

The State Public Charter School Commission (Commission) is the State of Hawaii's statewide charter school authorizer and operates under the governance of the Board of Education. The mission of the Commission is "to authorize high-quality public charter schools throughout the State". The Commission began a strategic vision and planning process in the spring of 2017 and continues to seek and gather public input regarding public charter schools, chartering and authorizing in the State of Hawaii.

The Commission in Island Communities

As the Commission continues to gather community input, we wanted to make you aware of the following dates which the Commission will be in our island communities listening to portfolio schools and the community share mana`o re: regarding public charter schools, chartering and authorizing in the State of Hawaii. Discussion will include the following questions: *What was your vision for chartering? What is your understanding of the vision of chartering? What are markers of quality in charter schools? What does a quality portfolio mean? What would chartering look like in 10 years?*

Kauai

Date: Thursday, February 22, 2018

Time/Location:

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Kula Aupuni Ni`ihau A Kahelelani Aloha (KANAKA) A New Century Public Charter School (PCS), 8315 Kekaha Road, Kekaha, HI 96752

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Kaua'i Community College, OCET 105, 3-1901 Kaumualii Hwy, Lihue, HI 96766

Hawai'i Island

Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) Hale Iako Building (73-970 Makako Bay Drive, Kona, Hawaii)

Oahu

Date: Thursday, March 22, 2018

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Hawaii State Art Museum (HISAM), 250 South Hotel Street, Honolulu, 96813

More information will be available at www.chartercommission.hawaii.gov

If there are any questions about the sessions or the process, please feel free to contact the Commission's Project Manager, Sylvia Hussey (sylvia@nhec.org or 808.523.6432).

Preparatory Work Sessions Hosted by Native Hawaiian Education Council

In preparation for the meetings noted above, the Native Hawaiian Education Council will facilitate work sessions for all portfolio schools and their communities (not just Hawaiian-focused charter schools) to provide one or two exemplars of innovation as well as responses to the following questions: *What was your vision for chartering?, What is your understanding of the vision of chartering?, What are markers of quality in charter schools?, What does a quality portfolio mean?, What would chartering look like in 10 years?*

Date: Friday, March 2, 2018

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Connections Public Charter School, 174 Kamehameha Avenue, Hilo, HI

Date: Monday, March 5, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School, Lokahi Room, 64-1043 Hi'iaka Street, Kamuela, HI

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