

**HAWAI‘I TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD
TEACHER EDUCATION 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:

Dr. Cecily Ornelles for Dr. Nathan Murata, *Committee Chairperson*
Kerry Tom, in place of Sean Bacon for Keith Hayashi, *Committee Vice-Chairperson*
Dr. Jonathan Gillentine
Dawn Raymond
Branden Kawazoe, *Ex-officio*
Lokelani Han, *Ex-officio*

NOT PRESENT:

Kahele Dukelow for Warren Haruki

EXCUSED:

U‘ilani Miguel, *Non-Voting Member*

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 Dr. Cecily Ornelles called the Teacher Education Committee Meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

Committee Chairperson Ornelles shared information regarding procedures for virtual committee meetings, then called roll call and established quorum. Committee Chairperson Ornelles, Committee Members Dr. Jonathan Gillentine and Dawn Raymond, *Ex-officio* Committee Members Branden Kawazoe and Lokelani Han, and

Mr. Kerry Tom participated remotely. Non-Voting Committee Member U'ilani Miguel was excused. Committee Member Kahele Dukelow was not present at roll call.

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

None

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 October 27, 2023, meeting was approved as written.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. ACTION ITEMS

E. NBI 23-23: The Granting of a Posthumous HTSB License

Committee Chairperson Ornelles reviewed NBI 23-23, which included the Rationale/Background.

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

Ex-officio Committee Member Han wanted to know the implications of someone receiving a posthumous Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board ("HTSB") license and if there was some kind of program to support the families. She asked why this was happening now.

Ex-officio Committee Member Kawazoe stated this was brought up to Executive Director Villalobos because other states were issuing posthumous licenses. He iterated the licensure criteria would still need to have been met, but the rationale was to honor all the work these teacher candidates did nearly completing their educator preparation programs ("EPPs"). *Ex-officio* Committee Member Kawazoe stated HTSB had two candidates who would be impacted by this and deferred to Executive Director Villalobos for further information.

Executive Director Villalobos agreed with *Ex-officio* Committee Member Kawazoe's statements. She mentioned some of HTSB's EPPs reached out about this matter, and she found through her research that some universities gave out posthumous degrees. The posthumous HTSB license would essentially be for the candidate's families, acknowledging the candidate's hard work trying to become a teacher.

Committee Member Gillentine thought this posthumous HTSB license would parallel what schools had the capacity to do when a student passed away. He spoke of his own experience with a school principal granting a posthumous high school diploma upon request. Committee Member Gillentine asked if there would be a term on the posthumous HTSB license. He then stated a term would not make sense to him as simply saying the posthumous license was granted should suffice.

Ex-officio Committee Member Kawazoe went back to *Ex-officio* Committee Member Han's question about implications. He believed this posthumous license was vetted by the Attorney General's office. He agreed with *Ex-officio* Committee Member Han, wondering what could come from this and whether HTSB should offer this. He also addressed Committee Member Gillentine's question about term. He stated there would not be a term as it would just be a certificate to honor the candidate and show compassion. He then deferred to Executive Director Villalobos.

Executive Director Villalobos confirmed the posthumous license was vetted through the Attorney General of the full board ("Board"). She stated she was working on a draft template in the event this NBI was passed, and in that case the draft would then be finalized for the next board meeting. The draft of the posthumous license did not say a specific license type (e.g., Provisional, Standard, Advanced), license number, or license valid date. It would say '*posthumous license*' on it and recognize the teaching field the candidate was trying to become licensed in.

Committee Chairperson Ornelles stated she appreciated all the work that HTSB was doing to honor these candidates, and this posthumous license would be a great honor to their families. She spoke of an individual she knew before reiterating her appreciation of the work and investigation that went into this NBI proposal.

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 23-23, as written, to the Board at the General Business Meeting scheduled later at 12:30 p.m.

Committee Member Dukelow was not present at the time of voting. Committee Chairperson Ornelles did not vote. All other committee members present voted to recommend.

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

F. NBI 23-24: Imposed Moratorium for Out-of-State Educator Preparation Providers Seeking Program Approval

Committee Chairperson Ornelles reviewed NBI 23-24, which included the Rationale/Background.

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

Committee Member Gillentine wanted clarification on the first bullet item in the Rationale/Background and if it meant that HTSB would be analyzing and prioritizing approved programs regardless of where they were based (i.e., Hawai'i and elsewhere), or if HTSB would only be looking at its Hawai'i approved programs.

Committee Chairperson Ornelles called on Executive Director Villalobos to answer that question.

Executive Director Villalobos shared that the HTSB office received many inquiries from out-of-state EPPs wanting to come into Hawai'i. She stated HTSB needed to work on its in-state EPPs (i.e., ensuring compliance, providing support)—as noted throughout various board meetings—and mentioned these in-state EPPs were currently not full. She addressed the perception that if Hawai'i had 200 EPPs then there would be no more teacher shortage, stating that would actually not be true as it depended on how full the EPPs were. She iterated that with the licensure area needs in the first bullet item, HTSB would look at shortage areas such as special education, elementary education, and counseling. She stated HTSB would look at its in-state approved EPPs and see if they wanted to add programs, while putting a pause on the out-of-state EPPs not approved in Hawai'i who were trying to come in. She mentioned it took office staff a lot of time to vet these programs, so putting a pause on this for the next few years would allow HTSB to focus on the 14 in-state approved EPPs based in Hawai'i, help them build their programs, and provide them support so that they can help with the teacher shortage in Hawai'i.

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 23-24, as written, to the Board at the General Business Meeting scheduled later at 12:30 p.m.

Committee Member Dukelow was not present at the time of voting. 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, as written, to the Board, with five of seven members present voting aye.

G. 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 but stated it would be deferred to the next board meeting on January 12, 2024.

ACTION: Deferred to January 12, 2024, board meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chairperson Ornelles adjourned the Teacher Education Committee Meeting at 11:35 a.m.