

UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL – HAWAI’I PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting Held on January 21, 2025, at 4:30PM
Meeting was held Virtual via Google Meets

PRESENT: Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto, Everett Ohta, Edward Aquino, Travis Palmeira, Miki Tomita Okamoto, Aron Dote, Melvina Nakao, Saori Doi, Tina Keane, and Preet Nijjar. Also attending is Principal Keoni Jeremiah.

GUEST: Rayna Tagalicod.

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: Karyn Yoshioka.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto at 4:31 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion to Approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2024. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Travis Palmeira and seconded by Miki Tomita-Okamoto. The motion was approved unanimously with Tinae Keane abstaining.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

I. **GUESTS:** Recognized Rayna Tagalicod, prospective governing board member.

II. ON-GOING AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Facilities Update. PBS Building Demolition by UH is ongoing; Building 1069 (caretakers cottage) Demolition was undertaken but not yet completed, anticipated completion is in late spring; new Castle Memorial fire alarm system installation is ongoing with testing to be done.

III. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer’s Report (Tina Keane). The December 2024 Balance Sheet, as well as the Profit and Loss Statement were submitted via email on January 15, 2025. Discussion regarding the balance was had to provide clarification.

- B. Principal’s Report.

Mission Statement Update. As approved in October, the updated Mission Statement Amendment is being prepared for submission. Principal Jeremiah reviewed the application for the Mission Statement Amendment Form.

Process for contract amendment - mission statement change request: bring the revised mission to the governing board; ensure the governing board minutes are approved and include this decision; complete the contract amendment form to amend the mission statement, and attach the governing board approved minutes; submit the request to the commission; submissions for consideration need to be received no later than one week prior to a Commission meeting.

Updates. Charter Commission Spring Site Visit, December 21, 2025, 9am-12pm
2/21/2025

School Quality Parent Survey was sent out. Not a requirement but ULS has been doing the survey. All public schools (DOE and Charter) are asked to send out the School Quality Survey to the parents of K-12 students to gather important feedback about our public schools. January -March 12, 2025.

ULS Admissions for 2025-2026. Applications, January 6 to February 28, 2025; Intent to return for 2025-2026 was sent out to the parents and are due for February 28, 2025.

ACT Assessment is an aptitude test designed to assess high school students' general educational development and to predict college performance. High school juniors will take this test on February 25, 2025 at ULS.

Other State testing: SBA/HSA, Grade 3-8, 11 during the week of April 7-11, 2025; Grade 12 EOC Biology Exam on May 9, /2025.

School Visits. January 21, UH Mānoa HELP program: Chungnam-Sookmyung University Students from South Korea; January 23, UH West O'ahu: Office of Global Engagement International Programs School Tour and visit by Korean graduate students (18) -counseling & psychology; February 6, Chiba University Visit (32) students will visit and share lessons on culture and language; February 10, Osaka Seikei University visit (K/1 math/science)- Research project – mathematics; February 11, Niigata University Elementary School - online visit; February 12, Bukkyo University Visit - COE partnership; February 21, Charter Commission Spring Site Visit- 9am-12pm; February 25, COE STE 403E visit; February 27, COE STE 403E visit; March 10-12, Hiroshima Shudo University visitation (2 students); March 10-14, Nara School of Education (2 students); March 27, Tsukuba University Elementary School Visit (gr. 4/5 & Gr10 Japanese Language Class); and, March 28, Nagasaki Higashi School Visit.

Research and Development Updates (Spring 2025): 5-7 COE student teachers (Elementary and P.E.); 2 counseling interns (Chaminade and UHM); Continue strengthening COE and UHM partnerships (Working with CERI on Spring 2025 COE/ULS faculty research event; CERI Conversations, a COE research sharing event); Year in Review out May/June 2025; and Added Research and Development webpage Research & Development – University Laboratory School

CERI Conversations. COE research sharing event on Friday, February 7, 2025, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hybrid options: In-person at Wist 234 and Online on Zoom. Research Partnerships at 2 Schools: Hanahau'oli School and ULS. ULS Presenters: Alyssa Kapaona - Research and Development Coordinator, ULS; Chris Zorn- Teacher, ULS; Lois Yamauchi - Professor and Chair, Department of Educational Psychology

2025 Hawaii Regional Scholastic Art Results. Congratulations to all the students (grades 7-12) that participated in the 2025 Hawaii Regional of the National Scholastic Art Exhibition. ULS had a great year and those selected as Gold Key Award winners should consider their artwork as the best scholastic level work in the State. Gold Key Award work will represent Hawaii in the National competition. The 2025 Hawaii Regional Scholastic Art Awards showcases the exemplary artwork and talent of Hawaii's students (enrolled in public, charter, private and homeschool), Grades 7-12. Due to the large

number of works submitted and smaller exhibition space, only those receiving Gold Key Awards will be displayed at the Hawaii State Art Museum. Breakdown of awards received by ULS students: 108 Total Entries from Grades 7-12; 13 Gold Key Awards (Under consideration for National Awards) (Local exhibition); 10 Silver Key Awards; and, 19 Honorable Mention Awards.

Gold Key recipients and their families are invited to attend the 62nd Annual Hawai'i Regional Scholastic Art Awards Ceremony and Opening Reception at the Hawai'i State Art Museum on March 1, 2025.

Esports. ULS Esports Team is growing. ULS Super Smash Bros. Ultimate team came in 2nd at the Vanta League playoffs competition at the HPU Esports Arena; ULS Chess team also made it to the semi-finals for the Vanta League playoffs; the first ULS Valorant team helped pave the way for ULS' future in PC esports, ending their season in the 1st round of playoffs as well!

Student Travel. Speech and Debate Team trip (State Qualifying Tournament) - Big Island January 17-19, 2025; Science Research Students were invited to participate in the Hawai'i and Pacific JSHS <https://www.hawaiiacademyofscience.org/hawaii-jshs>. Big Island 1/18-1/19, 2025

Spring 2025 Spring Semester Events.

2025 Homecoming: January 25, 2025, McKinley High School. Game 1: ULS Varsity Girls vs. Sacred Hearts Academy; Game 2: ULS Varsity Boys vs. MPI.

3RS Recycle Drive. On Saturday, February 22, 2025, ULS will be hosting a recycling drive from 9-11am.

ULS 2025 Pā'ina, Saturday, March 8, 2025.

C. Committee Updates.

1. Finance Committee. No report.
2. Governance Committee (Everett Ohta). No report.
3. Academic Committee (Miki Tomita-Okamoto). No report.
4. Human Resources (Edward Aquino). No report.

NEXT MEETING: February 18, 2025.

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Travis Palmeira and seconded by Melvina Nakao at 4:59 PM. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approved - 3/25/2025