



**Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board
General Business Meeting
January 16, 2026
10:45 AM
Agenda**

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Public Meeting Location: 650 Iwilei Road, Suite 158, Honolulu, HI 96817

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HTSB's Mission and Vision:

The HTSB envisions a highly esteemed Hawai'i public education system with rigorous professional teacher standards that foster student success. Our mission is to collaboratively set high teacher licensing and credentialing standards to:

- Provide every child in Hawai'i with qualified teachers.
- Promote professionalism and teaching excellence.
- Build public confidence in the teaching profession.
- Provide more accountability to the public.

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I. Call to Order of General Business Meeting

- A. Roll Call to Establish Quorum
- B. Public Testimony*
- C. Announcements
 - Welcome New Board Members!
 - Principal Dale Arakaki-Kawananakoa Middle School
 - Natashya Nihipali-Charter School-Kamaile Academy Licensed Teacher
 - Daphne Okunaga-Public Member
- D. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - **November 14, 2025**
- E. **Hawai'i Department of Education-Office of Hawaiian Education Presentation**
- F. **HTSB Program Review Process Presentation**
- G. **Executive Director's Report**
 - HTSB Board Members and Staff Report Out
 - Attended the Dive into Education Event November 21, 2025
 - **HTSB's New Website Has Officially Launched**
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Day of Collaboration
 - Date: January 13, 2026
 - Focus: Hawai'i's Educator Preparation Quality Assurance System
 - Partner: AAQEP
 - Hawai'i Educators Rising State Competition & Conference
 - Date: Friday, February 6, 2026
 - Note: HTSB will be one of the event sponsors
 - HTSB Summer Summit (Tentative)
 - Dates: June 4–5, 2026
 - **2026 Educators Rising National Conference**
 - Dates: June 20–23, 2026
 - Location: Portland, Oregon
 - Theme: Teach with Purpose, Lead with Passion

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II. Public Testimony on General Business Meeting Agenda Items

- A. **Licensing Update:**
 - Licensing Specialist Steven Harada
 - The Start of HTSB's Renewal Cycle
- B. **Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Update:**
 - Licensing Specialist Mitzie Higa, Ed.D.

III. Public Testimony on General Business Meeting Agenda Items

**IV. New Business, Committee Reports, and Pending Committee Action
Board Action-New Business: Committee of the Whole**

- A. [NBI 24-32 Revised](#) The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board Election of Board Officers and Committee Assignments for 2025-2026

Teacher Standards Committee: Dr. Soares

- B. [NBI 25-21](#) License Affirmation (October and November 2025)
- C. [NBI 25-22](#) Policy on Hawaiian Permit Requirements, Program Responsibilities, and Review

Teacher Education Committee: Dr. Gillentine

- D. [NBI 25-23](#) The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Partnership Agreement
- E. [NBI 25-11](#) Approval of a One-Year Extension of iteach-Hawai'i's CAEP Accreditation

V. Executive Session

This portion of the meeting is a closed meeting under Section 92-4 and Section 92-5(a)(1)(2) and (4), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

- A. Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2025
- B. Personnel Update: Executive Director Villalobos
- C. Consultation with Deputy Attorney General on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.
 - The purpose of this portion of the executive meeting is to consult with the Board's attorney on questions or issues regarding the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §92-5(a)(4).
- D. The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the appropriate action to take on NBI 25-18; Case No. 25-02 pursuant to HRS 92-5(a)(1), regarding this educator's application to Add-a-Field to the educator's Standard License as well as the educator's Standard License. In this case, the educator falsified required documents for licensure and lied when asked whether the documents were genuine.
- E. The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the appropriate action to take on NBI 25-19; Case No. 25-03 pursuant to HRS 92-5(a)(1), regarding this educator's application for a Standard License. In this case, the educator falsified documents required for licensure.
- F. The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the appropriate action to take on NBI 25-20; Case No. 25-04 pursuant to HRS 92-5(a)(1), regarding this educator's application for a Provisional License. The educator had an application for licensure previously denied due to falsification of a document required for licensure. In this case, the educator has provided evidence to resolve the professional fitness matter.
- G. The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the appropriate action to take on NBI 25-24; Case No. 25-05 pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes §92-5(a)(1), regarding the request by the educator to be issued a fourth Emergency Hire Permit and to suspend the Board's administrative rules based on extenuating circumstances outlined in Hawaii Administrative Rules §8-54-16 Suspension of the rules.
- H. The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the appropriate action to take on NBI 25-25; Case No. 25-06 pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes §92-5(a)(1). The requestor is seeking to have the Board suspend the rules pertaining to the criteria needed to be issued a Provisional License due to extenuating circumstances outlined in Hawaii Administrative Rules §8-54-16 Suspension of the rules.

VI. Next HTSB Meeting: March 13, 2026

VII. Adjournment

***WRITTEN TESTIMONY:**

The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) welcomes public testimony on agenda items. Written testimony submitted and received at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will be posted on the Board's website. Testimony sent to any other email address or testimony submitted after the meeting start time, up to 24 hours after the meeting, will be processed as late testimony and will be posted after the meeting.

Persons interested in submitting written public testimony shall submit testimony by one of the following methods:

- Email to htsb@hawaii.gov
- FAX to 808-586-2606
- Mail to HTSB, 650 Iwilei Road, Suite 268, Honolulu, HI 96817

All testimony is permanently posted publicly on the HTSB's website and referenced in the Board meeting minutes. Consider this when including personal information (including email addresses, phone numbers, names, and pictures) in your testimony. If you want your personal information redacted or omitted, submit your testimony as an attachment and include "NO PERSONAL INFORMATION" in the subject line.

Indicate the following information on written testimony:

- Include "Testimony" in the subject line;
- Name (or unique identifier) with position/title and organization, if applicable;
- Meeting (name of committee or General Business meeting);
- Agenda item; and
- Position (support, oppose, or comment).

ONLINE TESTIMONY: Persons wishing to provide online testimony via Zoom must be logged in to Zoom using the same name they used to sign up for testimony. Testifiers shall use the Chat Box to provide their name and agenda item(s) they are testifying on. Testifiers will be called on and unmuted to give their testimony at the appropriate time in the agenda. Testimony must be related to an item that is on the agenda. Each individual is allotted five minutes, or an amount of time otherwise designated by the Chairperson, to provide testimony to the Board and/or committee.

You may use a unique identifier (i.e., an alias) instead of your real name to maintain anonymity, but on the day of the meeting you must log into Zoom with the same identifier you used to sign up for testimony or you will not be unmuted. If you are testifying in-person, you must answer when your unique identifier is called.

MEETING MATERIALS: To reduce costs, electronic materials are posted on the HTSB website, <https://www.hawaiiteacherstandardsboard.org/>. The Board packet is available for inspection in the Board's office. For those who wish to have copies, the HTSB office will make copies of such materials at a cost of \$0.25 per sheet, payable by check to HTSB.

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PUBLIC MEETING LOCATION: 650 Iwilei Road, Suite 158, Honolulu, HI 96817 (Dole Cannery).

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PARKING:

- Free parking: Dole Cannery Open-Air Parking Lot – Free parking is available in the parking lot directly behind the Dole Cannery and adjacent to the Costco parking lot. The lot entry is from Alakawa Street. There is no charge for parking in this free lot (2-hour limit).
- Pay parking: Dole Cannery Parking Structure – Pay parking is available in the parking structure across Iwilei Road above the Regal Cinema theaters. The entrance is on Pacific Street. You will pay for your parking when you exit the garage.

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