

UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL – HAWAI'I PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting Held on April 15, 2025, at 4:30PM
Meeting was held Virtual via Google Meets and In-Person at the ULS Building 3, Room 113.

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

GUEST: None.

EXCUSED: Tina Keane and Miki Tomita-Okamoto.

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion to Approve the Minutes of the March 25, 2025 Governing Board Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Melvina Nakao and seconded by Aaron Dote. The motion was approved unanimously with Edward Aquino abstaining.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

I. GUESTS: None

II. ON-GOING AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Student Enrollment Projection (SY2025-2026). Principal Jeremiah presented the enrollment projection. For SY 2025-2026, the projected total enrollment is 452.
- B. Governing Board Evaluation. Governing Board Vice-Chair Everett Ohta presented and shared the results of the Governing Board Annual Survey. Although survey results are consistent with previous years, some responses indicate two issues that can be discussed at the retreat: 1) the governing board appears to be more reactive than proactive; and, 2) on-boarding and succession planning needs to be improved.

III. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report (Karyn Yoshioka). The March 2025 Balance Sheet, as well as the Profit and Loss Statement were submitted via email on April 14, 2025.

B. Principal's Report.

Updates.

Facility Updates. PBS and Caretakers Cottage Demo continues. UH Mānoa Campustown community outreach workshop on May 2, 3:30-5:00pm at the UH School of Architecture, Room 205.

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

2025 Fun Run / 'Ohana Day - April 17, 2025. ULS Booster Club - Fun Run in the morning at baseball stadium; 'Ohana Day in the afternoon on ULS campus; Seniors in charge of 'ohana day — faculty and staff to support

Performing Arts Schedule. Spring schedule as follows:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Wednesday, April 16	6th Grade Music Concert	6:00pm	MPB
Tuesday, May 6	Elementary Performing Arts Showcase	6:00pm	MPB
Tuesday, May 13	Orchestra (gr 7-12)	6:00pm	Orvis
Thursday, May 15	Choir Concert	6:00pm	Orvis
Monday, May 19	Band (gr 7-12)	6:30pm	Kennedy

Research and Development Program (2024-2025). 4 current UH Mānoa research projects; 3 internal ULS teacher projects; 11 student teacher placements including counseling, P.E. and Athletic Training students; Peace and Pilina Program, international student exchange; Professional Development series with COE faculty; 14th International Conference on Education & Justice, co-sponsored and held at the UH Mānoa College of Education and University Lab School; IALS International Tour, Japan; Osaka Gakuin High School exchange (8 ULS students); Established assessment and evaluation procedures, collected data; 5 COE student visits (about 45 students); 20+ school visits (about 500 visitors)

UHS COE KRS Concussion Testing. April 22 - May 2, 2025. Grades 6 - 11, one class period; Lead researcher: Dr. Kaori Tamura with the KRS Dept; Students will be given a baseline test and tested again next school year if they are injured; ULS providing 220+ students to continue Dr. Tamura's valuable concussion research for COE and UHM.

State Capitol Field Trip. On April 1, 2025, ULS Student Council members and Student Body Government officers took a field trip to the State Capitol. They were invited by District 22 Representative, Andrew Takuya Garrett, who also led them on a tour of the capitol. Making this trip extra special was getting to talk story with the Governor's Chief of Staff, Brooke Wilson. Brooke happens to be a ULS alum and was especially interested in meeting our students! She shared more about how her time at ULS helped to shape her into someone who values cooperation and connection. ULS finished our tour with hearing Rep. Garrett deliver the opening remarks for the day's legislative session and getting introduced to the House of Representatives.

Hawaii State Science and Engineering Fair (HSSEF), April 1-2, 2025. The following is the list of awards earned by each student scientist:

- 1) Anaya G. (8) "The Comparison of the Effects of Compost on Plant Growth" - Top 12 in Junior Division; 1st place – Plant Science, Junior Division; Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge Nominee (Top 18);
- 2) Amelia S. (10) "Studying the Psychology of Onychophagia and Developing a Strategy for Biting Prevention and Strengthening" - 2025 CTAHR Alumni Association & Friends Excellence in Research Award (\$350) - Hawai'i Dental Service Senior Research Award (\$500);
- 3) Dava W. (11) "The Ecological Mysteries of *Opheodesoma spectabilis*: Seasonal Trends, Habitat Preferences and Climate Responses" - 3rd place – Earth and Environmental Sciences, Senior Division;
- 4) Natalie C. (11) "Use of eDNA for Identifying Native and Invasive Algae at the Intertidal Benches in Hawai'i" - 3rd place – Plant Sciences, Senior Division; and
- 5) Kian S. (12) "Exploring Marine-Derived Extracts as Ethical, Sustainable, and Cost-Effective Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS) Substitutes in Cell Culture" - 2nd Place Overall in State (\$300) - Best Public School Project - Best in Category 1st place for Cellular and Molecular Biology Senior Division - McNerny Foundation Award (\$1,000).

Special congratulations to Ms. Seki-Wong for being awarded the McNerny Foundation Teacher Award (\$1,000).

University Laboratory School – A Hawai'i Public Charter School 2025 Graduation Ceremony. Friday, May 23, 2025 at 5:30PM, Andrews Amphitheater, University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

26th Annual University Laboratory School Golf Tournament. Friday, July 18, 2025 at the Ala Wai Golf Course.

C. Committee Updates.

1. Finance Committee (Karyn Yoshioka). No report.
2. Governance Committee (Everett Ohta). Met on April 7, 2025 and reviewed the annual evaluation and the governing board elections (2 returning members and 1 expected to step down), we currently have 5 openings.
3. Academic Committee (Saori Doi). No report.
4. Human Resources (Edward Aquino). No report.

NEXT MEETING: May 20, 2025.

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Melvina Nakao and seconded by Travis Palmeira at 4:52 PM. The motion was approved unanimously.