



**STATE OF HAWAII
HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD
TEACHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

MINUTES

Remote Technology via Zoom

650 Iwilei Road, Suite 158
Honolulu, HI 96817

Friday, April 24, 2026

PRESENT IN-PERSON:

Kristi Miyamae, Ex Officio Committee Member, Board Chair

PRESENT ONLINE:

Dr. Jonathan Gillentine, Committee Chair
Dr. Jamie Simpson Steele for Dr. Nathan Murata, Committee Vice Chair
Dr. Dion Dizon for Dr. Mark Sung Alapaki Luke, Committee Member
Kahele Dukelow for Roy Takumi, Committee Member
Dale Matsuura, Committee Member
Dr. Tammi Oyadomari-Chun for Keith Hayashi, Committee Member
Dawn Raymond, Committee Member
Dondra Ozaki, Ex Officio Committee Member, Board Vice Chair

EXCUSED:

Dale Arakaki, Committee Member

STAFF:

Felicia Villalobos, Board Executive Director
Dr. Mitzie Higa, Licensing Specialist
Tracey Idica, NBCT, Licensing Specialist
Kaulana Molina, NBCT, Licensing Specialist
Kris Murakami, Esq., Licensing Specialist
Dr. Jennifer Padua, Licensing Specialist

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Committee Chair Dr. Jonathan Gillentine called the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board ("HTSB") Teacher Education Committee ("Committee") meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine iterated HTSB's Mission and Vision. He shared information regarding procedures for virtual board meetings, then called roll call and established quorum. Ex Officio Committee Member Kristi Miyamae was present in-person. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine; Committee Vice Chair Dr. Jamie Simpson Steele; Committee Members Dr. Dion Dizon, Kahele Dukelow, Dale Matsuura, Dr. Tammi Oyadomari-Chun, and Dawn Raymond; and Ex Officio Committee Member Dondra Ozaki were present online. Committee Member Dale Arakaki was excused.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine shared information regarding non-public site disclosure. None of the Committee Members participating online had anyone present with them. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine shared additional information regarding meeting protocols and procedures.

B. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

On-time and late written testimonies for this Committee meeting and the cancelled March 13, 2026, Committee meeting were submitted and posted to HTSB's website. No one signed up for in-person testimony. One individual signed up for online public testimony:

Joy Mahiko, from the University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu ("UHWO"), testified online via Zoom in support of Agenda Item III.D. NBI 25-31: Approval of the University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu's Special Education Praxis Exam Transition and Program Alignment Review. She emphasized UHWO's record of teacher candidate pass rates, stating that this is their strongest and most compelling supporting evidence submitted.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

D. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the January 16, 2026, meeting was approved as written.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

On-time and late written testimonies for this Committee meeting and the cancelled March 13, 2026, Committee meeting were submitted. No one else signed up for online or in-person public testimony.

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. NBI 25-28: The University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu's Early Childhood Education P-3 Add a Teaching Field Licensure Program Review Decision

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine reviewed NBI 25-28, including its Rationale/Background.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any questions or discussion.

Committee Member Dukelow stated concerns regarding the subjectivity and specificity of the Program Review Committee's ("PRC's") recommendations and the possible overstepping of lines. She mentioned she thinks that the PRC's responsibility is to ensure the program meets HTSB's foundational standards and that there needs to be some level of autonomy. Committee Vice Chair Dr. Simpson Steele agreed and provided comments regarding syllabi, assessments, and accountability. She mentioned not all assessments are key assessments used as a summative measure of student ability, and that expectations for field experience and add-a-field licensure should be clearly identified.

Ex Officio Committee Member Miyamae shared that she sat in on the program review process and looked at their standards. She asked Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine if Licensing Specialist Dr. Jennifer Padua ("LS Padua") could share more as there seemed to be a disconnect between what happens during the process and what goes into the reports. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on LS Padua, who summarized the process and emphasized that the recommendations are just that and does not indicate that the program is invalid. She also clarified that UHWO's accreditation is coming up so the recommendations are to give the program something to consider.

Committee Member Matsuura asked about provisional program approval. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked Executive Director Felicia Villalobos ("ED Villalobos") to respond. ED Villalobos stated all new programs are provisionally approved at the state level until they go through their first national accreditation, according to Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR").

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine clarified if the recommendations are simply suggestions for the program to consider. ED Villalobos answered yes, that the recommendations may be considered in the future for continuous improvement and does not mean that the program cannot be approved.

Committee Member Raymond asked if the program received the recommendations prior to this board meeting and, if so, what their feedback was. ED Villalobos asked Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine if LS Padua could speak to that. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on LS Padua, who answered that the program received the recommendations when the New Business Item ("NBI") came out prior to the cancelled March 13th board meeting.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any further questions or discussion. There were no further questions or discussion from the Committee.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called for a roll call vote on whether or not to recommend NBI 25-28, as written, to the full board ("Board") at the general business meeting scheduled at 2:45 p.m.:

AYE (9)	Gillentine, Simpson Steele, Dizon, Dukelow, Matsuura, Oyadomari-Chun, Raymond, Miyamae, Ozaki
NAY (0)	
EXCUSED (1)	Arakaki

ACTION — The Teacher Education Committee voted to recommend NBI 25-28, as written, to the Board.

B. NBI 25-29: Leeward Community College's Special Education P-3 Initial Licensure Program Review Decision

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine reviewed NBI 25-29, including its Rationale/Background.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any questions or discussion.

Committee Member Raymond commented that it is very important for teacher candidates to go through special education ("SPED") programs so that they fully understand and learn what is needed to support and work with students with disabilities. Ex Officio Committee Member Ozaki shared that she works with teachers who deal with IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Act) and develop interventions and IEPs (Individualized Education Programs). She commented that not having courses preparing teacher candidates in these foundations is a red flag.

Committee Vice Chair Dr. Simpson Steele asked about the journey and process pertaining to how the program was supported in meeting expectations, as well as next steps if this NBI does not pass. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on ED Villalobos and LS Padua. ED Villalobos summarized the timeline of events, stating that the Board could choose to defer this NBI and reconvene the program review to get supporting evidence from the program addressing the PRC's concerns. LS Padua added that some concerns were addressed, but at this time the PRC still feels that it is not sufficient. She mentioned it was requested that this program be included on the March board meeting agenda and Board Chair Miyamae agreed. She stated the Board could choose not to consider the PRC's recommendation and approve the program as is.

Committee Member Dukelow shared her sentiments about the program review process needing to be reviewed. She asked if there is a way forward where the Board does not disapprove of this program, and the program continues to work toward approval. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked ED Villalobos if deferring this NBI would allow movement forward. ED Villalobos answered yes, that this NBI would essentially go back for a second draft. She mentioned that depending on availability, the PRC may be comprised of new members.

Committee Member Dr. Dizon asked about the accreditation issue and insufficient evidence. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on ED Villalobos, who explained that the licensure field was incorrect so that first needed to be corrected with the accreditor. She clarified that this is a new program so it has not yet gone through accreditation and would be a provisional program approval. Committee Member Dr. Dizon asked if the supporting evidence was for the sake of licensure compliance. ED Villalobos asked Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine if LS Padua could answer that. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on LS Padua, who shared that an example of supporting evidence is demonstrating alignment with the standards outlined in HAR.

Ex Officio Committee Member Miyamae shared about her experiences as a former SPED teacher, mentioning that she and two other former SPED teachers are still providing much support to their new SPED teacher who is finishing her third year. She emphasized the

importance of properly preparing teacher candidates and wanting to see this program done well before the Board approves it.

Committee Member Matsuura asked about credit amounts and if there is a set number needed in a program. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked ED Villalobos or her designee to answer that question. ED Villalobos explained that the PRC also looks at the courses themselves, that you do not want too many courses that do not align with SPED. She then asked LS Padua for additional information. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on LS Padua, who explained that there is no exact number of credits needed, but the PRC still does not feel that the program's increase from 18 to 22 credits and the evidence for those courses is substantial enough.

Committee Member Dukelow referred to her earlier sentiments about the program review process and mentioned that if there is a credit requirement then it should be stated. She asked if the details included in the written testimony were not enough for the PRC and what specifically was missing. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on ED Villalobos, who explained that the standards are usually addressed through the courses or are being braided in throughout the program, so if the program is missing standards then the number of credits does not matter. She then asked LS Padua for additional information. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on LS Padua, who explained that all PRCs cross-reference what standards the program says are being addressed and if there is evidence of that.

Committee Member Dr. Dizon shared that it was mentioned at the National Educator Shortage Summit that SPED knowledge is important to have and that at a certain point all teachers would likely need it due to sheer volume. She stated she hopes this program review could be sorted out and moved forward. Committee Member Dr. Oyadomari-Chun stated she sees why assignments would be compared with standards, but she thinks it is a broader question of whether that is the right type of evidence that should be looked at in the program review process.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked ED Villalobos procedural questions pertaining to the NBI's language '*does not recommend.*' ED Villalobos answered that the Committee could move to defer the NBI.

Committee Vice Chair Dr. Simpson Steele moved to amend NBI 25-29's language to '*defer.*' Committee Member Dr. Dizon seconded the motion.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any questions or discussion about the amendment. There were no questions or discussion from the Committee.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called for a roll call vote on whether or not to approve the amendment for NBI 25-29. ED Villalobos called for a point of order, stating that the Committee is voting to defer NBI 25-29, not approve amended language. She further clarified that the deferred NBI would go back for review.

AYE (8)	Gillentine, Simpson Steele, Dizon, Dukelow, Matsuura, Oyadomari-Chun, Miyamae, Ozaki
NAY (1)	Raymond
EXCUSED (1)	Arakaki

ACTION — The Teacher Education Committee voted to defer NBI 25-29, as written.

C. NBI 25-30: Approval of Leeward Community College’s Special Education Praxis Exam Transition and Program Alignment Review

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine reviewed NBI 25-30, including its Rationale/Background.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any questions or discussion.

Ex Officio Committee Member Miyamae highlighted that supporting evidence was requested but none was submitted, stating that if nothing is provided then she could not see approving this NBI. She asked if this NBI could be conditionally approved while the program is given time, if this could be deferred, or if ED Villalobos had other options. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on ED Villalobos, who clarified that the program is still preparing teachers and allowing them to take this test. She stated the only thing that would happen is reporting to the accreditor that supporting evidence was requested by the state agency.

Committee Member Dr. Oyadomari-Chun asked how the program would be impacted if the Board does not take action today. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on ED Villalobos, who answered that there would currently be no impact since the program is being run as is with the new test, clarifying that this NBI is simply informing the Board. Committee Member Dukelow shared her confusion with this NBI and its purpose as it seemed punitive. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked ED Villalobos if she wanted to respond. ED Villalobos clarified that the Board is the ultimate approver and HTSB staff are providing the Board with all the facts and information, that it is not about being punitive. Committee Member Dukelow shared that she wants the HTSB to improve on what is requested and why, mentioning that sometimes it seems to be an overreach. ED Villalobos shared that HTSB staff has talked with its national colleagues about educator preparation program (“EPP”) review processes in their states and found that this is not abnormal.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any further questions or discussion. There were no further questions or discussion from the Committee.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called for a roll call vote on whether or not to recommend NBI 25-30, as written, to the Board at the general business meeting scheduled at 2:45 p.m.:

AYE (7)	Gillentine, Simpson Steele, Dizon, Dukelow, Matsuura, Oyadomari-Chun, Ozaki
NAY (2)	Raymond, Miyamae
EXCUSED (1)	Arakaki

ACTION — The Teacher Education Committee voted to recommend NBI 25-30, as written, to the Board.

D. NBI 25-31: Approval of the University of Hawai’i at West O’ahu’s Special Education Praxis Exam Transition and Program Alignment Review

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine reviewed NBI 25-31, including its Rationale/Background.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any questions or discussion. There were no questions or discussion from the Committee.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called for a roll call vote on whether or not to recommend NBI 25-31, as written, to the Board at the general business meeting scheduled at 2:45 p.m.:

AYE (7)	Gillentine, Simpson Steele, Dizon, Dukelow, Matsuura, Oyadomari-Chun, Ozaki
NAY (2)	Raymond, Miyamae
EXCUSED (1)	Arakaki

ACTION — The Teacher Education Committee voted to recommend NBI 25-31, as written, to the Board.

E. NBI 25-32: Establish Committee to Strengthen Program Review Process

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine reviewed NBI 25-32, including its Rationale/Background.

Committee Member Raymond commented that there is intent, but there needs to be more details such as who, what, when, where, and how. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine agreed with Committee Member Raymond and thanked Committee Member Dukelow for presenting this NBI. Committee Member Dukelow shared that she is not sure if this needs to be an NBI, but she wants to talk about the program review process and figure out a way forward together. She stated she does not want to determine who is in this established committee or what it looks like, but there needs to be better communication and clearer requirements for both sides. She also stated she does not have more information because she thinks that should come from this Committee.

Committee Member Dr. Oyadomari-Chun moved to amend NBI 25-32's timeline from one year to four to six months. Committee Member Dukelow seconded the motion.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any questions or discussion on the amendment.

Committee Member Dr. Dizon suggested further narrowing the timeline down to four months. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked Committee Members Dr. Oyadomari-Chun and Dukelow if they objected to the suggested amendment. Committee Members Dr. Oyadomari-Chun and Dukelow agreed to the suggested amendment of four months.

Ex Officio Committee Member Miyamae asked about the timeline's starting point (e.g., when this established committee is brought together, when this NBI is approved) as the next board meeting is in August. Committee Member Dr. Dizon suggested changing the amendment to a deadline of the next board meeting. Committee Member Raymond acknowledged the timeline but emphasized the other missing information. She suggested taking input from the testimonies and further revising this NBI, stating that she would like to defer it until there is more meat to it. Ex Officio Committee Member Miyamae shared that she asked Dr. Nathan Murata if these concerns and discussion could also be brought up at the Teacher Education Coordinating Committee ("TECC") meeting and he agreed. Committee Member Dukelow stated she would be glad to withdraw this NBI, but she wanted to know what the Committee thought about this established committee's composition.

Committee Vice Chair Dr. Simpson Steele shared her suggestions that reflected the various perspectives among stakeholder groups.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine steered the discussion back to the amendment. Committee Member Dukelow stated she could withdraw this NBI and fix it up. Committee Member Dr. Oyadomari-Chun withdrew her original amendment. Committee Member Dr. Dizon withdrew her suggested amendment.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine clarified that this NBI is now back to its original form. He shared his suggestions about this established committee's composition. Ex Officio Committee Member Miyamae asked ED Villalobos logistical questions regarding this established committee. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on ED Villalobos, who explained about workgroups and their outlined lists of invited stakeholders as requested by the Board. She expressed caution regarding how large workgroups can get when considering all possible stakeholders, mentioning that there needs to be certain objectives and outcomes that are also backed up by research. She urged the Board to think about the direction they want to go with this established committee as HTSB staff takes direction from the Board. To avoid Sunshine Law violations, she also cautioned Board Members from sitting on this established committee, clarifying that if a Board Member does sit on this established committee then they would need to recuse themselves from decision-making on related NBIs at the board meetings. She mentioned quorum is already an issue.

Committee Member Dukelow shared that she does not know if this established committee would be a Permitted Interaction Group ("P.I.G.") or a workgroup, but she wants to figure out how this Teacher Education Committee could weigh in on how the program review process could be improved. Committee Vice Chair Dr. Simpson Steele shared more suggestions regarding feedback loops, composition, and EPP representatives. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked ED Villalobos for advice on how to move forward. ED Villalobos shared the difficulties of arranging summer convenings as institution faculty are typically unavailable and then are busy at the beginning of the school year. She stated she is willing to work with perhaps the Board or Committee Chair or Vice Chair, or the TECC, to gather input, reiterating that it would be one-on-one so that there is no violation of Sunshine Law. She mentioned that having a few representatives for all the EPPs was done before but there were complaints.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked Committee Member Dukelow if she would be willing to add more information to this NBI. Committee Member Dukelow agreed. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine and ED Villalobos discussed protocol, with ED Villalobos emphasizing that Board Members cannot work with each other outside of public meetings or make decisions behind closed doors. She suggested tasking HTSB staff with serving as the middleman. Committee Member Dukelow stated she would work with ED Villalobos to determine a way forward.

Committee Member Dukelow moved to defer NBI 25-32. Committee Member Raymond seconded the motion.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any objections to deferring NBI 25-32, as written, so that additional work could be done on it. There were no objections from the Committee.

ACTION — The Teacher Education Committee deferred NBI 25-32, as written.

F. NBI 25-46: Results and Recommendations from HTSB Annual Educator Preparation Program Completer Audit School Year 2024-2025

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine reviewed NBI 25-46, including its Rationale/Background.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any questions or discussion.

Committee Member Dr. Oyadomari-Chun shared that she was trying to understand the implications of accepting the recommendations. She mentioned the Cooperating/Mentor Teacher Workgroup as an example since she was anticipating recommendations coming from the workgroup rather than expectations coming from this NBI. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on ED Villalobos, who explained that this NBI is what HTSB staff found while conducting the audit, and the recommendations are ways in which the audit process may be improved. She shared that the Cooperating/Mentor Teacher Workgroup is still looking at how to better define criteria, explaining that it may be addressed through a different NBI, HAR, or the workgroup's recommendations or outcomes. Committee Member Dr. Oyadomari-Chun stated she thinks adopting this NBI's recommendations implies that Board action will be taken. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on ED Villalobos, who clarified that the recommendation is to accept that all the EPPs passed their audits, but the Committee could choose to amend the language to only accept the audit findings.

Committee Member Dr. Oyadomari-Chun moved to amend NBI 25-46's language to accept the results from the audit. Committee Member Dukelow seconded the motion.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any questions or discussion about the amendment.

Committee Member Dukelow clarified to remove '*and recommendations*' for the amendment. Committee Member Dr. Oyadomari-Chun agreed with that.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called for a roll call vote on the motion to amend NBI 25-46:

AYE (6)	Gillentine, Dizon, Dukelow, Matsuura, Oyadomari-Chun, Ozaki
NAY (2)	Raymond, Miyamae
RECUSE (1)	Simpson Steele
EXCUSED (1)	Arakaki

The Teacher Education Committee voted to amend NBI 25-46.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any questions or discussion on NBI 25-46, as amended, as a whole. There were no questions or discussion from the Committee.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called for a roll call vote on whether or not to recommend NBI 25-46, as amended, to the Board at the general business meeting scheduled at 2:45 p.m.:

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AYE (7)	Gillentine, Dizon, Dukelow, Matsuura, Oyadomari-Chun, Miyamae, Ozaki
NAY (1)	Raymond
RECUSE (1)	Simpson Steele
EXCUSED (1)	Arakaki

ACTION — The Teacher Education Committee voted to recommend NBI 25-46, as amended, to the Board.

G. NBI 25-47: Teach For America Audit Findings Year 2

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine reviewed NBI 25-47, including its Rationale/Background.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any questions or discussion.

Ex Officio Committee Member Miyamae requested that Teach For America (“TFA”) keep trying to not have their teacher candidates placed in split teaching lines.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any further questions or discussion. There were no further questions or discussion from the Committee.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called for a roll call vote on whether or not to recommend NBI 25-47, as written, to the Board at the general business meeting scheduled at 2:45 p.m.:

AYE (9)	Gillentine, Simpson Steele, Dizon, Dukelow, Matsuura, Oyadomari-Chun, Raymond, Miyamae, Ozaki
NAY (0)	
EXCUSED (1)	Arakaki

ACTION — The Teacher Education Committee voted to recommend NBI 25-47, as written, to the Board.

H. NBI 25-48: Consideration of iteach-Hawai'i Letter of Intent to Plan Initial License and Add a Teaching Field Programs in Early Childhood Education

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine reviewed NBI 25-48, including its Rationale/Background.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any questions or discussion.

Ex Officio Committee Member Miyamae shared that the Board had issues with iteach in the past, but now there is confidence and excitement that iteach will create a robust program that provides a different option.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any questions or discussion. There were no questions or discussion from the Committee.

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Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called for a roll call vote on whether or not to recommend NBI 25-48, as written, to the Board at the general business meeting scheduled at 2:45 p.m.:

AYE (9) Gillentine, Simpson Steele, Dizon, Dukelow, Matsuura,
Oyadomari-Chun, Raymond, Miyamae, Ozaki

NAY (0)

EXCUSED (1) Arakaki

ACTION — The Teacher Education Committee voted to recommend NBI 25-48, as written, to the Board.

I. NBI 25-49: Approval of Modifications to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Literacy Specialist Add a Teaching Field Program

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine reviewed NBI 25-49, including its Rationale/Background.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any questions or discussion.

Committee Member Dukelow asked for clarification on the bullet point regarding report changes in faculty. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on ED Villalobos, who yielded her time to LS Padua and mentioned that the creator of the program, Dr. Brooke Taira, was online. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on LS Padua, who deferred to Dr. Taira. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on Dr. Taira, who shared that the question they received was regarding whether faculty would change and what faculty would support these teacher candidates. Committee Member Dukelow asked Dr. Taira if it was requested that this be reported to HTSB. Dr. Taira answered yes. Committee Member Dukelow stated she feels this is an overreach and mentioned reviewing the program review process.

Ex Officio Committee Member Miyamae addressed the last bullet point regarding teacher candidates who piloted the revised curriculum, thanked the program faculty for their honesty, and asked if this NBI would grandfather those teacher candidates in. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on ED Villalobos, who answered yes and clarified that EPPs are not allowed to start a licensure program until they receive approval from the Board, even if the program was already approved by their university.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any further questions or discussion. There were no further questions or discussion from the Committee.

Committee Member Dukelow moved to amend NBI 25-49 by striking the bullet point regarding report changes in faculty. Committee Member Dr. Oyadomari-Chun seconded the motion.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any questions or discussion about the amendment.

Ex Officio Committee Member Miyamae asked if the Board is still in alignment with HAR by amending this NBI as such. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on ED Villalobos, who yielded her time to LS Padua. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on LS Padua, who

explained that it relates broadly as the Board decides whether or not to approve the accreditation recommendation.

Committee Member Dr. Dizon asked for clarification regarding the accreditors checking faculty qualifications. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on ED Villalobos, who confirmed that the accreditors check faculty qualifiers. She mentioned that there was an EPP whose accreditor recommended they do not start any new programs because they do not have enough faculty in the content area.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any further questions or discussion about the amendment. There were no further questions or discussion from the Committee.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called for a roll call vote on the motion to amend NBI 25-49:

AYE (6)	Dizon, Dukelow, Matsuura, Oyadomari-Chun, Miyamae, Ozaki
NAY (1)	Raymond
RECUSE (1)	Simpson Steele
DID NOT VOTE (1)	Gillentine
EXCUSED (1)	Arakaki

The Teacher Education Committee voted to amend NBI 25-49.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked the Committee if there were any questions or discussion on NBI 25-49, as amended, as a whole. There were no questions or discussion from the Committee.

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called for a roll call vote on whether or not to recommend NBI 25-49, as amended, to the Board at the general business meeting scheduled at 2:45 p.m.:

AYE (6)	Dizon, Dukelow, Matsuura, Oyadomari-Chun, Miyamae, Ozaki
NAY (1)	Raymond
RECUSE (1)	Simpson Steele
DID NOT VOTE (1)	Gillentine
EXCUSED (1)	Arakaki

ACTION — The Teacher Education Committee voted to recommend NBI 25-49, as amended, to the Board.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine adjourned the Teacher Education Committee Meeting at 2:38 p.m.

UNAPPROVED**List of people who submitted written testimony before the April 24, 2026, meeting**

<i>ON-TIME WRITTEN TESTIMONY for the 4/24/2026 Teacher Education Committee Meeting</i>		
NAME	ORGANIZATION	AGENDA ITEM
Caroline Soga	Honolulu Community College	III.A. NBI 25-28: The University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu's Early Childhood Education P-3 Add a Teaching Field Licensure Program Review Decision
Ed H. Noh, Ed. D.	Hawai'i State Public Charter School Commission	III.A. NBI 25-28: The University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu's Early Childhood Education P-3 Add a Teaching Field Licensure Program Review Decision
Ann SD Abeshima, Ed.D	Honolulu Community College	III.A. NBI 25-28: The University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu's Early Childhood Education P-3 Add a Teaching Field Licensure Program Review Decision
Francine Medeiros	Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture (INPEACE)	III.H. NBI 25-48: Consideration of iteach-Hawai'i Letter of Intent to Plan Initial License and Add a Teaching Field Programs in Early Childhood Education
Francine Medeiros	Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture (INPEACE)	III.A. NBI 25-28: The University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu's Early Childhood Education P-3 Add a Teaching Field Licensure Program Review Decision
Carlos Peñaloza	University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu	III.A. NBI 25-28: The University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu's Early Childhood Education P-3 Add a Teaching Field Licensure Program Review Decision
Aaron Levine	University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, School of Teacher Education	III.E. NBI 25-32: Establish Committee to Strengthen Program Review Process
Jon Yoshioka Lori Fulton	University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, School of Teacher Education	III.E. NBI 25-32: Establish Committee to Strengthen Program Review Process

<i>LATE WRITTEN TESTIMONY for the 4/24/2026 Teacher Education Committee Meeting</i>		
NAME	ORGANIZATION	AGENDA ITEM
Michelle Igarashi, PhD	Leeward Community College	III.B. NBI 25-29: Leeward Community College's Special Education P-3 Initial Licensure Program Review Decision

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List of people who submitted written testimony for the cancelled March 13, 2026, meeting

ON-TIME WRITTEN TESTIMONY for the <u>cancelled</u> 3/13/2026 Teacher Education Committee Meeting		
NAME	ORGANIZATION	3/13/2026 AGENDA ITEM
Christina Keaulana, PhD	Leeward Community College	III.B. NBI 25-29: Leeward Community College's Special Education P-3 Initial Licensure Program Review Decision
Robert Kai Irwin		III.E. NBI 25-32: Establish Committee to Strengthen Program Review Process
Faryn "Kalei" Oliver		III.E. NBI 25-32: Establish Committee to Strengthen Program Review Process
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