Kūlia Academy
Minutes of the Meeting of the Governing Board
September 5, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Board President Robert Bley-Vroman at 2:00 PM Hawai'i time via Zoom .

Present: Board members Robert Bley-Vroman (President), Murat Arabaci (Treasurer), Salim Ucan, Lisa Letoto-Ohata, Graham Crookes (Secretary), Safa Aktepe, and Andy Gökce (Interim Executive Director, ex officio).
Absent: Ben Cabreros.

1. Approval of Minutes
The minutes from the July 27, 2024, board meeting were approved as read.

2. Chair Report and Agenda Overview
Robert Bley-Vroman provided an overview of the meeting agenda, emphasizing the significance of discussing the revised complaints policy and financial updates .

3. School Update
Andy Gökce presented the school's updates:

- **Enrollment:** Enrollment figures remained steady, with ongoing efforts to engage families and mitigate chronic absenteeism.
- **Student Performance:** Updates on student assessments highlighted areas of growth and the need for continued instructional support.
- **Parent Communication:** The school continues to enhance communication strategies to increase parental involvement.

4. Approval of Updated Complaints Policy
The board reviewed the updated complaints policy, incorporating recommendations from legal counsel to ensure alignment with regulatory requirements.

- **Decision:** The board unanimously approved the updated complaints policy.

5. Financial Update
Murat Arabaci presented the financial report:

- **State Funding:** Updates were provided on per-pupil allocations, reflecting slight adjustments due to enrollment changes.
- **Expenditures:** Unanticipated operational expenses, particularly related to facilities maintenance and utilities, were discussed.
- **Next Steps:** Plans were outlined to address budgetary concerns through strategic cost management and fundraising efforts.

6. Other Business

- **Community Engagement:** The board emphasized the importance of organizing events to strengthen community ties and support recruitment efforts.
- **Facilities Improvements:** Safety and maintenance updates were discussed, with a focus on ensuring a secure and conducive learning environment.

7. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.