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**SECTOR STRATEGIES AND CAREER PATHWAYS  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, May 2, 2024  
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m  
In-person and Online via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBER ATTENDEES:**

Cary Miyashiro, Committee Chair, Quad D Solutions  
David Rodriguez, State's Equal Opportunity Officer, Director's Office, Dept of Labor & Industrial Relations.  
Cheryl Cross. Owner, C.A. Cross & Associates

**GUESTS:**

Alice Minor, Designee for Deputy Director, Dept of Business, Economic Development & Tourism  
Aphirak Bamrungruan, Executive Director, Office of Hawaiian Language  
April Acquavella, Consultant, JustWorks  
Courtney Suma, Academy Support, Kapolei High School  
Daven Kawamura, Oahu Workforce Development Board  
Danielle Himalaya, Campbell and Kapolei Officer, Department of Education  
Della Teraoka, Associate Vice President fro Academic Affairs, University of Hawaii Community College System  
Erin Yagi, Leeward Community College, Teacher Education Program  
Evan Nakatsuka, Director of Workforce Programs, Lanakila Pacific  
Faustino Dagdag, Leeward Community College  
Harrison Kuranishi, Executive Director, Oahu Workforce Development Board  
Jackie Kaina, Executive Director, Kauai Economic Development Board  
Nicole Anderson, Program Manager Office of Economic Revitalization, City and County of Honolulu  
Jarrett Yip, Hawaii P-20  
Julia Althoff, Program Specialist, Hawaii State Council Developmental Disabilities  
Keala Peters Executive Vice President, Hawaii Chamber of Commerce  
Lea Diaz, Administrator, State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Lorna Woo, Director of Government Affairs, International Union of Painters & Allied Trades-DC50  
Luana Mahi, Director, Maui Office of Economic Development  
Leslie Wilkins, Maui Office of Economic Development  
Michelle Tagorda-Kama, Academic Advisor, Office of Public Health Studies, UH Manoa

Molly Mamaril, Oahu Economic Development Board  
Neva Supe-Roque, Windward CC  
Pat Anbe, Waipahu Community School for Adults, DOE  
Rona Fukumoto, President, Lanakila Pacific  
Stacey Oshio, Principal, Olomana School  
Stacie Higgins, Hawaii P-20  
Troy Sueoka, Hawaii Dept of Education, Career and Technical Education  
Vanessa Rogers, Hawaii Chamber of Commerce  
Wanelle Kaneshiro, Director, HIDOE and Workforce Development Branch  
Warren Kawano, Hawaii P-20

## **STAFF**

Bennette Misalucha, DLIR, Workforce Development Division, Executive Director

### **I. Call to Order**

The Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Committee meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Committee Chair Cary Miyashiro

### **II. Committee Updates from February 1, 2024 – May 1, 2024**

Chair Miyamoto gave a recap of Project MFG Annual Hawaii Maritime Welding Competition and Career Discovery he attended on February 23, 2024, at the Pacific Shipyard International. 20 students from Waipahu High School, Hilo High School and Kapaa High School were invited to compete in a Maritime Welding Competition. Students raced against the clock to finish a challenge that tested on skills required for shipbuilding while competing in a working shipyard. Once completed, the projects were judged, and the top 3 scores were announced. This collaborative effort highlighted many career options such as welding, machining, logistics and career paths within the local community.

Chair Miyashiro also gave a recap of the 2024 State Career Technical State Organization (CTSO) Conference on January 29-31, 2024, held at the Convention Center. Approximately 1700 students representing 45 Hawaii schools competed. Various sectors included business marketing, retail merchandising, drone operations, robotics, health science, engineering, and emergency readiness. Community business partners were invited to judge competitions within their respective fields or industries to help ensure that the student CTE skills were in alignment with real-world industry standards.

### **III. Presentation: Olomana School, An Alternative Education School for 7-12 Grades**

Stacy Oshio, principal of Olamada School, provided an in-depth overview of the school's vision, mission, and the unique educational programs it offers across four separate campuses and the school's role in providing education to court-appointed and adjudicated youth, as well as its partnerships with Family Court and the Department of Health. Also, highlighted the school's focus on promoting positive values and strengthening academic success for its students.

Stacey Oshio details the extensive collaborative partnerships and programs that the school has with various organizations, including the Office of Youth Services, Department of Health, Windward Community College, and others. These partnerships offer students opportunities for dual credit programs, work training, art therapy, addiction support, internships, and field trips, contributing to a well-rounded educational experience.

**IV. Presentation: Lanakila Pacific**

Evan Nakatsuka presented an overview of the Lanakila Disability Services Program and the support it provides for job seekers with disabilities whose medical conditions create barriers to preparing, gaining, or maintaining employment. The program focuses on work readiness classes, training sessions and individualized coaching.

Training Sector Pathways include Agriculture & Natural Resources, Culinary & Food Service, Retail and Custodial & Facility Maintenance with an incline of Educational and Health Care/Senior Services positions.

**V. Presentation: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Dept of Human Services**

Lea Dias shared a presentation. The presentation can be viewed at this link:

**VI. Executive Directors Report**

Bennette Misalucha presented her updates from January 18, 2024 to April 18, 2024. The presentation can be viewed at this link:

<https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2024/05/WDC-Exec-Directors-Report-1.2024-4.2024.pptx>

**VII. Announcements and Public Testimony**

Keala Peters from the Chamber of Commerce gave an update on their sector partnerships initiatives:

- Students from 5 Title I DOE schools took a field trip to the University of Hawaii School of Nursing,
- Job seekers from the American Job Centers, US Vets & UH Community Colleges attended a meet and greet hosted by the Department of Defense, with 10 various subcontractor employers for IT jobs
- 28 DOE teachers in creative industries academies attended a technical skill course
- 60 high school students from Title I DOE schools will travel to downtown to visit engineering firms

Upcoming Chamber of Commerce Sector Partnership meetings will be held at The Entrepreneur Sandbox – 643 Ilalo Street Honolulu 96813 from 4:30pm – 6:30pm

May 9, 2024, Engineering

May 15, 2024, Information Technology

May 16, 2024, Clean Energy

June 12, 2024, Health Care

June 13, 2024, Creative Industries

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**VIII. Next Meeting**

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**IX. Adjournment**

Chair Miyashiro adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

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