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Considering Candidates for Board of Education

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1:15 PM Room 229

Chair Senator Kidani, Members of the Committee

RE: Responses to Questions on Nomination to the Hawaii State Board of Education

HEPC takes no position on the nominees. Rather, we respectfully suggest the kinds of responses, knowledge, and experiences that are particularly helpful for the Board of Education.

Specifically,

1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Education?

It is all well and good to be a graduate of public schools, to love children, to be passionate, to want to do the best for the children of Hawaii. However, there are tens of thousands of our citizens who could say the same thing.

HEPC encourages the Committee to dig deeper. Some questions and knowledge that might be useful would be the following:

- What is your understanding of the mega trends in public education in the US and Hawaii?
- What is your personal definition of an educated adult?
- What are the most difficult challenges you see for public education?
- What kinds of data, information, and analysis of public education do you regularly consult?
- Can you provide two or three examples of public education excellence in Hawaii that you would like to see adopted by more schools?
- What is your view of the so-called school empowerment movement in Hawaii?

2) What do you perceive to be the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Education?

HEPC encourages the Committee to explore candidates’ understanding of any higher level policy board.

- What is your definition of “micromanagement?”
- What is your view of how much time (weekly or monthly) a fully engaged Board member should dedicate to the task?
- What is your view of the ability of the public to provide meaningful and detailed testimony, feedback, and input to the Board? Are you comfortable with a two or three minute limit on public input?

- What is your view of the relationship an individual Board member could or should have with legislators?

3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Education, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position?

Respectfully, liking children, being a public school graduate, or having been involved in education is not the same as taking on the role of a major policy board. HEPC encourages the Committee to focus on the role as board member, and perhaps the candidate's understanding of why this is fundamentally different than being a teacher or a principal. Candidates should be able to articulate the differences.

4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

HEPC encourages evidence that the candidates want to go being "being" a member, to specific goals and a sense of what a successful term would look like.

5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Board of Education?

HEPC suggests the answers that best reflect knowledge, commitment, decisiveness in making hard decisions, and respecting all the legitimate stakeholders and views.

6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Board of Education?

Hopefully, candidates will have served on a major board or commission so that the learning curve is not one of context or process.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

To: Senator Michelle Kidani
Chair Senate Education Committee

Re: EDU 04-15-16

Date: April 15, 2016

My name is Linda K. Kamiyama and I am writing in support of Dr. Carmelita Minami's appointment to the Education Commission of States.

Dr. Minami is a life long learner with high moral and ethical standards who is committed to supporting schools and their leaders make a difference for all the children they serve. Her passion for the work keeps her current on emerging issues related to education both nationally and as well as locally. As a life long learner, she is an avid reader of educational and business trends, issues and innovative strategies. She is an advocate for meeting the diverse needs of all of our students by creating equity and voice in our public schools. Her work in developing and mentoring highly effective leaders for the Department of Education and University of Hawaii Educational Administration make her an ideal member.

I strongly endorse Dr. Carmelita Minami's appointment to the Education Commission of States.

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April 13, 2015

To: Senator Michelle Kidani
From: Stacey B. Roberts, Ed.D.

I am an Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Educational Administration at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am submitting testimony in support of the nomination of Dr. Carmielita Minami to represent Hawaii on the Education Commission of the States. I have known Dr. Minami for nearly 24 years as a colleague, a leader in education in the Hawaii Department of Education, a doctoral student, a scholar, and a friend. When I met her, she was principal of Salt Lake Elementary School and was also a mentor to a candidate in the DOE leadership preparation program. After she left that position, she worked in the Professional Development and Educational Research Institute (PDERI), where she lead the principal preparation program for a number of years. Because I have worked closely with that program since coming to UH Manoa in 1992, I got to know Dr. Minami very well on a professional level. She was an expert and very adept as a leader in practice, but she was also very in the research and theory underlying best practices. She showed an interest in pursuing her Ph.D. in the UH Manoa College of Education and I fully encouraged her to, having full confidence in her ability to develop and contribute as a scholar in the field. She completed the Ph.D. program in 2013, writing an excellent dissertation analyzing narratives on leadership practices and actions of novice school leaders.

I believe Dr. Minami would be an outstanding representative from Hawaii on the Education Commission of the States. She has been an education professional and leader in education for over forty years, remaining active even after her retirement. She continues to work for the DOE as a mentor and in the principal preparation program, and she regularly serves on accreditation committees in Hawaii and the Pacific region for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. She has been and remains active in professional organizations as well, including the Association for Curriculum and Supervision Development and the American Educational Research Association. Dr. Minami also teaches graduate courses for the Department of Educational Administration at UH Manoa. The courses she has taught are Introduction to Educational Administration, School Community Relations, School Supervision, and Curriculum

Leadership, which cover a broad range of knowledge in the educational spectrum. She does her research and her homework, thoroughly preparing for each course and expertly teaching it. Her depth of knowledge and wealth of experience in so many areas of education make her uniquely prepared to represent Hawaii. She also has a deep understanding of the political and policy issues regarding education, both in the state and the country. Another of Dr. Minami's key strengths is her ability to communicate. She always knows her audience and speaks clearly to them, whoever they may be. I have seen her in numerous different capacities, from working with beginning administrators who have very little knowledge of the field, to veteran leaders in the DOE, scholars in academic conferences and meetings, teachers in schools, and parents and lay persons in the community, and she is able to connect and communicate effectively with them all. I believe that this is due a great deal to the fact that she is such a good listener.

In summary, I give my complete support to Dr. Minami's nomination and appointment to represent Hawaii on the Education Commission of the States.

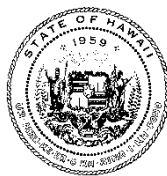
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I am Teri Ushijima, Complex Area Superintendent on Assignment heading the Hawaii Dept of Education Leadership Institute. I am testifying on the Governor's nomination of Carmielita Minami to serve as a member of the Education Commission of States. I am in strong support of the Governor's nomination of Carmielita Minami.

I have known of Dr. Carmielita Minami's over the years in her capacity as a Central District Resource Teacher and principal of Salt Lake Elementary School, and gotten to know her better while I was an administrator candidate who completed the Certification Program for School Leaders (CPSL) under her leadership. I have also served on the Hawaii Association of Supervision and Development (HASCD) as a treasurer while Carmielita Minami served as president. Most recently, Dr. Minami has been working in the Professional Development Educational Research Institute (PDERI) office as a substitute Educational Specialist providing supports for the Certification Institute for School Leaders (CISL), New Principal Academy (NPA), and Collaborative Learning Network (CLN). Dr. Minami has planned and delivered whole day learning sessions, designed curriculum for the CISL Summer Institute, mentored new vice-principals, coached new principals, co-facilitate a principal professional learning community and assists with the many duties that require PDERI to work on together. I have looked up to Dr. Minami over the years as a role model who has a passion to read, study, and continuously seek the newest research and best practices. She is able to look at a situation from multiple perspectives, and is insightful in analyzing and applying new learning. Dr. Minami is grounded in her beliefs and values of democracy, equity, and diversity to make a difference for all students. Dr. Minami also teaches university level administration courses.

I am in strong favor of support of the Governor's nomination of Carmielita Minami to serve as a member of the Education Commission of States. As a member of the committee, Hawaii can be proud of our representation and be assured that she will provide valuable contributions to support our schools, leaders, teachers, and most of all students.

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