



**STATE OF HAWAII
HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD
TEACHER STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING**

MINUTES

Remote Technology via Zoom

650 Iwilei Road, Suite 158
Honolulu, HI 96817

Friday, August 8, 2025

PRESENT IN-PERSON:

Kristi Miyamae, Ex Officio

PRESENT ONLINE:

Dr. Katina Soares, Committee Chairperson
Dale Matsuura, Committee Vice Chairperson
Deanna D'Olier
Dondra Ozaki, Ex Officio

EXCUSED:

Kahele Dukelow for Roy Takumi
Justin Mew

ALSO PRESENT:

Felicia Villalobos, Board Executive Director
Steven Harada, Licensing Specialist
Kaulana Molina, NBCT, Licensing Specialist
Kris Murakami, Esq., Licensing Specialist
Dr. Jennifer Padua, Licensing Specialist

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Committee Chairperson Dr. Katina Soares called the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) Teacher Standards Committee (Committee) meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Committee Chairperson Soares shared information regarding procedures for virtual committee meetings, then called roll call and established quorum. Ex Officio Committee Member Kristi Miyamae was present in-person. Committee Chairperson Soares, Committee Vice Chairperson Dale Matsuura, Committee Member Deanna D'Olier, and Ex Officio Committee Member Dondra Ozaki were present online. Committee Members Kahele Dukelow and Justin Mew were excused.

Committee Chairperson Soares shared information regarding non-public site disclosure. None of the Committee Members participating online had anyone present with them to disclose. Committee Chairperson Soares shared additional information regarding meeting protocols and procedures.

B. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

No written testimony was submitted. No one signed up for online or in-person public testimony.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

D. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the March 28, 2025, and April 25, 2025, meetings were approved as written.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

No written testimony was submitted. No one signed up for online or in-person public testimony.

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. NBI 25-01: License Affirmation (April-June 2025)

Committee Chairperson Soares reviewed NBI 25-01, affirming the licenses and permits for the respective months.

Committee Chairperson Soares asked the Committee if there were any questions or discussion. There were no questions or discussion from the Committee.

Committee Chairperson Soares called for a roll call vote on whether or not to recommend NBI 25-01, as written, to the full board (Board) at the general business meeting scheduled at 1:00 p.m. All Committee Members present voted to recommend.

ACTION — The Teacher Standards Committee voted to recommend NBI 25-01, as written, to the Board, with all Committee Members present voting aye.

B. NBI 25-04: Implementation of The National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements and Clarification of Out-of-State Teacher Preparation Programs in Hawai'i

UNAPPROVED

Committee Chairperson Soares reviewed NBI 25-04, highlighting that it revises HTSB's policy on out-of-state educator preparation programs (EPPs) to align with the federal National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA). She asked Executive Director Felicia Villalobos for additional information.

Villalobos stated the federal SARA law was a Consumer Protection Act that was in effect since July 1, 2024, asking for anyone enrolling in a program that was not approved in the state it was operating in to get their license in the state the program was approved. She asked Committee Chairperson Soares if Licensing Specialist Dr. Jennifer Padua could also speak on this matter.

Committee Chairperson Soares called on Padua. Padua clarified that there were now 13 Hawai'i-approved EPPs as one closed this summer.

Committee Chairperson Soares asked the Committee if there were any questions or discussion. There were no questions or discussion from the Committee.

Committee Chairperson Soares called for a roll call vote on whether or not to recommend NBI 25-04, as written, to the Board at the general business meeting scheduled at 1:00 p.m. Committee Chairperson Soares did not vote. All other Committee Members present voted to recommend.

ACTION — The Teacher Standards Committee voted to recommend NBI 25-04, as written, to the Board, with four of five Committee Members present voting aye.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chairperson Soares adjourned the Teacher Standards Committee Meeting at 10:43 a.m.