I. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Committee Chairperson Dr. Cecily Ornelles called the Teacher Education Committee Meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Committee Chairperson Ornelles shared information regarding procedures for virtual committee meetings. She welcomed new committee and board members Dale Matsuura and Dondra Ozaki, then called roll call and established quorum. Ex-officio Committee Member Branden Kawazoe was present. Committee Chairperson
Ornelles; Committee Vice-Chairperson Sean Bacon; Committee Members Kahele Dukelow, Dr. Jonathan Gillentine, Dale Matsuura, and Dawn Raymond; and Ex-officio Committee Member Lokelani Han participated remotely. Committee Member Dondra Ozaki and Non-Voting Committee Member U’ilani Miguel were excused.

Committee Chairperson Ornelles shared information regarding non-public site disclosure. None of the committee members participating remotely had anyone present with them. Committee Chairperson Ornelles then shared additional information regarding meeting protocols and procedures.

B. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public testimony.

Licensing Specialist Kris Murakami disclosed that Robyn Chun and Kiyomi Umezawa of University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s College of Education were present at the public meeting location to answer any questions regarding agenda item III.F, entitled “NBI 23-25: Approval of Substantive Modifications to the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s Master of Education in Curriculum Studies (PK-3) Added Field Program.”

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Felicia Villalobos welcomed and thanked new committee and board members Dale Matsuura and Dondra Ozaki.

D. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the December 1, 2023, meeting was approved as written.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. ACTION ITEMS

E. NBI 23-24 Revised: Imposed Moratorium for Preparation Providers Seeking Initial Program Approval

Committee Chairperson Ornelles reviewed NBI 23-24 Revised, which included the Rationale/Background. She highlighted that this imposed moratorium would not affect the current Hawai‘i Teacher Standards Board (“HTSB”) approved educator preparation providers (“EPPs”) in Hawai‘i. She also highlighted that EPPs who had an affiliation agreement with the Hawai‘i Department of Education (“the Department”) but were not approved by HTSB were also included in this moratorium and could not apply for initial program approval during this period.
Committee Chairperson Ornelles asked committee members if they had any questions or discussion.

Committee Vice-Chairperson Bacon mentioned his question was for Executive Director Villalobos and shared his understanding that there are currently 14 EPPs approved right now by HTSB. He wanted to know whether or not this moratorium would prohibit these current HTSB approved EPPs from adding a program such as special education, CTE (Career Technical Education), or any other program, noting the teacher shortage.

Executive Director Villalobos responded that this moratorium would not prohibit the current 14 HTSB approved EPPs from starting another program, revising a program, or adding a field to an already existing program. She further explained that this moratorium was only for EPPs who were not approved yet by HTSB.

Committee Chairperson Ornelles asked committee members if they had any questions or discussion. There were no questions or discussion from committee members.

Committee Chairperson Ornelles called for a roll call vote on whether or not to recommend NBI 23-24 Revised, as written, to the full board (“Board”) at the General Business Meeting scheduled later at 11:15 a.m. Committee Chairperson Ornelles did not vote. All other committee members present voted to recommend.

**ACTION:** The Teacher Education Committee voted to recommend NBI 23-24 Revised, as written, to the Board, with six of seven members present voting aye.

**F. NBI 23-25: Approval of Substantive Modifications to the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s Master of Education in Curriculum Studies (PK-3) Added Field Program**

Committee Chairperson Ornelles introduced NBI 23-25 and reminded committee members that Robyn Chun and Kiyomi Umezawa of University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s College of Education were present to answer any questions regarding this agenda item.

Committee Chairperson Ornelles reviewed NBI 23-25, which included the Rationale/Background. She highlighted that individuals who were already admitted and enrolled into the Master of Education in Curriculum Studies (PK-3) Added Field program would be allowed to complete it under the original NBI 16-41 requirements.

Committee Chairperson Ornelles asked committee members if they had any questions or discussion.

Committee Member Gillentine wanted to give a shout-out to his former colleague, Robyn Chun, and to her colleague, Kiyomi Umezawa. He stated he loved how the
assessments were practice-based as it was very important in this level of development.

Committee Chairperson Ornelles asked committee members if they had any further questions or discussion. There were no further questions or discussion from committee members.

Committee Chairperson Ornelles called for a roll call vote on whether or not to recommend NBI 23-25, as written, to the Board at the General Business Meeting scheduled later at 11:15 a.m. Committee Chairperson Ornelles did not vote. All other committee members present voted to recommend.

**ACTION:** The Teacher Education Committee voted to recommend NBI 23-25, as written, to the Board, with six of seven members present voting aye.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chairperson Ornelles adjourned the Teacher Education Committee Meeting at 10:46 a.m.