

UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL – HAWAI’I PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting Held on March 25, 2025, at 4:30PM
Meeting was held Virtual via Google Meets

PRESENT: Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto, Everett Ohta, Travis Palmeira, Aron Dote, Melvina Nakao, Saori Doi, Tina Keane, and Karyn Yoshioka. Also attending is Principal Keoni Jeremiah.

GUEST: None.

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: Preet Nijjar, Miki Tomita Okamoto, Edward Aquino.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto at 4:34 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion to Approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2025. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Saori Doi and seconded by Melvina Nakao. The motion was approved unanimously with Karyn Yoshioka abstaining.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

I. **GUESTS:** None.

II. ON-GOING AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mission Statement Update. The updated Mission Statement was presented and approved by the Charter Commission at their February 27, 2025 meeting. The Commission will send the finalized amendment for signature soon.

III. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer’s Report (Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto). The February 2025 Balance Sheet, as well as the Profit and Loss Statement were presented and reviewed.

- B. Principal’s Report.

Frameworks Site Visit. The Frameworks team visited the campus on February 21, 2025.

The team focused on our mission - academics, engagement (activity, attention, joy), practitioners of learning, and teacher expertise. Indicator 1B: Mission Aligned Initiative.

Updates.

ULS Admissions for 2025-2026. Applications, received and lottery will begin.

4th Quarter has started.

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.

End of Year Activities. Performing Arts Concerts. ULS Fun Run and Ohana Day in April 2025. Graduation is on May 23, 2025.

School Visits. 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. Niigata University Affiliated Schools (includes 6 schools) also to visit campus.

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. Isabella T (12) earned one of the American Visions Nominee Award along with 12 other Lab students.

Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. Kian S (12) 2nd overall; Dava W (11) semifinalist; Natalie C (11) Honorable Mention and Student Choice.

HOSA. Rosella G (7), Reece C (8), Riva Q (8), Saaya D (8), Aidan C (11), Jenesis-Faith D (12), and Corina L (12) have qualified for the International Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Amelia S was selected to the HOSA State Executive Council.

National Merit Finalist. Kian S (12) has advanced to the finals!

ULS Paina 2025. Thank you to everyone who helped out at our event! It was a lot of fun!

C. Committee Updates.

1. Finance Committee. No report.
2. Academic Committee (Saori Doi). No report.
3. Governance Committee (Everett Ohta). Candidate for open GB positions - (2) 3-Year terms, (1) 2-year term.
4. Human Resources (Travis Palmeira). Working on evaluations for administrators with HGEA.

NEXT MEETING: April 15, 2025.

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Saori Doi and seconded by Everett Ohta at 4:51 PM. The motion was approved unanimously.