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MINUTES

STATE BOARD FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MEETING

March 18, 2021

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 Benjamin Kudo called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2021. The meeting was conducted with regents participating from various locations.

Quorum (8): Chair Benjamin Kudo; Vice-Chair Randy Moore; Regent Simeon Acoba; Regent Kelli Acopan; Regent Wayne Higaki; Regent Michelle Tagorda; Regent Robert Westerman; and Regent Ernest Wilson.

Excused (3): Vice-Chair Alapaki Nahale-a; Regent Eugene Bal; Regent Jan Sullivan.

Others in attendance: President David Lassner; Vice President (VP) for Administration Jan Gouveia; VP for Community Colleges Erika Lacro; VP for Legal Affairs/University General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; VP for Research and Innovation Vassilis Syrmos; VP for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer Garret Yoshimi; VP for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer Kalbert Young; VP for Advancement/UH Foundation Chief Executive Officer Tim Dolan; UH-Mānoa Provost Michael Bruno; UH-Hilo Chancellor Bonnie Irwin; UH-West O’ahu 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

Vice-Chair Moore moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2020, meeting, seconded by Regent Westerman, and noting the excused absences of Vice-Chair Nahale-a, Regent Bal, 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 did not receive written testimony and that no individuals signed up to provide oral testimony.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Report on United States Department of Education (USDOE) State and Federal Updates

Bernadette Howard, State Director for Career and Technical Education (CTE), reported that USDOE is being headed by a new Secretary of Education, Dr. Miguel Cardona, who is a product of a high school CTE program. She stated that the federal allocation for CTE has been increased by \$356,000 for a total allotment of approximately \$6.5 million; the State Department of Education (DOE) has received specific authorization to use monies awarded through the various COVID-19 emergency relief measures to support CTE activities statewide; and the USDOE has accepted CTE's annual report on its progress in Hawai'i, noting that Hawai'i is in compliance with, and has met all of the statutory requirements of, the Perkins V Act.

On the State level, Ms. Howard provided an update on Hawai'i's Perkins V State Plan noting that the State is currently in the second year of a five-year plan. She stated that CTE was experiencing success in addressing system building objectives and improving equity of access, participation, and outcomes to all students across the state, and reviewed specific actions being taken by CTE, DOE, the community colleges, and other stakeholders to continue to improve and ensure access to high-quality career and technical education programs that meet size, scope, and quality criteria in both their design and delivery, and increases participation in those programs. It was noted that progress has been made in many of these areas and CTE is expecting to witness increased achievement of educational and workforce outcomes of program participants.

Vice-Chair Moore remarked that it was great to hear that the DOE is revamping its secondary CTE programs to reflect current economic realities and workforce need.

Regent Acoba congratulated Ms. Howard for her efforts and noted the progress made by, and increased activity of, the CTE program under her leadership. He also stated that money spent on educational programs within the correctional institutions is very worthwhile, even though it is a small fraction of the overall work performed by the CTE program.

B. Review and Approval of the Annual Report on the Progress of Career and Technical Education in Hawai'i for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year (Annual Report)

Ms. Howard explained that the Annual Report is a report on the management of federal CTE funds that is required to be submitted to the USDOE under the Perkins V Act, as well as to the Governor, under the Hawai'i Revised Statutes. She stated that, prior to submission to the Governor, the Annual Report requires formal approval by the board.

While several changes to the end-of-year reporting requirements were made under the Perkins V Act and are reflected in the Annual Report, Ms. Howard stated that the State has met all of its abbreviated reporting requirements and is in good standing with USDOE and that the Annual Report has been accepted by the federal government and received unanimous approval from the State CTE Advisory Council.

Regent Westerman asked whether changes in the reporting requirements affected actual CTE programs and if adjustments to these changes will be relatively simple to achieve going forward. Ms. Howard replied that the number of concentrators and secondary students contained in the data has increased dramatically because of changes made to several defined terms, including concentrator. However, these changes did not have any impact on the receipt or use of CTE resources.

Regents noted Ms. Howard's impending retirement, acknowledged her work and dedication to improving CTE programs in Hawai'i, and offered their thanks and appreciation for her service.

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

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Regent Westerman moved to adjourn, seconded by Vice-Chair Moore, and noting the excused absences of Vice-Chair Nahale-a, Regent Bal and Regent Sullivan, and with all member present voting in the affirmative, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kendra Oishi
Executive Administrator and Secretary
of the Board of Regents