



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

MINUTES

Remote Technology via Zoom

650 Iwilei Road, Suite 158
Honolulu, HI 96817

Friday, August 30, 2024

PRESENT IN-PERSON:

Kristi Miyamae, *Ex-officio*

PRESENT ONLINE:

Dawn Raymond, *Committee Chairperson*
Dr. Katina Soares, *Committee Vice-Chairperson*
Dale Matsuura
Dondra Ozaki
Lokelani Han, *Ex-officio*

EXCUSED:

Kahele Dukelow for Roy Takumi

STAFF:

Felicia Villalobos, Executive Director
Steven Harada, Licensing Specialist
Dr. Mitzie Higa, Licensing Specialist
Tracey Idica, 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 Dawn Raymond called the Legislative Committee Meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Committee Chairperson Raymond 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 Raymond, Committee Vice-Chairperson Dr. Katina Soares, Committee Members Dale Matsuura and Dondra Ozaki, and *Ex-officio* Committee Member Lokelani Han were present online. Committee Member Kahele Dukelow was excused.

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

B. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

None

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

D. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the April 26, 2024, meeting was approved as written.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

E. Updates Regarding the Upcoming 2025 Legislative Session

Committee Chairperson Raymond introduced Licensing Specialist Dr. Mitzie Higa to share updates for the upcoming session, as well as explaining to the newer committee members about the Governor’s package and bills.

Specialist Higa stated the committee will have a permitted interaction group (“P.I.G.”) during the legislative session. She explained once bills are introduced in January, she will compile a list, look at the Hawai’i Teacher Standards Board’s (“HTSB’s”) legislative priorities, and let the P.I.G. know which bills are coming up. She explained the P.I.G. will decide which bills fit HTSB’s priorities and which bills HTSB should testify on. She also stated there are two new priorities for HTSB, one of which is about having a bill in the Governor’s package that would have a better chance of being heard. She mentioned while HTSB received the SAEF (State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula) Grant of \$4.9 million, this bill in the Governor’s package is to help ensure that HTSB has the continued funding and positions needed to prolong the registered apprenticeship program for teachers once the SAEF Grant runs out. She explained the P.I.G. will make sure the bill is aligned with what HTSB needs and then approve it. She further explained everything happens very quickly during the legislative session so immediate responses are needed, which is why the P.I.G. exists.

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

ACTION — None. There were no questions or discussion from committee members.

F. NBI 24-02: HTSB’s 2025 Legislative Priorities

Committee Chairperson Raymond reviewed NBI 24-02, highlighting the two new legislative priorities and staff mileage.

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

Committee Chairperson Raymond called for a roll call vote on whether or not to recommend NBI 24-02, as written, to the full board (“Board”) at the General Business Meeting scheduled later at 12:30 p.m. Committee Chairperson Raymond did not vote. All other committee members present voted to recommend.

ACTION — The Legislative Committee voted to recommend NBI 24-02, as written, to the Board, with five of six members present voting aye.

G. NBI 24-03: Permitted Interaction Group for the 2025 Legislative Session

Committee Chairperson Raymond reviewed NBI 24-03, explaining the P.I.G. sometimes does not have a full 24-hour turnaround time period to submit things so timely communication from members is very important.

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

Committee Chairperson Raymond called for a roll call vote on whether or not to recommend NBI 24-03, as written, to the Board at the General Business Meeting scheduled later at 12:30 p.m. Committee Chairperson Raymond did not vote. All other committee members present voted to recommend.

ACTION — The Legislative Committee voted to recommend NBI 24-03, as written, to the Board, with five of six members present voting aye.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chairperson Raymond adjourned the Legislative Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m.