



GOV. MSG. NO. 708

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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March 31, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board**:

Alvin Naawao Parker

Term to Expire: 6/30/2013

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

Dear Senator Sakamoto,

Here is the requested information concerning my nomination to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

1) Resume:

Principal, Ka Waihona o ka Na`auao Public Charter School
Chairman, Charter School Review Panel
Chairman, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement
Board Member, Hawaii Teacher Standards Board
M.Ed. Gonzaga University
B.A. History University of Hawaii
Certification Regular Education and SPED
Hawaii State Licensed

2) a. To assist the education community with a more communicative and collaborative licensure mechanism.

b) The role of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board is to provide current and future teachers with a seamless and yet rigorous mechanism for licensure.

c) I have served on the Hawaii Teachers Standards Board for the past three years. The initial years were useful in that it allowed for a maturation process. The expectation of my role was limited to my lack of experience of knowing the defined role of HTSB. I now believe, having been part of the recent changes that I am better prepared to contribute. I feel that my efforts to build consensus and collaboration are my best qualities and look forward to possible reappointment.

d) Collaborative, Consensus Builder and Listener
I believe these qualities allows for positive interaction.

e) I do not foresee any conflicts of interest

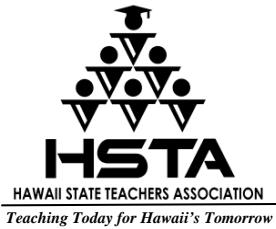
f) A seamless licensure process
Reciprocity between state licensure boards
Support for current teaching community

g) HTSB needs to find a permanent Executive Director that can implement the present and future policies of HTSB. One very important goal of the HTSB is provide an open line of communication between teachers and HTSB. I travelled to the outer islands for the public hearing of our new administrative rules and came away very concerned with the past practices of HTSB. I believe the concerns expressed by the teachers are being addressed, and will continue to be reviewed should I be reappointed to the board.

h) Communication has and continues to be a big concern. I believe the board has made it abundantly clear that our expectation is for our clerical staff to be more engaging and

pro-active in their dealings with our teachers. Teachers want a response from HTSB and they deserve a more transparent process to licensure. I believe the current administration at HTSB has begun what I believe to be a positive turnaround in the right direction.

i) I believe the auditors report was on point; however, I also believe that the former executive director was not given proper guidance by the Attorney Generals office in the structuring and development of the contract between the IT contract provider and HTSB administration.



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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION AND HOUSING**

**RE: GM 408 -- ALVIN NAAWAO PARKER
HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD**

Monday, April 12, 2010

**WIL OKABE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association is pleased to support the appointment of Alvin Parker to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board as an administrator member. During his first term on the board, Mr. Parker demonstrated his understanding of what is required of a teacher. He is an advocate of public schools. The fact that he is the administrator of a charter school is testimony to his innovative bent and openness to different ideas.

His return to the board will contribute to the on-going work of the board. He was a participant in adopting a renewal process which has been streamlined from one adopted five years ago. The board completed a process audit which needs the continued guidance of the board in its implementation. In short, the board will benefit by his participation.

We urge this committee to confirm Alvin Naawao Parker.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.