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**SECTOR STRATEGIES AND CAREER  
PATHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, October 6, 2022**

**1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

**Online via Zoom**

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, protecting the health and welfare of the community is a priority. The meeting was held remotely, with Board members and staff participating via an online meeting venue.*

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDEES:**

Cary Miyashiro, Committee Chair, Quad D Solutions  
April Aquavella, Committee Vice-Chair, Hawaii Carpenter's Apprenticeship & Training Fund  
Erika Lacro, Vice President for Community Colleges  
Troy Sueoka, HIDOE, Educational Specialist, CTE  
Dina Yoshimi, UH Manoa, Director, Hawaii Language Roadmap Initiative  
Gail Izumigawa, HIDOE, Academic Director, Waipahu High School  
Warren Kawano, Hawaii P-20, Director, Career Pathway Strategy  
Jackie Kaina, Executive Director, Kauai County Economic Development Board  
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Chase Nomura, Executive Director, Maui County Workforce Development Board  
Rona Fukumoto, President & CEO, Lanakila Pacific  
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Shelli Ihori, Hawaii Pacific Health, Associate Director, Workforce Development  
Courtney Suma, HIDOE, Kapolei High School  
Stacie Higgins, Hawaii P-20, Alignment Specialist  
Keri Shimomoto, State Teacher Induction Educational Specialist, HIDOE  
Collette Miyamoto-Kajiwara, HIDOE, HI Core/Store Front

Charlene Oyasato, DHS BESSD, Eligibility Program Specialist V  
Sheldon Oshio, HIDEOE, Principal, Waikele Elementary School  
Richard Fajardo, HIDEOE, Principal, Kapolei Middle School  
Mark Menard, City & County of Honolulu, Business Services Coordinator  
Nalani Kealaiki, Kamehameha Schools, Community Strategist  
Lala Fernandez, Boys and Girls Club Hawaii

**STAFF:**

Jarret Yip, DLIR Workforce Development Division, Program Officer  
Katrina Ramos, DLIR Workforce Development Division  
Daven Kawamura, DLIR Workforce Development Division

- I. Call to Order.....Committee Chair Cary Miyashiro**  
The Sector Strategies & Career Pathways Committee meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Committee Chair Cary Miyashiro.
  
- II. Approval of Minutes for the September 1, 2022, Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Committee Meeting**  
Committee Chair Miyashiro deferred the approval of the September 1, 2022, meeting minutes to the next meeting.
  
- III. Academies in the Elementary Schools**  
Sheldon Oshio, Principal of Waikele Elementary School, presented on the advantages of academies in the Elementary Schools. The presentation can be found at the link below:  
<https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2022/10/Waikele-Elementary-Academy-Design-Presentation-to-WDC-10.6.22.pdf>
  
- IV. Middle School Exploratory Wheel**  
Richard Fajardo, Principal of Kapolei Middle School, explained the Middle School Exploratory Wheel which is a career pathway focused design for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The presentation can be found at the link below:  
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/197BcohICWDPqOjxDMnoaogpKivdqSI1yI0D0smHru4g/edit#slide=id.g13cc873cc1e\\_0\\_67](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/197BcohICWDPqOjxDMnoaogpKivdqSI1yI0D0smHru4g/edit#slide=id.g13cc873cc1e_0_67)  
  
Courtney Suma mentioned the K-12 continuum and how work is being done to smooth the transition between middle and high school as well as elementary to middle.
  
- V. Wall to Wall Academies in High School transition and beyond**  
Gail Izumigawa, Academic Director at Waipahu High School, talked about wall-to-wall academies in High School, which is designed to prepare students for college and careers with college prep sequential curriculum with career themes. The presentation can be found at the link below:  
<https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2022/10/Wall-Wall-Academies.pptx>

Chair Miyashiro asked Warren Kawano if there is a way to track the outcomes of students, Warren mentioned if a student enters a UH campus they can be tracked to workforce. Occupation data is not collected but pay level and employer category can be collected. If a DOE graduate doesn't go to a UH system school and goes straight into the workforce there is no way of tracking them.

Nalani Kealaiki asked if there is any kind of internal survey or something along those lines to gauge needs and get information from graduates. Gail mentioned that they have exit surveys to get some information about what the students think they need more of and what helped and supported them the most.

Chair Miyashiro asked Troy Sueoka to discuss career pathways. Troy mentioned that 13 new pathways are being rolled out to the high schools and will be rolling to the middle schools as well. Troy also mentioned that the transitions between elementary to high school is good.

#### **VI. Pathway Alignment**

Stacie Higgins, Alignment Specialist at Hawaii P-20, spoke about Pathway Alignment. The presentation can be found at the link below:  
<https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2022/10/Pathway-Alignment.pptx>

#### **VII. Next Meetings**

The Sector Strategies Committee will be meeting monthly and will be held on the first Thursday of the month through December 2022 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. The dates of the next meetings are November 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **VIII. Workforce Development Division Updates**

Jarret Yip shared some updates from the Workforce Development Division.

- During the last legislative session, additional state general funds were allocated and will be used for the internships and apprenticeships. A full-time staff member will be hired using the funds, although the bulk of the funds will be going to the stipends for the pay of the interns.
- Jarret also mentioned the digital literacy grant, which is being used to fund in-person and virtual digital literacy courses. Another grant that was awarded, the Quest grant, will be used for internship to expand outreach for AJCs, digital literacy training courses.
- Mark Menard mentioned that there will be job fairs/hiring events every 5-6 weeks. The upcoming event is on October 11, 2022 at the Dole Cannery facility. Mark also mentioned the job fair on the 26<sup>th</sup> at Ke'ehi Lagoon.

#### **IX. Announcements and Public Testimonies**

There were no announcements or public testimonies.

#### **X. Adjournment**

Committee Chair Miyashiro adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.