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**MINUTES**

**STATE BOARD FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MEETING**

**August 20, 2020**

**Note:** On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern, subsequently declaring it a pandemic on March 11, 2020. On March 16, 2020, Governor David Y. Ige issued a supplementary proclamation that temporarily suspended Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to public meetings and records, “to the extent necessary to enable boards to conduct business in person or through remote technology without holding meetings open to the public.”

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ben Kudo called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2020. The meeting was conducted with regents participating from various locations.

Quorum (9): Chair Ben Kudo; Vice-Chair Randy Moore; Regent Simeon Acoba; Regent Kelli Acopan; Regent Eugene Bal; Regent Wayne Higaki; Regent Michelle Tagorda; Regent Robert Westerman; and Regent Ernest Wilson.

Excused (2): Vice-Chair Alapaki Nahale-a; Regent Jan Sullivan.

Others in attendance: President David Lassner; Vice President (VP) for Community Colleges Erika Lacro; VP for Legal Affairs/University General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; VP for Academic Planning and Policy Donald Straney; VP for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer Garret Yoshimi; UH-Hilo (UHH) Chancellor Bonnie Irwin; UH-West O’ahu (UHWO) Chancellor Maenette Benham; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents (Board Secretary) Kendra Oishi; and others as noted.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Regent Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2020, meeting, seconded by Vice-Chair Moore, and noting the excused absences of Vice-Chair Nahale-a and Regent Sullivan, the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Board Secretary Oishi announced that the Board Office received written testimony in opposition of the review and approval of the State Methods of Administration Civil Rights Monitoring Plan from Samantha Mapuana Rapoza and that no individuals signed up to provide oral testimony.

#### **IV. AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **A. Review and Approval of the 2020-2021 Local Applications for State Perkins V Funded Activities from the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges and the Hawai'i State Department of Education**

Bernadette Howard, State Director for Career and Technical Education (CTE), explained that the 2020-2021 Local Applications for State Perkins V Funded Activities from the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges (UHCC) and the Hawai'i State Department of Education (DOE) required formal approval by the board. She provided a brief overview of the planned use of Perkins V funds stating that, at the DOE level, funds would be used to strengthen curriculums and teaching modalities in educational pathways such as health, information technology, and sustainability. At the UHCC level, funds will be used to assist unemployed individuals with retraining and reentry into a post COVID-19 workforce. She noted that use of the funds addresses equity of access to education and high quality CTE programs which is especially relevant given today's economic conditions. Ms. Howard also declared that both applications were compliant with, and met all of the statutory requirements of, the Perkins V Act.

Regent Wilson moved to approve the 2020-2021 Local Applications for State Perkins V Funded Activities from UHCC and DOE, seconded by Regent Westerman, and noting the excused absences of Vice-Chair Nahale-a and Regent Sullivan, the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

##### **B. Review and Approval of the State Methods of Administration of Civil Rights Monitoring Plan**

Ms. Howard stated that since the 1970s, all states have been monitoring compliance with civil rights requirements at high schools and community colleges that teach CTE and receive Perkins Act funding, a process formally known as "methods of administration of civil rights monitoring", and have been submitting reports each year to the Office of Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education. In March 2020, the federal government required each state to submit a written State Methods of Administration of Civil Rights Monitoring Plan (Plan) specifying how civil rights compliance monitoring is being carried out. The federal directive also required broad stakeholder input on the Plan as well as an open comment period. She explained that the Plan requires board approval and declared that the Plan complies with all federal directives and requirements and was unanimously approved by the State CTE Council.

Vice-Chair Moore moved to approve the Plan, seconded by Regent Westerman, and noting the excused absences of Vice-Chair Nahale-a and Regent Sullivan, the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Regent Wilson moved to adjourn, seconded by Regent Westerman, and noting the excused absences of Vice-Chair Nahale-a and Regent Sullivan, and with all member present voting in the affirmative, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Kendra Oishi  
Executive Administrator and Secretary  
of the Board of Regents