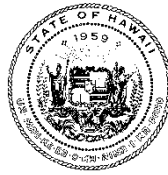


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FROM: Kili Namau'u, Chairperson  
2021 Commission Nominations Investigative Committee

AGENDA ITEM: Update on Investigative Committee (a permitted interaction group pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 92-2.5(b)(1)) concerning nomination of individuals to serve as members of State Public Charter School Commission: reopening of application window

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## I. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") Section 302D-3(c),<sup>1</sup> entitled "[s]tate public charter school commission establishment; appointment," the Board of Education ("Board") appoints the members of the State Public Charter School Commission ("Commission"). At its April 15, 2021 general business meeting, the Board established an investigative committee ("Committee") tasked with nominating individuals to serve as members on the Commission for the Board to consider for appointment in accordance with the process for appointing members to the Commission, which the Board adopted on March 7, 2019.<sup>2</sup> The Board appointed me and Board Members Kaimana Barcarse and Lynn Fallin as members of the Committee, with myself serving as chair of the Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 302D-3(c), HRS, provides:

"The commission shall consist of nine members to be appointed by the board. The board shall appoint members who will be tasked with authorizing public charter schools that serve the unique and diverse needs of public school students. The chair of the commission shall be designated by the members of the commission for each school year beginning July 1, and whenever there is a vacancy. The board shall consider the combination of abilities, breadth of experiences, and characteristics of the commission, including but not limited to reflecting the diversity of the student population, geographical representation, and a broad representation of education-related stakeholders. The commission shall be exempt from sections 26-34 and 26- 36."

<sup>2</sup> The full process is available here:

<http://boe.hawaii.gov/Documents/Appointment%20Process%20for%20Commissioners%20%28approved%202019-03-07%29.pdf>

## **II. UPDATE**

The Committee was originally supposed to report its findings and recommendations at today's meeting. However, the Committee decided to reopen the application window when it received only two applications by the original application deadline of April 29, 2021 for three anticipated vacancies.

The new deadline is 12:00 p.m. on June 4, 2021. The Committee will present its findings and recommendations to the Board on June 17, 2021. The Board will take action on the Committee's recommendations on July 15, 2021. We recognize that this delay will result in a short period between July 1 and July 15, 2021 in which the Commission will have only six of nine members, but we have notified the Commission and its staff and asked them to plan accordingly. We hope that the longer application window and additional outreach will result in more applications from quality candidates.