



STATE OF HAWAII
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RECOGNIZING THOMAS E.M. HUTTON FOR HIS SERVICE

WHEREAS, in 2012, Act 130 recodified the charter school law as Chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”), and overhauled the charter school governance structure by, among other things, establishing the State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) and repealing the Charter School Review Panel and the Charter School Administrative Office (“CSAO”); and

WHEREAS, Chapter 302D, HRS, tasks the Commission with responsibilities of oversight over charter schools and a mission to authorize high-quality charter schools throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, following the enactment of Act 130, the charter school system was in a state of significant transition; and

WHEREAS, in early 2013, the Commission appointed Thomas E.M. Hutton as the first Executive Director of the Commission tasked with guiding the Commission and the charter schools through the transition period; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Hutton’s leadership, the Commission faced several challenges, including but not limited to, the development and implementation of a new governance and accountability system, the sunseting of the CSAO, and the first closure of a charter school; and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s accomplishments under Mr. Hutton’s leadership include, but are not limited to, the establishment of the organizational structure and hiring of the first staff of the Commission, execution of the first performance contracts with charter schools, development of the first charter school performance framework, development of the Commission’s first application process for new charter schools, development of the first charter contract renewal criteria, and a successful federal grant application to establish prekindergarten classrooms in several charter schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hutton resigned from his post as of March 11, 2016, as the longest serving Executive Director of any charter school state office; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, by the State of Hawaii Board of Education, that this Board honors Thomas E.M. Hutton for his service as the Executive Director of the State Public Charter School Commission.

This resolution was proposed and approved by the Board at its April 5, 2016 General Business Meeting.

Lance A. Mizumoto, Chairperson