



**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, January 16, 2026

**PRESENT IN-PERSON:**

Dr. Jonathan Gillentine, Committee Chair  
Kahele Dukelow for Roy Takumi, Committee Member  
Dr. Tammi Oyadomari-Chun for Keith Hayashi, Committee Member  
Kristi Miyamae, Ex Officio Committee Member, Board Chair

**PRESENT ONLINE:**

Dr. Cecily Ornelles, in place of Dr. Jamie Simpson Steele for Dr. Nathan Murata, Committee Vice Chair  
Dr. Dion Dizon for Dr. Mark Sung Alapaki Luke, Committee Member  
Dale Matsuura, 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  
Steven Harada, Licensing Specialist  
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 9:48 a.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. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine, Committee Members Kahele Dukelow and Dr. Tammi Oyadomari-Chun, and Ex Officio Committee Member Kristi Miyamae were present in-person. Committee Members Dr. Dion Dizon, Dale Matsuura, and Dawn Raymond; Ex Officio Committee Member Dondra Ozaki; and Dr. Cecily Ornelles 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 written testimony was submitted and posted to HTSB's website. No one signed up for online or in-person public testimony.

**C. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine welcomed Committee Member Dr. Dizon again.

Executive Director Felicia Villalobos ("ED Villalobos") announced that new Board Member Principal Dale Arakaki will be introduced at the next board meeting.

**D. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Committee Member Dr. Dizon shared that her title is 'doctor,' as other Board Members also included their titles.

The minutes of the November 14, 2025, meeting was approved as amended.

**II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS**

On-time written testimony was submitted. No one signed up for online or in-person public testimony.

**III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. NBI 25-23: The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Partnership Agreement**

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine reviewed NBI 25-23, including its Rationale/Background.

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

Committee Member Dukelow asked if this new agreement is the same as the expiring one and if nothing has changed. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine deferred to HTSB staff. ED Villalobos answered that language in the expiring agreement was outdated, so the new agreement has updated language pertaining to Hawaii Administrative Rules (“HAR”) and Hawai’i-specific requirements. She then yielded her time to Matt Vanover of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (“CAEP”). Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on Mr. Vanover. Mr. Vanover explained that each state agreement is unique due to addressing the specific needs of both the preparation providers and the candidates, while still striving for K-12 student success. He stated Hawai’i’s agreement with CAEP allows for the state consultant to be part of the accreditation process, serving as a conduit between the provider and CAEP to give a local perspective. He mentioned the agreement specifically states that providers wishing to work in Hawai’i need to acknowledge that they will abide by HTSB’s rules and policies.

Committee Member Dukelow asked Mr. Vanover if it is typical for CAEP to work with the state licensing agency in developing these kinds of guidance, and for a representative from the licensing agency to serve as an observer. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on Mr. Vanover. Mr. Vanover answered that CAEP’s state agreements and working partnerships run the gamut between wanting the accreditor to do all the work and wanting to be an active participant in the process. He mentioned some states have greater restrictions and want to be more heavily involved, but 80% to 85% of the states that CAEP works with is in the latter group where Hawai’i is. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked HTSB staff for any clarifying remarks. ED Villalobos stated HTSB’s agreement with the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (“AAQEP”) mirrors that with CAEP. Licensing Specialist Dr. Jennifer Padua (“LS Padua”) clarified that HAR §8-54-21 indicates that the HTSB Executive Director or designee will serve as an observer.

Committee Member Dr. Oyadomari-Chun asked if HTSB maintains a list of approved accrediting bodies, or if approval happens on a case-by-case basis. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine asked ED Villalobos to respond. ED Villalobos answered that HTSB approves the national accreditor, stating the full board (“Board”) has approved CAEP, AAQEP, and the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (“WINHEC”). She explained that the accreditor makes a recommendation to the Board for approval, and the final decision is with the Board. She explained that everything is vetted and fine-tuned during the state review process before it goes through the national accreditation, sharing that this was also confirmed with AAQEP. She asked if Mr. Vanover could also speak to this. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on Mr. Vanover. Mr. Vanover shared that with other state agreements that CAEP has, the state is responsible for program approval. He explained that the state licensing body holds the key to doing business in the state. He clarified that the provider would seek national accreditation and take that to the state, then the state licensing body has the final say on whether or not to approve them to do business in the state.

Committee Member Dukelow asked ED Villalobos if the agreements with CAEP, AAQEP, and WINHEC all mirror this new CAEP agreement. ED Villalobos answered that the agreements with CAEP and AAQEP are mirrored, but she is unsure about WINHEC’s agreement as the previous ED oversaw that. She mentioned the WINHEC accreditation cycle is coming up so their agreement would need to be reviewed and brought to the Board.

Committee Member Dukelow asked ED Villalobos how many educator preparation programs (“EPPs”) are accredited through WINHEC. ED Villalobos answered that Kahuawaiola and Kaho’iwai are the Hawai’i-approved EPPs accredited through WINHEC. She shared that the

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University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu and iteach-Hawai'i are accredited through CAEP, while the rest are accredited through AAQEP.

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 25-23, as written, to the Board at the general business meeting scheduled at 10:45 a.m. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine and all Committee Members present voted to recommend.

**ACTION — The Teacher Education Committee voted to recommend NBI 25-23, as written, to the Board, with nine Committee Members present voting aye.**

### **B. NBI 25-11: Approval of a One-Year Extension of iteach-Hawai'i's CAEP Accreditation**

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine reviewed NBI 25-11, highlighting the revisions made in red since it was last brought to the Board. ED Villalobos announced that two individuals from iteach, Davida Gatlin and Michelle Brady, were present for questions.

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

Ex Officio Committee Member Miyamae asked if iteach staff could share about the changes they have been making. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on iteach staff. Regarding the revisions in this New Business Item ("NBI"), Ms. Gatlin, Director of Community and Government Relations, stated CAEP had already approved iteach's one-year accreditation extension. She explained that the NBI's revisions were to reflect the one-year extension request of HTSB to allow iteach to align their accreditation timeline and their continuing approval timeline so that they can meet the Hawai'i program review process requirements. She then asked Ms. Brady, Program Director, to speak to the changes iteach is making. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine called on Ms. Brady. Ms. Brady shared that she has been working very closely with ED Villalobos and LS Padua; iteach has expanded its main office staff, who is dedicated to updating reports and working with CAEP; and iteach-Hawai'i has increased its team to ensure compliance with HTSB.

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 25-11, as written, to the Board at the general business meeting scheduled at 10:45 a.m. Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine and all Committee Members present voted to recommend.

**ACTION — The Teacher Education Committee voted to recommend NBI 25-11, as written, to the Board, with nine Committee Members present voting aye.**

## **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chair Dr. Gillentine adjourned the Teacher Education Committee Meeting at 10:22 a.m.

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**List of people who submitted written testimony before the meeting**

<b><i>ON-TIME WRITTEN TESTIMONY for Teacher Education Committee Meeting</i></b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>
Andrew Rozell	iteach	III.B. NBI 25-11: Approval of a One-Year Extension of iteach-Hawaii's CAEP Accreditation
Michelle Brady	iteach-Hawai'i	