

**HAWAI‘I TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Friday, December 1, 2023

**Meeting Conducted by Remote Technology via Zoom
and
Physical Location at 650 Iwilei Road, Suite 158, Honolulu, HI 96817**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Kristi Miyamae, *Committee Chairperson*
Dawn Raymond, *Committee Vice-Chairperson*
Kahele Dukelow for Warren Haruki
Elena Farden for Keahi Makaimoku
Dr. Katina Soares
Branden Kawazoe, *Ex-officio*
Lokelani Han, *Ex-officio*

STAFF:

Felicia Villalobos, Executive Director
Tracey Idica, Licensing Specialist
Kris Murakami, Esq., Licensing Specialist
Dr. Jennifer Padua, Licensing Specialist
Elaine Hutchinson, Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Committee Chairperson Kristi Miyamae called the Legislative Committee Meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Committee Chairperson Miyamae shared information regarding procedures for virtual committee meetings, then called roll call and established quorum. Committee Chairperson Miyamae, Committee Vice-Chairperson Dawn Raymond, Committee Members Kahele Dukelow and Dr. Katina Soares, and *Ex-officio* Committee Members Branden Kawazoe and Lokelani Han participated remotely. Committee Member Elena Farden was not present at roll call.

Committee Chairperson Miyamae shared information regarding non-public site disclosure. None of the committee members participating remotely had anyone

present with them. Committee Chairperson Miyamae then shared additional information regarding meeting protocols and procedures.

B. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Committee Member Farden entered remotely.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Felicia Villalobos informed of an incoming storm and warned it could cause the electricity to go out at the public meeting location at Dole Cannery, which had happened before.

D. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the September 15, 2023, meeting was approved as written.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. ACTION ITEMS

E. NBI 23-19: Approval of HTSB's 2024 Annual Report

Committee Chairperson Miyamae reviewed NBI 23-19 pertaining to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board ("HTSB") 2024 Annual Report.

Licensing Specialist Kris Murakami announced there was no public testimony.

Committee Chairperson Miyamae thanked Licensing Specialist Murakami and went through some of the data interpretations in the report:

- *License and Permit Data*: The spike in the 2020-2021 school year was due to licenses being automatically renewed, which HTSB addressed.
- *Cases for License Discipline and Appeals*: The number of cases in the 2022-2023 school year was high due to findings regarding an educator preparation program ("EPP") that HTSB needed to address.
- *Educator Preparation Programs*: The Teacher Standards Committee was having discussions about how HTSB could get more applicants into other EPPs. While a huge number of completers were coming out of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, HTSB also wanted to help out the other EPPs.
- *Teacher Shortage Data*: There was always a shortage in special education, math, and science, but elementary education was a new shortage area.

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

Committee Member Soares stated she'd had a question about the high amount of discipline cases, but Committee Chairperson Miyamae had already answered it. Committee Member Soares then asked whether HTSB staff tracked how successful teacher candidates were after completing the different EPPs.

Committee Chairperson Miyamae deferred to Executive Director Villalobos.

Executive Director Villalobos stated the uptick of misconduct cases was not only due to infractions that HTSB found, but also a backlog from the Hawai'i Department of Education ("the Department") and the time in which HTSB received these cases. She mentioned Licensing Specialist Murakami was trying to process the cases as quickly as possible. Regarding Committee Member Soares's second question, Executive Director Villalobos stated tracking was always an issue because once teacher candidates left their EPPs, all that information was gone. She stated surveys were added to the HTSB applications to find out where these completers were currently at in the profession. Executive Director Villalobos mentioned that, even though completers and applicants were not necessarily in Hawai'i, they liked to maintain their Hawai'i license because it was free. She stated the survey was forced in the application and that could track data for the different EPPs. She also mentioned this survey was just recently deployed but, in time, HTSB would collect more data and find out where teachers were at—e.g., could be in administrative positions, could have retired, or were no longer in the profession but wanted to keep their license updated. Executive Director Villalobos mentioned all the questions in the survey would help bridge the gap from when completers left their EPPs, as well as whether or not they worked for the Department or a Hawai'i public charter school, or if they were somewhere else entirely. She stated HTSB wanted to see which EPP had better retention rates and whether or not completers went into administrative leadership positions. She mentioned the office staff would give this information to the full board ("Board") and to the Legislature as data came in year by year.

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

Committee Chairperson Miyamae called for a roll call vote on whether or not to recommend NBI 23-19, as written, to the Board at the General Business Meeting scheduled later at 12:30 p.m.

ACTION: The Legislative Committee voted unanimously to recommend NBI 23-19, as written, to the Board, with all members present voting aye.

F. NBI 23-20: HTSB's 2024 Legislative Priorities

Committee Chairperson Miyamae reviewed NBI 23-20, addressing the creation and duties of the Permitted Interaction Group.

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

Committee Chairperson Miyamae called for a roll call vote on whether or not to recommend NBI 23-20, as written, to the Board at the General Business Meeting scheduled later at 12:30 p.m.

ACTION: The Legislative Committee voted unanimously to recommend NBI 23-20, as written, to the Board, with all members present voting aye.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chairperson Miyamae adjourned the Legislative Committee Meeting at 9:59 a.m.