

UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL – HAWAII PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting Held on March 21, 2023, at 4:30PM
Meeting held Virtual via Google Meets and In-Person at the ULS Building 3, Room 113.

PRESENT: Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto, Everett Ohta, Preet Nijjar, Aaron Levine, Edward Aquino, Karyn Yoshioka, Miki Tomita, and Travis Palmeira. Also attending is Principal Keoni Jeremiah.

GUEST: None.

EXCUSED: Melvina Nakao, Tina Keane, and Ishita Shah.

ABSENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Everett Ohta at 4:38 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion to Approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2023, Governing Board Meeting. Motion to approve by Everett Ohta and seconded by Travis Palmeira. The motion was approved unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

I. ON-GOING AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. WASC Accreditation Update. Chair Yoshimori-Yamamoto and Principal Jeremiah thanked everyone for their participation and preparation of the WASC Accreditation efforts. WASC visit on March 6-9, 2023 was successful. WASC visiting committee made no changes to the school wide action plan. WASC Accreditation decision will be in May 2023.
- B. Governing Board Evaluation. Everett Ohta presented on the governing board evaluation. Link to the annual survey was sent via email for completion and are due on March 31, 2023. Annual survey provides a review of board function and requests governing board responses and feedback.

III. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report (Preet Nijjar). The February 2023 Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet was submitted online via email to all board members on Thursday, March 12, 2023.
- B. Principal's Report.
 - 1) School Updates. Return from spring break marks the beginning of the 4th Quarter. A number of student activities are scheduled, as well as, preparation for the upcoming SY 2023-2024. The Admission lottery was held last week. An in-person meeting regarding admission is scheduled for prospective students/parents.

- 2) College and Career Readiness Indicators (CCRI) reports for the Class of 2022. The reports provide a view of how ULS students have fared in high school and what happens once they enter college. The CCRI report is an annual collaboration between the Hawai'i State Department of Education and the University of Hawai'i System, and is produced by Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education (Hawai'i P-20). ULS had a good report.
- 3) Nagasaki Science Conference. ULS students were invited to participate in an online education symposium hosted by Nagasaki Higashi High School in Nagasaki, Japan. ULS was the only school outside of Japan to participate. Select students in 9th grade and in the Science Research elective presented on their science projects. Project topics included: Hawaiian Monk Seals; Stopping Beach Erosion; Sea Turtles; Capturing Carbon Dioxide with a Hydroxide and Magnesium Solution
- 4) NanoCamp! ULS students in grades 10 and 7 will participate in a two-day NanoCamp put on through a partnership with UH Mānoa and the University of Washington. Students will participate in STEM activities and learn about Nano Science.
- 5) HOSA – Future Health Professionals. Our ULS HOSA members attended the State Leadership Conference at the Convention Center. ULS students competed in events, met health professionals in different fields and attended workshops. Three of our students medaled in their specific health care events! The HOSA club is a great opportunity for students to gain experience and learn about the field of healthcare as a possible career choice. More details can be obtained from the ULS website article on the school website homepage.
- 6) STEMWorks IGED 2023. Thirteen ULS middle school students attended the STEMWorks Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day event held at UH Mānoa last week. The event was held to provide opportunities and to promote the field of engineering to girls specifically. Our students participated in hands-on learning projects and met with professional engineers in different fields. For more details, see the ULS website article on the school website homepage.

C. Committee Updates.

1. Finance Committee (Tina Keane). No report.
2. Governance Committee (Everett Ohta). Met on March 7, 2023, to go over a few matters related to the proposed Ad Hoc Committee, form of governing board evaluations, and elections.

Re – Ad Hoc Committee: Miki Tomita and Edward Aquino expressed interest in serving in the ad hoc committee. If there are any other individuals interested in serving, please inform Everett.

Manoa Neighborhood Board, in its last meeting, passed a unanimous resolution in support of ULS and its presence on campus. Resolution was passed to various entities including the University, Legislator, and the Governor.

Motion to authorize Governing Board Chair to submit a letter of appreciation to the Manoa Neighborhood Board for their unanimous resolution in support of ULS, on the

governing board's behalf, by Everett Ohta, second by Edward Aquino. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Human Resources (Edward Aquino). No report.
4. Academic Committee (Aaron Levine). Met on March 13, 2023, to review the Charter Commission's schedule for ULS contract and focused on the performance indicators in preparation for the April meeting, took a look at WASC, set up a meeting with the College of Education and School of Teacher Education to discuss partnership with ULS.

NEXT MEETING: April 18, 2023.

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Preet Nijjar and seconded Everett Ohta by at 502 PM. The motion was approved unanimously.