

HO'OKĀKO'O
SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Via Webex

MINUTES

Present: Ivan Takushi, Chair; Susan Maddox, Vice Chair; Kumau Plineda-Akiona, Treasurer; Jon Ching

Staff: Janice English, Principal; Paul Kepka, Principal; David Y. Gibson, Executive Director; Chris Kono, Dir. Human Resources; Dale Abe, Senior Accountant

AGENDA ITEM	PURPOSE	DECISION MAKING	FOLLOW UP	ATTACHMENTS
I. Welcome (I. Takushi)	- The meeting was called to order at 2:38 PM. I. Takushi offered the Pule. - A quorum was established.			
II. Acceptance of Governing Board Meeting Minutes (I. Takushi)	The Board accepted the draft, January 15, 2026, Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes, into the record	Action taken: Acceptance of the draft January 15, 2026, Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes, into the record. (I. Takushi/J. Ching) The motion passed unanimously.		HC Governing Board Special Meeting Jan 15 2026 Minutes - DRAFT
III. Committee of the Whole Reports (<i>Committee reports related to school governance</i>)				
A. Executive (I. Takushi)	I. Takushi reported on Pualani Akaka's resignation from the board effective 1/31/26 due to a family emergency. He thanked her for her service and for helping to strengthen the board. I. Takushi will discuss the Education Committee chair with M. Komomua. - The Executive Committee met on February 12, 2026, to revive previous board discussions pertaining to strategic planning, culture-based education, and board development.		I. Takushi will discuss the Education Committee chair with M. Komomua.	

	<u>Strategic Planning</u> D. Gibson proposed the following schedule: 3/15/26 Draft a scope of work 3/15/26 Board recommended names of consultants 4/30/26 Draft RFP and short list of consultants 5/31/26 Consultant chosen 7/1/26 Strategic Planning to begin <u>Board Recruitment</u> S. Maddox will reach out to two prospects to determine if there is still interest in joining the board.		3/15/26 DG to send draft scope of work to board. 3/15/26 Board sends DG recommended names of consultants	
B. Budget & Finance / Development (I. Takushi/S. Maddox)	The board ratified the January 30, 2026, email vote to approve the 2025-2026 2nd Quarter Financial Statements and their submission to the Commission.	Action Taken: To ratify the January 30, 2026 email vote to approve the 2025-2026 2nd Quarter Financial Statements and their submission to the Commission. (I. Takushi/S. Maddox) The motion passed unanimously		
C. Education	The board is seeking an Education Committee Chair. I. Takushi will work with D. Gibson on filling the vacancy.			

D. External Relations	No Report.			
IV. School Reports				
Kamaile Academy (P. Kepka) (30 min)	P. Kepka presented his written Principal's Report with the following highlights: - Charter Renewal was approved with conditions to continue to pursue the facilities lease MOA and continue to make academic progress. P. Kepka gave a CSI Update and shared benchmarks. I. Takushi asked that all board members be invited to the monthly CSI meetings. P. Kepka gave an update on the WASC self-study, which is almost complete. He asked for board input by the end of next week. The WASC visit is scheduled for 4/20/26 to 4/23/26. - The Pre-K Expansion final designs were shared. An environmental assessment will be shared with the Neighborhood Board in March. P. Kepka requested that the Governing Board move to approve a change to the school's Infinite Campus configuration from a K-6 and 7-12 structure to a K-6, 7-8, and 9-12 structure, effective School Year 2026-2027. This change formally separates middle school and high school in Infinite Campus to allow greater scheduling flexibility and better align bell schedules and instructional programming with the distinct developmental and academic needs of students in grades 7-8 and 9-12.	Action Taken: Approval to change to Kamaile Academy's Infinite Campus configuration from a K-6 and 7-12 structure to a K-6, 7-8, and 9-12 structure, effective School Year 2026-2027. (K. Pineda-Akiona/J. Ching) The motion passed unanimously.		Kamaile Board Report-February 2026 KA Charter Renewal Presentation Kamaile Academy PCS Self-Study SY 25-26 Memo 08-22-2025 School Configuration Changes for IC for SY 2026-2027

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	Senior Graduation will be held 5/21/26 at 6 PM.			
Kualapu'u School (K. Camara)	K. Camara was excused to attend a school excursion. D. Gibson shared that K. Camara reported the school is doing well in its school improvement process, working with West Ed to implement their instructional strategies plan. They have also planned the next 30-60-90 day plan and will submit to the state by the end of the month.			
Waimea Middle School (J. English)	J. English presented the Waimea Principal's Report attached.			WMS Charter Renewal Presentation
V. Other Business (I. Takushi)				
VI. Adjourn (I. Takushi)	The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM. Next Meeting: May 26, 2026.	Action Needed: To adjourn the meeting. (I. Takushi/K. Pineda-Akiona) The motion passed unanimously.		

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Minutes approved at the May 28, 2026 Governing Board Meeting.