

**Ka ‘Umeke Kā‘eo
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2024**

1. Meeting Opening

1.1 Call To Order: The Governing Board meeting for Ka ‘Umeke Kā‘eo Public Charter School was called to order at 5:13 P.M. on October 15, 2024, at 1500 Kalanianaʻole St.

1.2 Attendance: Board Members: Laura Acasio, Puakailima Naipo, Nohea Nahale-a Po‘okumu (non-voting member), Kelly Osorio, Ka‘aka Swain, Ku‘uipo Kahele, Stephanie Olson-Moore, Leimomi Wai‘oli, **Support Staff:** Louisa Lee, Nena Auld.

1.3 Approval of Agenda:

Approved with amendments (*S.Swain Moved, L. Acasio Second*).

1.4 Public Comments on Agenda and Non Agenda Items

1.5 Haumāna Report: [Student Government/Student Rep](#)

1.6 Minutes:

- a. Approve June 25, 2024 [minutes](#) (*K. Kahele Moved, S. Swain Second*) **Approved**
- b. August 27, 2024 meeting, No Quorum

1.7 Financial: The following financial statements were reviewed and filed

- a. July 2024
- b. August 2024

2. Matters For Decision

2.1 Approve Stakeholder Communication about Temporary Ka ‘Umeke School site in Keaukaha. Tabled (*L. Naipo Moved, K. Swain Second*) .

2.2 Motion to Approve Budget for ‘Aiaola Initiative. Approved. (*L. Acasio Moved, K. Kahele Second*).

Our high school culinary class will be offering free breakfast and lunch once per month for any interested haumāna. Cost \$4 day \$11,000/yr. We have been getting donations which helps with

overall cost. We would like to continue this program. Request to approve \$12,000

2.3 Motion to approve changes to huaka'i policy. Tabled *(L. Naipo Moved, K. Swain Second)*

We would like to have collaborative decisions on changes to the huaka'i policy and need time to confer with stakeholders. We want the policy to reflect the different categories of huaka'i and also allow for experiences and opportunities that may come up unexpectedly. Language to consider: Huaka'i approval when unable to follow normal procedures will be at Po'okumu's discretion to approve as an exception.

2.4 Motion to approve changes to chaperone packet. Tabled *(L. Naipo Moved, K. Swain Second)*

We would like to create a more comprehensive chaperone packet. This would be important especially for overnight and off-island huaka'i. We would require a signed liability form as well as fingerprinting and a driving abstract for potential private vehicle drivers. Noting that the Private vehicle use needs revision as well. All off-island huaka'i will require a meeting with 'ohana to go over expectations. We will utilize student behavior chapter 19 as the disciplinary plan during overnight or off-island huaka'i. There is the option to increase the time frame of huaka'i requests to 21 days to schedule Huaka'i instead of the current 15 days. Admin is also requesting that any time KUK student/s are attending an event with a KUK kumu this would be considered a KUK school event, this includes events that occur outside of the school day. We still need time to identify needed changes and confer with stakeholders.

2.5 Motion to approve changes to Enrollment Policy. Tabled *(L. Naipo Moved, K. Swain Second)*

We are currently receiving enrollment request two years in advance. Due to the waitlist and high interest we are receiving, we would like to make changes to our enrollment policy. Admin would like to get feedback from our policy committee on the following changes: Absences (specific to preK), timeline for kindergarten enrollment, recommend papa two for student transfers with no 'olelo Hawai'i (exceptions with assessment).

2.6 Approve Return to Learn Policy. Approved *(K. Kahele Moved, L. Acasio Second)*

For returning to school after COVID or other illness. Current DHS guidelines are in case of Covid, when you are fever free for 24 hours with no medicine and reduced symptoms you may return to your regular schedule with additional precautions to be determined by each kula. Admin would like to add that upon return to school we strongly suggest/recommend that you wear a mask for 5 days after.

2.7 Approve Indicator 3 Optional Comparison Measure for Charter Contract. Approved *(P. Naipo Moved, L. Acasio Second)*

 Indicator 3-Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo Public Charter School.docx.pdf

We can choose to have our test scores compared to :our Hilo/Waiakea complex area, Charter

schools as a whole, Charter schools taking KAEO (only Immersion). We would like to be compared to all schools taking KAEO, not just Kawaikini, Kamakau, and Nāwahi. The score is mostly used for contract renewal. Admin to respond with KAEO as additional indicator.

2.8 Approve Audit Draft. APPROVED. No major recommendations.

2.9 Approve HH to Lease Warehouse. APPROVED. (*K. Swain Moved, L. Naipo Second*)
HH could lease warehouse similar to how we currently sublease Malia Puka O Kalani.

3. Matters for Discussion

3.1 Review Hawai'i Keiki Agreement ■ Hawai'i Keiki MOU, etc

The commission has signed on behalf of all of the schools and is asking for schools to review and acknowledged the school responsibilities. Why is the commission signing on behalf of all schools? The MOU should not be with commission, commission is saying that it would be too hard to do it individually. They are the fiscal passthrough. Admin has concerns about this as we would like our AG to review also to better understand the authority to sign on behalf of schools.

3.1 Review Student Travel in Private Vehicle Policy: Discussed as part of the Huaka'i policy.

3.2 Review Communication from AG regarding Rohr v. Hui, et al (executive session)
In at 7:06pm out at 7:16pm

4. Reports

4.1 Po'okumu/Academic

We will be participating in 'Ola ka 'I for Mahina 'ōlelo Hawai'i in Feb, we will also be participating in the Ku'i Ka Lono conference. We have 6 of 13 seniors on track to graduating with AA in Hawaiian Studies. We heard from a former student's mom that her keiki was able to take a year off college due to credited course worked earned while at Ka 'Umeke.

We are working on math data and strategies for schoolwide improvement. Halawai 'ohana will be on November 4th. We have finished most of fall testing, just kindergarten still processing.

4.2 Operational/Financial

Succession planning is going forward with different Po'okumu. Our goal is to come out with a plan, we have 9 Hawaiian focus charter schools participating. Our lot next door to Pa Hoaka: (future site of our Kula), we can expect that costs will be around \$500,000 for permitting, rubbing, clearing, and topography. More conceptualization needed. Our hope is that HH will take on this project for the community and Ka 'Umeke would benefit from that work.

5. Meeting Closing

5.1 Announcements: None

5.2 Next Meeting: scheduled for December 17, 2024

5.3 Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:28P.M. by Board Support Louisa Lee.

Minutes submitted by: Board Support, Louisa A. Lee