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**HAWAII WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Ken Loui, WDC Chair, Vice President, Pacific Marine  
Jason Brand, President, Brand Industrial Group  
Rona Fukumoto, President & CEO, Lanakila Pacific  
Keith DeMello, Senior Vice President of Communications & External Affairs, Ulupono Initiative,  
Chair, Special Projects Committee  
Trang Malone, Workforce Initiatives Manager, CVS Health, Chair, Military and Veterans Affairs  
Committee  
Kelly Ueoka, President, Pacxa, Chair, Performance Measures & Financial Accountability  
Committee  
Rossella Guardascione, Chair, Hawaii County Workforce Development Board, Director of  
Human Resources, Kona Beach Hotel  
Carla Kurokawa, Manager, Employment and Training, Alu Like, Inc.  
Lorna Woo, Director, Government Affairs, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades,  
District Council 50  
Lea Dias, Administrator, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Human Services  
Winston Sakurai, Designee for Keith Hayashi, Superintendent, Department of Education

**GUESTS:**

Sheri Cacho, Executive Director, Big Island Workforce Development Board  
Dan Miyamoto, Community Education Specialist, Department of Education  
Daven Kawamura, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Specialist

Workforce Development Council By-Laws Section 5.7.

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Oahu Workforce Development Board, City and County of Honolulu  
Alice Minor, Intern, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism

**STAFF:**

Bennette Misalucha, DLIR, Workforce Development Council, Executive Director

Lisa Simmons, DLIR, Workforce Development Division, Program Specialist

Jacqueline Lodge, DLIR, Workforce Development Council

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Chair Ken Loui. Roll call was taken. 10 board members were present. (Kelly Ueoka joined later and was not included or counted in the initial roll call.) Chair Loui reminded the council members to report their attendance at the next board meeting.

**II. Presentation of First Draft of the State Unified Plan**

Bennette Misalucha shared a presentation. The presentation can be viewed at this link: <https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2024/02/PRESENTATION-WORKFORCE-DEVELOPMENT-STATE-UNIFIED-PLAN-FOR-PUBLIC-MEETINGS-JAN-FEB-2024.pdf>

Bennette Misalucha and Chair Loui thanked the core partners for their collaboration.

**III. Announcements and Public Testimony (if any)**

**IV. Next Meeting**

The next quarterly board meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2024.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m. by Chair Loui.

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