MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
STATE BOARD FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

October 15, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Howard Karr called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2009, at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Stan Sheriff Center Hospitality Room, 1337 Lower Campus Road, Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96822.

Quorum (14): Chair Howard H. Karr; Vice Chair Dennis I. Hirota, Ph.D.; Artemio C. Baxa; Carl A. Carlson; Michael A. Dahilig; Ramón S. de la Peña, Ph.D.; Chuck Y. Gee; James J.C. Haynes II; John C. Holzman; James H.Q. Lee; Eric K. Martinson; Teena M. Rasmussen; Harvey S. Tajiri; and Grant T.S. Teichman.


Others in attendance: President M.R.C. Greenwood, Ph.D.; Vice President for Academic Planning & Policy Linda Johnsrud, Ph.D.; Vice President for Budget & Finance/Chief Financial Officer Howard Todo; Vice President for Community Colleges John Morton, Ph.D.; Vice President for Legal Affairs and University General Counsel Darolyn Lendio, Esq.; Vice President for Information Technology Services/Chief Information Officer David Lassner, Ph.D.; Associate Vice President for Capital Improvements Brian Minaai; Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Karen Lee; Associate Vice President for External Affairs/University Relations Carolyn Tanaka; Interim Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board Presley Pang, Esq.; and others as noted.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Regent de la Peña and second by Regent Gee, the minutes of the meeting of May 29, 2009, were unanimously approved.

III. ORIENTATION TO STATE BOARD FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES

Interim State Board Director Angela Meixell provided a brief orientation of the State Board for the benefit of the seven new Regents and President Greenwood.

The Carl Perkins Grant is the responsibility of the University of Hawai‘i and all Regents serve as members of the State Board for Career and Technical Education (SBCTE). The director of the SBCTE reports directly to the President of the University. The SBCTE has nine staff members.

Vocational education started as an option for non-degree seeking students. Beginning in the 1960s, it transitioned to programs for non-traditional students seeking special programs and special needs, but remained focused on entry-level vocational education training.
In the 1980s, it focused more on adult learners, handicapped, single parents, and those in prison.

In the 1990s, it shifted to training people for work, and the community colleges became a focus to receive Perkins money.

The 2006 Carl Perkins Act created major changes. The new law stresses accountability, and is data-driven. There is increased coordination between high schools and colleges; links to business and industry; emphasis on academics, and high skills, to enable students to obtain one to two years of college for high wage careers. Dr. Meixell said that the new law no longer allows for remedial education that was the focus of vocational education forty years ago.

Regents Dahilig, Gee, and de la Peña are members of the 11-member SBCTE Advisory Council. Also on the Council are President Greenwood, 3 members of the Workforce Development Council, 3 members of the Board of Education, and DOE Superintendent Pat Hamamoto.

Hawaii receives just under $6 million per year in Title I funds and $411 thousand in Title II funds. Most of the funds are evenly divided between the Department of Education and the UH Community Colleges. A small amount goes to the Department of Public Safety for training in the prisons, but most of it is contracted back to the Community Colleges. About $500,000 is received from state funds to support administrative staff.

The State Board for Career and Technical Education is the liaison between the Department of Education and the Community Colleges.

Dr. Meixell said that Hawaii is required to maintain the same level of state funding for career and technical education in the Department of Education, in the Community Colleges, and in the State Board office from the year before. This is a federal requirement. If the funding level is lower than the previous year, a state loses its funds for career and technical education. With the coming collective bargaining contracts, program funding will be less than last year due to salary cuts. Dr. Meixell is working with Vice President Todo on this issue.

Regent Gee asked if the State Board analyzes the number of openings in the various occupations available each year. Dr. Meixell responded that the Department of Labor annually provides crosswalk data on career availability.

Chair Karr recommended that the pamphlet on pathways be provided to high school and especially middle school students since it provides important career planning information for students. Dr. Meixell reported that the pamphlet is being provided to high school and middle school students.

Regent Rasmussen asked if there will be any national dialogue on the requirement for states to maintain their funding levels, since the budget cuts are affecting all states. Dr. Meixell reported that she will be attending a state directors' summit in Baltimore next week, and "maintenance of effort" is one of the issues that will be discussed.
IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Acting Executive Administrator
and Secretary of the Board