# OAHU WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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**SECTOR STRATEGIES AND**

**CAREER PATHWAYS**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, November 7, 2024**

**2:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

*Note: Per the State Office of Information Practices (OIP), members of the public may contact* *OahuWDB@honolulu.gov* *to be added to a mailing list for future meeting announcements*

**Members Present:**

Lisa Truong Kracher, Array Corporation, Vice President

Sherry Menor-McNamara, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, President and Chief Executive Officer

Jeff Wagoner, Outrigger Hospitality Group, President and Chief Executive Officer

Kevin Holu, Hawaii Teamsters & Allied Workers Union 996, President/Principal Officer

Andrew Giles, Kaiser Permanente – Moanalua Medical Center, Chief Operating Officer

**Guests:**

Keala Peters, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Executive Director of Sector Partnerships

Vanessa Rogers, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Associate Vice President of Workforce Development

Dan Doerger, Pacific Center for Advanced Technology Training, Director

Emily Lau, Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Vice President of Mission Services Operations

Ann Boyd, Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Senior Director of Workforce Development

**Staff:**

Harrison Kuranishi, Oahu Workforce Development Board, Executive Director

Raymond Duong, Oahu Workforce Development Board, Budget Analyst

Daven Kawamura, Oahu Workforce Development Board, WIOA Specialist

1. **Call to Order**

The Sector Strategies and Career Pathways Committee meeting was called to order at 2:31 pm by Committee Chair Lisa Truong Kracher.

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

(Note: Per the State OIP, Oahu Workforce Development Board (OWDB) members are allowed to attend board meetings on audio only. Their votes will still count, and their attendance will also count toward quorum. However, board members must state their names clearly during introductions and before all of their comments during the meeting.)

1. **Approval of Minutes**
	1. **July 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Chair Lisa Truong Kracher requested a motion to approve the minutes for the July 25, 2024 meeting. Jeff Wagoner moved to approve the minutes. Dan Doerger seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **Goodwill Hawaii Workforce Development Programs**

Emily Lau, Vice President of Mission Services at Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, and Ann Boyd, Senior Director of Workforce Development at Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, shared a presentation on Goodwill Hawaii and gave a high level overview of Goodwill Hawaii. The presentation can be found at the following link:

<https://oahuwdb.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Presentation-at-the-Oahu-WDB.pdf>

Dan Doerger, Director of the Pacific Center for Advanced Technology Training, wanted to know about the language skill training (if any) and how Goodwill facilitates that.

* Ann Boyd informed Dan and the committee that they did have an English as a Second Language (ESL) course, it was found that in high schools it is being taught and there are many individuals that speak the various languages (at Goodwill). So a full ESL course was not needed.
* Emily Lau added that if an individual does need an ESL course referrals are possible to the Community Schools for Adults.

Keala Peters, Executive Director of Sector Partnerships and Executive Vice President of Education and Workforce Development at the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, asked if Goodwill has gotten into contact with Amazon for their distribution center and the jobs that have been created.

* Ann Boyd stated that they have reached out but no connection has been made.
	+ Keala will help with introductions and connect Goodwill with the Amazon distribution center.
1. **Sector Partnerships Quarterly Update**

Vanessa Rogers, Associate Vice President of Workforce Development at Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, and Keala Peters shared the updates on Sector Partnerships. The presentation can be found at the following link:

<https://oahuwdb.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/OWDB-SP-Update-11.7.24.pdf>

Jeff Wagoner, President and Chief Executive Officer at Outrigger Hospitality Group, has spoken with Dr. Lynn Babington, President at Chaminade University of Hawaii, and noted that Chaminade regularly develops new programs to assist other programs existing across the state. Lynn expressed interest in becoming knowledgeable on what Chaminade can do to assist WIOA and other programs.

* Keala Peters recommended inviting Chaminade for a presentation to speak over the programs that they create at the next quarterly meeting.
	+ Jeff Wagoner mentioned that he would be able to make that tag but it may be more beneficial to have them not present but just have them familiarize themselves with what WIOA is and the opportunities that are around.

Emily Lau wanted clarification if the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii is working with Big Island and Maui schools.

* Keala Peters informed her that the Sector Partnership work is statewide and there is a desire to expand the scope outside of Oahu. The grants that they currently have are focused on the Leeward coast, there are other not-for-profit organizations that have grants that work with Maui, Big Island, and Kauai.
1. **Executive Director’s Report**

Harrison Kuranishi, Executive Director of the OWDB, shared updates.

* OWDB staff will be attending the 2024 National Association of Workforce Development Professionals Youth Symposium in Phoenix Arizona from November 18th – 20th.
* National Apprenticeship week is November 18th – 22nd, the State and Workforce Development Council is organizing a bus tour to visit some of the unions.
* Program Year 2024 contracts have been received so RFP’s will be going out ASAP.
1. **Announcements and Public Testimony**

There were no announcements or public testimony.

1. **Schedule Next Meeting**

2025 Meeting Schedule has not yet been tentatively scheduled. One the meeting schedule is decided meeting invites will be sent out accordingly.

1. **Adjournment**

Chair Lisa Truong Kracher adjourned the meeting at 3:23 pm.