

Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School  
Governing Board  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 12, 2024 4:00 PM  
Lokahi Room – Kanu o ka 'Āina

**Vision** - As a community based learning 'ohana, Kanu is steadfast in cultivating compassionate, empowered, highly competent learners of all ages, grounded in Native Hawaiian culture and language.

**Mission** - Kanu's mission is to kulia i ka nu'u, or strive for the highest. A philosophy of excellence guides Kanu as we collectively evaluate a quality, culturally driven, intergenerational Hawaiian model of education with Aloha.

**Call to Order / Determine Quorum Called to order with quorum at 4:02 pm**

Attendance: Kim. Keala, John, WD Keomailani, Steve, Randy, Ali Ann, Mike (zoom) Absent: Kanani, Manu, Naomi,  
Guests: Taf, Keomailani, Kanoa (Zoom), Nicole (Zoom)

**Assignments**

Time-Keeper - Steve  
Evaluator - Keala

**Pule and Welcome** – E Ho Mai led by Keomailani Case

**Public Testimony on agenda items** - none

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by John, seconded by Keala and passed unanimously to approve the agenda of 3/12/24 and the minutes of 2/13/24.

**Financial Report and Acceptance** –

*Reports Distributed:*

1. Year to Date Actual to Budget (January 2024)
2. Balance Sheet Summary (Jan 2024)
3. Cash Flow Statement (Dec 2023 – Jan 2024)
4. Kalo Store Fund (Jan 2024)
5. Revenue / Expense Report (Jan 2024)
6. Vanguard Dashboard (March 4, 2024)
7. Vanguard Holdings (March 4, 2024)

*Discussion:*

- AG says HGEA hazard pay is not relevant to charter schools.
- The Finance committee reviewed the finance report and recommends approval.

A motion was made by Steve, seconded by WD Keomailani and accepted unanimously to approve the financial report.

**Business Manager's Report** –

*Report Distributed:*

1. APC MOU Mana'o

*Discussion:*

- Taf will send a legislature report to the Board members.
- The gym roof repair is complete.
- Finance committee to review a facilities audit (to include all insurance for the facility).

**Leadership Team Reports** –

*Reports Distributed:*

1. Po'okumu Report (Malaki 2024)
2. Hunehune Kalo – March 2024

Aloha kekahi i kekahi – Kōkua aku kōkua mai – Mahalo i ka mea loa'a – Mālama i kou kuleana

- KOP team attended the Pacific Rim Conference (PD)
- 97% of kauhale staff have recommitted for next school year
- 152 participants attended the open house for new applicants on 4/11/24
- Board members are always welcome to attend all school activities
- Ka ‘Ohā retreat this week on O‘ahu
- Kū i ka Lono – conference for Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools is being held at Kawaihona Charter this year.

*Discussion:*

- Significant growth in the iReady scores
- IReady is required for grades 2-12 in Ka ‘Ohā.
- The new applicant list for Kauhale is 130 and the new applicant list for Ka ‘Ohā is 95.
- Kauhale has the largest number of applicants for grades 6 and 9 and kindergarten (46).
- The lottery process was discussed. This will take place during the Spring break.

**Committees**

Academic Committee – no meeting  
 Finance Committee – 3/7/24  
 Governance Committee – 3/6/24  
 Restructure Committee (Ad Hoc Committees)

The Governance Committee met on 3/7/24 and recommends the following:

1. Regarding the School Action Plan (SY 2023-2029) goal #1 - Strategic Planning and goal #5 - School structure:  
 As the Governing Board presently has two committees working on the leadership structure of the school, the committee recommends that we continue to proceed with this plan. The strategic planning will follow once the new leadership structure is in place.
2. Request for virtual access to monthly GB meetings  
 The Governing Board is currently holding in person meetings which are open to the public. The date, time and place of the meetings as well as the agenda and minutes are posted on the Kanu website. At the present time, Kanu is experiencing technology restraints that limit virtual access to the meetings. The committee recommends that we continue to hold in-person meetings that are open to the public and that we take this request under advisement as we work to improve our technology capabilities.
3. Proposed MOU (presented by Maya Chong and Kamaka Meringolo)  
 The committee recommends that the proposal be referred to the Po‘o and the new leadership structure.
4. Proposal to increase the Ka ‘Ohā enrollment  
 The committee recommends that we do not increase the Ka ‘Ohā enrollment at this time

*Discussion:*

- What are the reasons for not increasing the enrollment for Ka ‘Ohā?
- The majority of the students to be added would be in kindergarten.
- Some of the reasons that the enrollment was capped in Ka ‘Ohā and Kauhale were because there were not enough students testing in Ka ‘Ohā, questions about the degree of consistency regarding a KANU education, and the issue of 2 separate schools.
- It has been suggested that we talk about the structure and deal with this issue at that time. We should maintain the numbers that we have for now.

**Old Business** - none

**New Business** - none

**Standing Executive Session** –

A motion was made by Steve, seconded by Mike and approved unanimously to enter executive session in order to discuss personnel issues.

**Recap of Motions:**

A motion was made by John, seconded by Keala and passed unanimously to approve the agenda of 3/12/24 and the minutes of 2/13/24.

Aloha kekahi i kekahi – Kōkua aku kōkua mai – Mahalo i ka mea loa‘a – Mālama i kou kuleana

A motion was made by Steve, seconded by WD Keōmailani and approved unanimously to accept the financial report.

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**Submitted by:**

W D Keōmailani Case  
Secretary -Kanu o ka 'Āina Governing Board

**Next Meeting Date:** April 9, 2024 - 4PM