussion.</i>  <i>Public comment</i></p>	
VIII.	<b>Review Agenda Outcomes/Announcements/Closing</b> – Elaine Yamashita	3:55 - 4:00
<b>Items for the March agenda</b>		
I.	<b>Act 46 reports - EOEL and DHS</b> Reviewing reports to the Legislature in context of mixed delivery system	

Next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2025

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