

State of Hawaii  
Charter School Review Panel Meeting  
Tuesday, November 13, 2007  
State Capitol, Room #229  
9:30 a.m.

Minutes

Attendance:

Alvin Parker – Chair  
Ruth Tschumy – Vice-Chair  
Pualani Akaka  
Nina Buchanan  
Ku Kahakalau  
Thomas Macdonald  
Denise Matsumoto  
William Paik  
Galen Sasaki

Maunalei Love, Charter School Administrative Office  
DeAnn Keo, Charter School Administrative Office  
Traci Satogata, Charter School Administrative Office

Melissa Chee, Department of the Attorney General

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. by Chair Mr. Parker.

Mr. Parker reminded everyone that recording devices are not allowed at any time during these meetings.

II. Approval of Minutes

October 19, 2007 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes made by Ms. Akaka, seconded by Mr. Sasaki.  
Eight (8) ayes, no (0) nays or abstentions.

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Mr. Sasaki stated that Ms. Kahakalau's score for both Hawaii Technology Academy and Kapili Academy should be 22.5.

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Ms. Buchanan stated that the first paragraph should be amended to add "Motion passed unanimously with the understanding that assurances will follow."

Ms. Akaka stated that the third and twelfth paragraphs should be deleted.

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Ms. Akaka stated that Ms. Chee's statement "Ms. Chee says no, that they may be filled." be changed to "Ms. Chee says no, they do not all have to be filled."

Motion to approve the minutes as amended made by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Ms. Akaka. Eight (8) ayes, no (0) nays or abstentions.

III. Announcements

Mr. Parker stated that the next meeting of the Charter School Review Panel (Panel) will be held on Monday, November 26, 2007 at the Charter School Administrative Office (CSAO).

**Ms. Matsumoto arrives at 10:24 a.m.**

Ms. Matsumoto stated the Board of Education will appoint the new Panel members during the first week of December, at the earliest.

IV. Public Input

Mr. Parker reminded everyone about the three (3) minute time limit for public input.

Tracy Calderwood, Acting Chair of the Hawaii Technology Academy (HTA) Local School Board, asked the Panel to consider her application for a charter. Ms. Calderwood asked the Panel to place an item on the agenda of the next Panel meeting regarding the granting of a charter to HTA.

Ms. Calderwood also discussed an email which she sent to the Panel. She stated that the email may have offended the Panel and that was not her intent. She apologized and stated that she did not want to jeopardize HTA's position.

Mr. Parker stated that he was not offended by the email.

Ms. Tschumy asked Ms. Calderwood to clarify and review the reasons why HTA would like the Panel to review their decision.

Ms. Calderwood stated that during the initial deliberations on June 27, 2007, HTA scored the minimum twenty-seven (27) points to qualify for a charter. She also stated that HTA has addressed all of the concerns of the Panel.

Lori Bennett, Hawaii Speed and Quickness, spoke in support of HTA. She stated that parents should have choices. Hawaii Speed and Quickness will provide the

physical education curriculum component of HTA. She noted that they are currently working with fifteen (15) schools and that the results of the partnerships have been positive, as the students are doing extremely well. Further, Hawaii Speed and Quickness is very committed to investing in a partnership with HTA.

Jim Konantz, K12, spoke in support of HTA. Mr. Konantz stated that K12 is currently operating in sixteen (16) states, serving over 35,000 students. He stated that K12 has a proven track record. He also stated that K12 is working with Dr. Berg of the University of Hawaii – College of Education – Curriculum, Research, and Development Group to develop a Hawaiian history curriculum.

Ms. Calderwood clarified that Hawaii Speed and Quickness and K12 are two (2) organizations which HTA will be partnering with if issued a charter.

Ms. Kahakalau asked Ms. Bennett if Hawaii Speed and Quickness has a website.

Ms. Bennett responded positively and provided the website as noted: [www.hawaiispeedandquickness.com](http://www.hawaiispeedandquickness.com). She will also send information about the company and other material for the Panel to review.

Ms. Calderwood stated that Hawaii Speed and Quickness is not the only organization that HTA is partnering with. She added that HTA can not negotiate other partnerships without a charter.

Mr. Parker stated that, historically, charter schools deal with impoverished and academically struggling communities. He asked Mr. Konantz to describe a success story that clearly demonstrates their work with an underprivileged population.

Mr. Konantz provided examples from both Los Angeles and Philadelphia.

Mr. Parker asked Mr. Konantz to explain why the K12 curriculum is successful.

Mr. Konantz stated that the three (3) components of a successful school are the following:

- Engaged Parents
- Highly Qualified Teachers
- Powerful Curriculum

He stated K12 incorporates all of these components.

Ms. Calderwood added that because of the way the school is structured, more parents participate because they are proactive with regard to their children and proud of their community. The parents' engagement is incredibly high which paves the way to generate more parent involvement.

Dovey Silva, Hau'ula Public Charter School, thanked the Panel for all of their work.

Ms. Kahakalau emphasized, as a precaution, to be very careful in terms of how you represent yourselves during the interim and in how the words *public charter school* are used due to the possibility of legal ramifications.

V. Charter School Administrative Office Interim Executive Director's Report

Maunalei Love presented her report, outlining what has been accomplished by the CSAO during the past year and what items are still outstanding (Attachment A).

Mr. Parker stated that Ms. Love entered a very difficult situation and has performed very well.

VI. Discussion/Action on the Charter School Administrative Office Budget

Motion to defer this agenda item to the next meeting made by Ms. Kahakalau, seconded by Mr. Sasaki. Nine (9) ayes, no (0) nays or abstentions.

**Meeting recessed at 11:01 a.m.**

**Meeting reconvened at 11:11 a.m.**

VII. Executive Session

Motion to go into Executive Session made by Ms. Matsumoto, seconded by Ms. Tschumy. Nine (9) ayes, no (0) nays or abstentions.

**The Panel went into Executive Session at 11:15 a.m.**

**Ms. Matsumoto left the meeting at 3:25 p.m.**

**Mr. Paik left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.**

**The Panel ends Executive Session and resumes the public meeting at 3:31 p.m.**

Mr. Parker stated that a decision regarding the CSAO Executive Director will be made soon.

Ms. Love continued her report.

Ms. Kahakalau responded to Ms. Love's report concerning peer reviews stating that this information is news to her and that the Panel should have been informed about this in the beginning so they could be involved, as this would make for a much closer relationship with the Panel.

Ms. Kahakalau requested that the Panel be involved in this process.

Ms. Love stated that the CSAO will involve the Panel in the future.

Ms. Tschumy thanked Ms. Love and her staff for all that they have accomplished.

VIII. Discussion/Action on the Process for the Development of Assurances for Start-Up Charter Schools

Ms. Kahakalau stated on behalf of Ms. Matsumoto, who had already left the meeting, Ms. Matsumoto would like the Panel to establish a sub-committee to develop the assurances and she would like to be included on the sub-committee.

Ms. Buchanan, Ms. Kahakalau, and Ms. Akaka stated that they also would like to be on the sub-committee.

Ms. Tschumy suggested that a representative from the CSAO also be included on the sub-committee.

Motion to create a Sub-Committee on Assurances (Ms. Akaka, Ms. Buchanan, Ms. Kahakalau, Ms. Matsumoto, and a representative of the CSAO) to DRAFT the assurances which will apply to all start-up charter schools made by Ms. Kahakalau, seconded by Ms. Buchanan. Seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays or abstentions.

IX. Panel Concerns

Ms. Akaka inquired about her reimbursement.

Ms. Satogata responded that the reimbursement had been processed and apologized, as the reimbursement was mailed to Ms. Akaka's Molokai address.

X. Discussion/Action on Future Agenda Items

Ms. Akaka stated that she would like the issue of drug testing addressed.

Ms. Buchanan suggested a Strategic Planning workshop with Greg Richmond of the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA). She stated that Mr. Richmond is willing to conduct the workshop and is awaiting an invitation. She requested that this item be placed on the January, 2008 agenda.

Mr. Parker suggested that after the naming of the new members, there should be a full day Executive Session with the Attorney General to review the law and discuss drug testing for the charter schools.

Mr. Parker noted that the following items should be included on the November 26, 2007 agenda:

- 1) Preparation for the 2008 Legislative Session
- 2) Establishing future meeting dates
- 3) Bylaws

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ms. Tschumy, seconded by Mr. Sasaki.  
Seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays or abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.