

## UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL – HAWAII PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting Held on November 21, 2023, at 4:30PM  
Meeting held Virtual via Google Meets

**PRESENT:** Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto, Everett Ohta, Edward Aquino, Karyn Yoshioka, Melvin Nakao, Preet Nijjar, Travis Palmeira, Miki Tomita, Saori Doi, Ishita Shah, and Aron Dote. Also attending is Principal Keoni Jeremiah.

**GUEST:** None.

**EXCUSED:** None

**ABSENT:** Tina Keane.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto at 4:33 PM.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Motion to Approve the Minutes of the October 17, 2023, Governing Board Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes by Everett Ohta and seconded by Travis Palmeira. The motion was approved unanimously.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS:

I. **GUESTS:** None

### II. ON-GOING AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review of the 2022-2023 Strive HI and Performance Reports. Principal Jeremiah presented on the 2022-2023 Strive HI Performance Reports/ULS Assessment Data. ULS is meeting or exceeding assessment targets.

### III. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report (Preet Nijjar). The October 2023 Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet was submitted online via email to all board members on November 14, 2023. No other reports.

- B. Principal's Report.

Updates. Panorama Student Perception Survey - November 30; School Quality Parent Survey - January 2024; FY2023-2024 Projected Per Pupil is \$10,497.35 (includes a one-time transfer of \$5,000,000 of discretionary funds from the governor that may not be sustained in subsequent years; includes a deduction for payment of the claims management services for workers' compensation by the Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) for FY2022-2023. The total amount charged by DHRD for these services was \$86,354.00; this resulted in a per pupil charge of \$6.82 to each charter school; per pupil amount should be considered as a projected amount as charter school funding is subject to restriction or reduction by the governor at any time for the remainder of this fiscal year); Hawaii Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program

Hawaii Pacific Model United Nations Conference: PacMUN is the largest and most competitive conference in the Hawaii MUN circuit. ULS was competing against schools from all over the state, as well as schools that flew in from Silicon Valley, Vancouver, and Chicago. Corina L. (Grade 11) won Best Delegate representing Belarus in the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA); Harshith B. (Grade 11) won Honorable Mention representing China in the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR); and, Dava W. (Grade 10) won Verbal Commendation representing Micronesia in the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR).

Athletics. Girls Intermediate Division II Volleyball won the ILH Championship; Girls Varsity Division II Volleyball State Tournament and ILH Runner-Up; Pac-5 Varsity Cheerleading - State Tournament 2nd Place CO-ED Division and ILH championships 3rd place; Pac-5 Junior Varsity Cheerleading - ILH championships 2nd place; Pac-5 Football – State Tournament Participant, Division II; and Pac-5 Cross Country - Ephraim W., gr 9 State Tournament participant

ULS Rankings. ULS has been recognized by Niche. Best Public Elementary School in Hawaii (1 of 203); Best Public Middle Schools in Hawaii (1 of 78); Best Charter Middle Schools in Hawaii (1 of 29); Best Charter High School; No. 2, Best Public High School

C. Committee Updates.

1. Finance Committee (Preet Nijjar). No updates beyond what was previously reported.
2. Governance Committee (Everett Ohta). Meeting on November 7, 2023. Reviewed proposed ULS policies (personnel hiring). Discussed the upcoming GB Retreat on December 3, 2023.
3. Human Resources (Travis Palmeira). No report.
4. Academic Committee (Miki Tomita). Meeting on November 6, 2023, and reviewed the Strive-HI data and its relation to the charter contract.

**NEXT MEETING:** January 16, 2024

**ADJOURNED:** Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Preet Nijjar and seconded by Travis Palmeira at 5:05 PM. The motion was approved unanimously.

**APPROVED 1.16.2024**