

General Business Meeting

Name

David Sun-Miyashiro

Organization

HawaiiKidsCAN

Position/Title

Executive Director

Agenda Item

V. Investigative committee (a permitted interaction group pursuant to paragraph 92-2.5(b)(1), Hawaii Revised Statutes) investigation relating to nomination of individuals to serve as members of the State Public Charter School Commission: Findings and recommendations on nominations

Position

Support

Written Testimony

Write Testimony

Aloha Board Members,

I submit this testimony as an individual in strong support of Dr. Ryan Mandado's nomination to serve on the State Public Charter School Commission. I've known Ryan for many years, and I've seen his tenacity and resilience first-hand during his time in education. He has a unique and diverse perspective on public education that is more important than ever when it comes to looking at the big picture of our system and thinking strategically across our local schools. In particular, his experience being part of the founding team at DreamHouse 'Ewa Beach Public Charter School ensures that he has knowledge and lived experience when it comes to the unique opportunities and challenges with new schools. Given that the local charter school movement continues to expand, he will bring an empathy and understanding to the Commission that will be invaluable when considering new school applications.

Overall, Ryan is well-poised to continue having a positive impact in our local education system.

Mahalo for your consideration,

David Sun-Miyashiro

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Name

Shaylan Arneho

Organization

DreamHouse Ewa Beach Public Charter School

Position/Title

Governing Board Chair

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May 13, 2026

Hello Members of the Board of Education,

I am submitting written testimony against Ryan Mandado's appointment to the State Public Charter School Commission. I currently serve as the Governing Board Chair for DreamHouse Ewa Beach Public Charter School. I have been a part of the DHEB PCS since 2017 when Alex had first approached me to join in the movement of getting this school off the ground. I have seen the challenges that this organization has faced from its first application till now. I do not have confidence that Ryan is a good fit to serve on the Charter Commission.

I became Chairwoman in July 2024, Ryan was appointed as Chief Education Officer at this time and was serving his tenure. In May 2025, the board unanimously voted to relieve Ryan of his CEO duties because there was sufficient evidence proving that he did not possess the capabilities to lead the school in the direction needed to achieve the outcomes in our charter.

His lack of fiduciary oversight and strategic planning had sent the board and current staff members into overdrive to course correct several inaccuracies in the budget and management of our organizational structure. This lack of oversight is one of the main reasons why I think it would be extremely irresponsible for the Board of Education to approve his candidacy.

Please take this testimony with careful consideration because it has been a very hectic year for the board to support staff members during this change of leadership. There were systems that formerly did not exist and needed implementation, new staff shifted into place so that shaky systems that already existed could stabilize or reintegrate to fit the needs of the staff but most importantly the students. If the original mission and vision could not be carried during his tenure as Chief Academic Officer and again as CEO, how can we be assured that he would be a sound choice as a Commissioner?

I do not support Ryan Mandado's nomination for the Charter Commission. Please accept this testimony and consider this with weight as you vote tomorrow.

Thank you,

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Shaylan H. Arneho
Governing Board Chair
DreamHouse Ewa Beach PCS

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Name

Michael Stubbs

Organization

Kihei Charter School

Position/Title

Head of School

Agenda Item

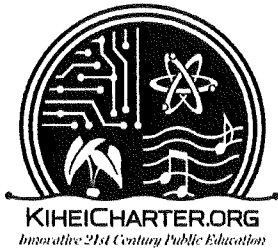
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May 13, 2026

RE: Recommendation for Ryan Mandado to the State Public Charter School Commission

Aloha Members of the Hawaii State Board of Education,

I am writing to you today to offer my support for Ryan Mandado's candidacy for the State Public Charter School Commission. It is exciting to see a candidate come forward with such a comprehensive background in Hawaii's educational landscape.

Ryan brings a unique dual perspective that is incredibly hard to find. On the charter side, he served as the Chief Educational Officer of DreamHouse 'Ewa Beach, where he managed a multi-million-dollar budget and navigated complex construction projects. On the DOE side, he proved his leadership as the Special Education Department Head at James Campbell High School. This working knowledge of both systems is exactly what the Commission needs.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know Ryan over the years while attending various local and national charter school meetings and events. Even though we haven't worked together at the same school, my interactions with him have left me impressed. He is smart, articulate, and cares deeply about our students. When you pair that personal character with his Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from UH Mānoa, it's clear he is more than capable of excelling in this role.

I truly believe that he is a phenomenal candidate for the position. Ryan is an exceptionally qualified individual, and I urge you to support his appointment to the Commission.

Sincerely,



Michael Stubbs
Head of School

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Name

Richard Seder

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Dear Members of the Board of Education,

I submit to you for your consideration my opposition to appointing Ryan Mandado to the State Public Charter School Commission. I was a member of the DreamHouse Ewa Beach Public Charter School governing board from October 2024 to January 2026 and served as vice chair beginning May 2025. Ryan Mandado was chief education officer of DreamHouse Ewa Beach throughout the entirety of my service on the governing board. My opposition to his appointment is based entirely on his performance as the governing board's sole employee and his impact on the school.

The governing board unanimously agreed in May 2025 to not renew Ryan Mandado's contract as chief education officer of the school. Given our monitoring, oversight, and accountability responsibilities, we had more than sufficient evidence that Ryan Mandado did not possess the operational, administrative, financial, educational, or strategic competencies or the clear ethical compass to lead the school to achieve the ambitious outcomes set forth in our charter. Ryan Mandado has had no affiliation with DreamHouse Ewa Beach Public Charter School since June 30, 2025.

To provide just a small glimpse into his decision making, Ryan Mandado self-approved travel to a national conference using school funds that included days in which he would no longer be an employee in July 2025. As another piece of evidence, Ryan Mandado approved the expenses charged to the school's debit card in the last week of his tenure at DreamHouse Ewa Beach for "professional development"-related travel to Bali, Indonesia in July 2025 for two individuals. Beyond the shock of professional development in Bali, Indonesia, Ryan Mandado authorized the travel expenses for one of the individuals who was no longer going to be a DreamHouse Ewa Beach employee at the time of travel. In both of these cases, the DreamHouse Ewa Beach governing board found out after the fact and, upon learning of these travel authorizations, referred the matters to the Office of the Attorney General to ensure that any potential misdoings would be appropriately handled. In the end, the governing board successfully required repayment of these trip expenses to the school.

The school's current executive leadership team, teachers, and staff have put in extraordinary efforts over the last year since his departure to correct errors, remediate processes, and otherwise create new systems to help the school to more fully deliver the promises made to students and their families/guardians, the Ewa Beach community, and the State of Hawai'i. The school's enrollment and financial position are healthy as a result of their efforts. Human resource systems have been remedied ensuring all of our employees are appropriately compensated. The school's student information system has been strengthened to ensure students have earned the necessary credits for graduation. The school's financial management systems have dramatically improved so that payments are quickly reconciled to their appropriate revenue sources. And, work continues so that the school can more consistently deliver high-quality educational outcomes for all students. While much work remains to be done, I am confident that the school has turned the corner and successfully changed its trajectory to achieve more, bigger, and better things.

I apologize for my late submission of this testimony as I was only made aware this week of his nomination and the intent of the Board of Education to vote on this appointment. I would have communicated all of my concerns earlier to the Board of Education's permitted interaction group regarding Ryan Mandado's possible appointment had I been contacted as part of the vetting process.

Thank you for your consideration of this late testimony. I remain available to speak to Ryan Mandado's candidacy to serve the state in this capacity.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Seder, Ph.D.