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**HAWAII WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
SECTOR STRATEGIES & CAREER PATHWAYS MEETING**

MINUTES

Date: April 13, 2026
Time: 1:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: Princess Ruth Ke'elikolani Building
830 Punchbowl Street, Room 310
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Meeting (Link below)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87134011975?pwd=V1iwGGQcmHyDkEVonNppZJbM0x9XbXm.1>
Meeting ID: 871 3401 1975
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Agenda: The agenda was posted to the State electronic calendars as required by §92-7(b), Hawai'i Revised Statutes ("HRS")

Board Meeting Materials: Meeting materials are available for review at <https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/meeting-docs/>

Attendance:

Cary Miyashiro, Committee Chair
Jadyne Yomono-Manago
Warren Kawano, Presenter, Hawaii P-20 Partners for Education
Linda Weiland
Randy Higa
Karen Hanada, Presenter, Maui Food Innovation Center

WDC Staff:

Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director
Jeanne Ohta
Tyrone Apolinar
Margaret Miura

- I. [Video 00:00:15] Meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM by Cary Miyashiro, Committee Chair.
- II. [Video 00:03:20] Minutes were approved as posted.
- III. Presentations
 - A. [Video: 00:03:44] Maui Food Innovation Center (MFIC) – Karen Hanada, Director, Extended Learning & Workforce Development, UH-Maui College
 - The Maui Food Innovation Center is a node or part of a larger vision for a statewide food and product innovation network.
 - The MFIC facility is a value-added food product entrepreneurship offering training in the following specialized services:
 - Cold Process
 - Dry Process
 - Wet Process
 - Packaging
 - MFIC contributes to economic diversification
 - Small business start-ups generated \$1 million per year of business revenue over the last two years
 - Global scaling
 - Disaster recovery and training
 - B. [Video: 00:37:04] Hawaii P20 Partnership for Education – Warren Kawano, Director, Career Pathway Strategies
 - Hawaii P20 Partnership for Education falls under the UH VP of Academic Strategy and covers a wide range of responsibilities from early childhood, K-12 academic readiness, post-secondary access, career pathways, and education to workforce
 - Gear Up Hawaii (annual grant from the US DOE)
 - Early awareness and readiness for undergraduate programs
 - Scholarships for College
 - Perkins V (and state CTE Plan)
 - [Hawai'i Career Pathways](#)
 - Career Counseling & Advising (UH & DOE Counselors)
 - Hawaii College & Career Navigators (Pilot Year 2): Enlist, Employ, Enroll
 - Career Pathway Development: Early college, work-based learning intermediaries, teaching as a profession (Educator Rising)
 - Education to Workforce Data ([Hawaii Data Exchange Partnership](#)) – longitudinal data from early childhood, K-12, post-secondary, and workforce; direct support to HIDOE and UG for state and federal reporting; [Annual Review of Program Data](#)
- IV. [Video 01:20:28] Executive Director's Report – Bennette Misalucha, WDC Executive Director
 - A. Update on the 2024-2028 State Unified Plan Implementation & Plan Modification
 - B. Focus for the second quarter
- V. Discussion on the mission, vision, roles, and responsibilities of the Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Committee was deferred to the next meeting
- VI. [Video 01:26:28] Next Meeting: Monday, May 11, 2026, at 1:00 pm via Zoom and Room 317

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

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