

**HAWAI‘I TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD
TEACHER STANDARDS 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:

Kim Sanders, *Committee Chairperson*
Elena Farden for Keahi Makaimoku, *Committee Vice-Chairperson*
Dawn Raymond
Dr. Katina Soares
Branden Kawazoe, *Ex-officio*
Lokelani Han, *Ex-officio*

EXCUSED:

Justin Mew

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 Kim Sanders called the Teacher Standards Committee Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Ex-officio Committee Member Kawazoe entered remotely.

Committee Chairperson Sanders 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 23-21: License Affirmation (October 2023)

Committee Chairperson Sanders reviewed NBI 23-21, affirming the licenses and permits for the respective month.

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

Committee Chairperson Sanders called for a roll call vote on whether or not to recommend NBI 23-21, as written, to the full board ("Board") at the General Business Meeting scheduled later at 12:30 p.m.

ACTION: The Teacher Standards Committee voted unanimously to recommend NBI 23-21, as written, to the Board, with all members present voting aye.

F. NBI 23-22: Adoption of the 2023-2024 Hawaiian Focus Workgroup Recommendations (Part 3)

Committee Chairperson Sanders reviewed NBI 23-22, which included the Rationale/Background. She asked Executive Director Villalobos to speak on it.

Executive Director Villalobos stated the Board did not have regulatory authority over the first three bullet points, so those items were advocating other stakeholders (e.g., the Hawai'i Department of Education ["the Department"], Hawai'i State Teachers Association). She reiterated the Hawaiian Workgroup met on all issues regarding meeting Hawaiian requirements, not just licensure. She also stated the Board did have regulatory authority over the bottom three bullet points, which focused on developing other requirements for licensure and renewal like what already existed in other states with indigenous populations (e.g., requiring indigenous coursework).

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

Ex-officio Committee Member Han commended the Hawaiian Workgroup and appreciated all the thought they put into their recommendations. She felt it was a step in the right direction, but also wanted to advocate for more than a minimum of three hours of Hawaiian professional development ("PD") as she stated all teachers needed this background knowledge.

Executive Director Villalobos asked Committee Chairperson Sanders if she could add to Committee Member Han's sentiments.

Committee Chairperson Sanders called on Executive Director Villalobos.

Executive Director Villalobos stated 60% of HTSB's license holders were coming in from the continental United States, so it was important to the Hawaiian Workgroup that these license holders were also meeting these Hawaiian requirements. Executive Director Villalobos agreed with *Ex-officio* Committee Member Han that it was a stepping stone working with all educational stakeholders to add these requirements to grow in knowledge and learn about Hawai'i.

Committee Chairperson Sanders stated the Department's strategic plan was also looking at this, so it was great that these were aligning.

Committee Member Raymond thanked the Department for offering free Hawaiian PD courses that allowed educators to learn more about the culture and language.

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

Committee Chairperson Sanders called for a roll call vote on whether or not to recommend NBI 23-22, as written, to the Board at the General Business Meeting scheduled later at 12:30 p.m.

ACTION: The Teacher Standards Committee voted unanimously to recommend NBI 23-22, as written, to the Board, with all members present voting aye.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chairperson Sanders adjourned the Teacher Standards Committee Meeting at 10:42 a.m.