

GM515: Luzvminda Miguel

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the State Board of Nursing?

As a member of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Education and Practice (NACNEP)-HRSA at a national level, I have the privilege to see how other states and schools provide nursing education and practice throughout the United States. I also have the honor to make recommendations to Congress.

I want to bring my knowledge, perspective, expertise, and resources while collaborating with other nurse leaders and nurse experts in the State of Hawai'i. In doing so, I would like to contribute to maintaining our State's high standard of safe nursing care and promoting improvements and advancement of the nursing profession in Hawai'i.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the State Board of Nursing?

I perceive that the roles and responsibilities of a member of the State Board of Nursing include:

- Regulates nurses' licensures
- Reviews nursing policies and set the standard for safe nursing care and practice,
- Abide by rules and recommendations from the American Nurses Association
- Helps in deciding the scope of practice for nurses
- Review and issue licenses to qualified candidates
- Checks nursing programs to ensure they are maintaining current, rigorous nursing training and providing quality nursing education
- Collaborates with other professionals
- Oversees any disciplinary actions for nursing practice violations and participate in policy evaluations.

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a State Board of Nursing member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

I am confident that the community and the State of Hawai'i will benefit significantly from my academic training, experiences as a nurse administrator and educator, and my thirty-two years of practice as a nurse. At present, I am a tenured Assistant Professor of Nursing and the Nursing and Allied Health Division Administrator/Division Chair for the LPN, ASN, LPN to ASN pathway Hawai'i Community College (Hawai'i CC) Hilo and Kona/Pāalamanui Nursing Programs and the Fire Science Hilo and Kona/Pāalamanui Program.

As a nurse, faculty, and administrator, my objective is to promote a multifaceted and meaningful nursing education based on the philosophy of student-centered learning guided by the theoretical beliefs of the Unitary Human Beings (UHB) Nursing Model. My role as an assistant professor and nursing administrator extends beyond teaching. It includes involvement and service in several divisional and college committees and professional and community organizations at the local, state, national, and international levels. I believe my participation in these groups enhances my abilities as a faculty member, a leader, and a teacher, which broadens my own knowledge and helps me share current innovations, current ideas, and information with colleagues, which helps improve the nursing profession and practice.

At Hawai'i CC, I served as chair on various division and college committees, including the faculty senate and executive committees. I am experienced in curriculum development and improvement, educational policy, and research, and I continue to develop my leadership skills. I recently experienced the accreditation process with Hawai'i CC, where with my assistance, its ASN program received full accreditation. In 2019, I was selected as the Hawai'i CC representative in the University of Hawai'i (UH) Community College Leadership Champion (UH CCLC) Program's current generation 16. As UH CCLC Champion, I take part in monthly leadership conferences conducted among the UH community colleges. Recently, I organized an educational conference for UH CCLC held at Hawai'i CC on civility and bullying in nursing education. I'm on the UH Manoa's Evidence-Based Practice Committee (EBP Champions) and the UH Pamantasan Council, a UH Filipino culture organization that promotes higher education in the community. I assisted with coordinating the Hawai'i CC recent Pamantasan conference, an event I hosted and emceed, and where I was presented with Dr. Ernesto "Niki" Libarios, Jr. Award of Excellence for an outstanding faculty or staff member of Filipino descent.

I'm a member of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Education and Practice (NACNEP), a federal government position helping advise the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Congress on policy issues related to nursing education and practice. I contribute to the Academic Progression in Nursing (APIN): Hawaii initiative, a foundation that collaborates and develops groundbreaking strategies to meet the Institute of Medicine's recommendations. I served as the Hawai'i CC National League of Nursing Ambassador, was the community asthma educator for the American Lung Association's Open Airways and Asthma 101 courses, created a community health course with Hui Mālama Ola Nā 'Ōiwi, and served as a Director for the Ka'u Rural Health Community Association.

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

Within my years of service, I wish to make positive changes that can improve the support of nursing faculty. I would like to contribute to creating innovative strategies to improve how we educate nursing students during challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure patients receive quality care from nurses.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the State Board of Nursing.

I am an excellent collaborator, open-minded and detailed.

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a State Board of Nursing member.

The recent experience I had was joining forces with other nurse leaders in creating a message to campaign for Covid -19 vaccinations. The article "Hawai'i Nurses Ask the Public to Get Vaccinated, Get Boosters and Practice Cautious Gathering During the Upcoming Holiday Season" was published last November 16, 2021.

My previous involvement was creating the NACNEP 17th Report Preparing Nurse Faculty and Addressing the Shortage of Nurse Faculty and Clinical Preceptors to Congress in 2020.

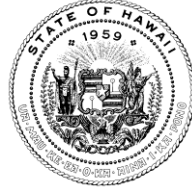
(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the State Board of Nursing? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

Currently, I do not foresee any conflicts of interest.

To avoid any conflict of interest, I would need to carefully read the rules, regulations, and policies that I need to abide by while serving. If I see a conflict of interest, I will report and disclose conflicts of interest in an open and honest way.

Should a conflict of interest arise during my service on the State Board of Nursing, I would communicate and seek advice from experts and, if necessary, remove or resign from the committee. I would do the appropriate and necessary actions to make things right and fix my mistake.

Mahalo for reading my answers!



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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, February 18, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 515, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LUZVIMINDA MIGUEL,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Ms. Luzviminda Miguel to the State Board of Nursing (Board) as a licensee member.

Ms. Luzviminda has 19 years in the field of nursing. She currently serves as assistant professor and Department Chair of Nursing and Allied Health at the University of Hawaii, Hawaii Community College.

Ms. Luzviminda has extensive experience serving on various councils and boards, including the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice for the Bureau of Health Workforce Health Resources and Services Administration. She also serves as a member on the Nurses on Boards Coalition.

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The Department believes that Ms. Luzviminda's extensive experience and her accomplishments in the field of nursing offers a welcomed perspective to the Board. In addition, her commitment to actively participate in board meetings will greatly enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



February 15, 2022

Senator Rosalyn H Baker
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 230

Dear Senator Baker,

This letter is in strong support for Dr. Luz Miguel's nomination to serve for the Hawai'i State Board of Nursing.

I am a Counselor at Hawai'i Community College and serve as Advisor to the Samahang Filipino Club on campus. In this capacity, I have known Dr. Miguel for her consistent and highly effective professional productive level, her exceptional expertise and commitment to keeping current in the Nursing discipline, her outstanding service the larger community, and strong relationships with students and colleagues.

Last Spring 2021, I had the pleasure of participating in the college Advisory Council meeting where Dr. Miguel presented on the achievements of the Nursing programs which included 100% graduation rates for both the AS Nursing and Practical Nursing programs. During periods of both leadership transition within the HawCC Nursing and Allied Health Division and COVID 19 public health crisis, Dr. Miguel stepped up to fill important leadership roles. In December 2020, Dr. Miguel was appointed the Interim Nursing Administrator after the departure of their former administrator. Without hesitation or delay, Dr. Miguel took on this responsibility to ensure minimal impact to students and the Nursing programs. Dr. Miguel has truly demonstrated her exceptional leadership and service to her department, for stepping into the administrator role, while also maintaining her previous duties as the Program Coordinator and Instructor for the division—effectively taking on more than two full time positions. This is truly a testament to Dr. Miguel's highly effective productive level.

Dr. Miguel has also demonstrated a high commitment to staying current in the Nursing discipline. In 2020, she had the distinction of serving as a Peer Reviewer for a Research Manuscript, and also published an article in the Asian/Pacific Island Nursing Journal for the University of Hawai'i. Dr. Miguel additionally stays active in the field through her membership in a host of professional organizations, such as The National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice (NACNEP), Nurses on Boards Coalition (NOBC), and the Evidence Based Practice (EBP) Hawai'i State Center for Nursing, to just name a few.

In addition to her service to the college and her professional field, Dr. Miguel is an active servant in the community. I have had the honor of working alongside Luz in several activities, such as the Student Exchange partnership with the University of Northern Philippines (UNP), where she has collected critical Nursing supplies and teaching resources for UNP; as well as the Sakada Day community celebration, which honors the contributions of Hawai'i's Filipino plantations workers. In the Fall 2019, Dr. Miguel was awarded Outstanding Filipina Faculty and Staff Award at the UH Pamantasan Conference, for her leadership to the college and Filipino community.

While Dr. Miguel's accomplishments are impressive, one of the most exceptional qualities of Dr. Miguel is the positive energy, warm spirit, and authentic care she expresses and extends to her students, colleagues, and all whom she works with. During these unprecedented times of challenge, crisis, and uncertainty, Dr. Miguel has provided a solid foundation; and she does this with aloha.

I fully support Dr. Miguel's nomination to serve for the Hawai'i State Board of Nursing. It is a honor to provide this testimony on her behalf. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Senator Rosalyn H Baker
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230

Dear Senator Baker,

It is with great pleasure to write this testimony in support for Dr. Luzviminda Miguel's nomination to serve for the Hawaii State Board of Nursing, GM 515.

I am the Chief Nursing Officer for Hilo Medical Center, East Hawaii Region and also serve as the Hawaii Community College Nursing Program Advisory Board Member. I have served with Dr. Miguel for many years in several capacities as a nursing colleague, educational advisor, and community medical partner.

I believe that Dr. Miguel's professional and educational background and industrial drive will make an ideal candidate for a position as board member for the HSNB. She serves the Hawaii Community College, her faculty, and her students with the outmost respect and professionalism. I am confident she will perform well in any capacity she serves in.

Dr. Miguel's has fully balanced workplace objectives and productive relationships, inspiring strategies, and insightful suggestions to achieve a competitive business edge. Her decision making and collaborative strengths have enabled her professional growth.

Mahalo for your consideration of her candidacy for the Hawaii State Center of Nursing Board. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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February 15, 2022

Dear Senator Baker,

This letter serves to support Dr Luz Miguel's nomination for the Hawai'i State Board of Nursing.

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Dr. Luz Miguel. I have been acquainted with Dr. Miguel for more than 15 years. Dr Miguel has an impressive background with many years working in nursing and nursing education. She has always been collegial and positive to work with. Thus, I feel very confident in giving this recommendation.

Dr Miguel has worked in many areas of nursing and is now teaching at the Hawaii Community College. She is very invested in the nursing profession and works hard to provide excellent education to our future nurses. She projects a caring attitude while empowering and building self-confidence, is always willing to help, and maintains strong standards for learning. She values other ideas even if they are different than her own, promoting growth based on individual strengths. She strives for excellence which influences others to do the same.

I have always found Dr. Miguel to be a hard worker, very intelligent, and very supportive of nursing. I am honored to write this letter in support of Dr Luz Miguel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan Pagan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing, Gubernatorial Nominee, LUZVIMINDA MIGUEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.
Submitted by May Kealoha, PhD, MPH, MSN, RN
Professor Kapi'olani Community College, Dept of Nursing (retired)

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Senate District 6
Hawaii State Capitol Room 230

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker:

I am submitting a written testimony in support for the consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing, Gubernatorial Nominee, LUZVIMINDA MIGUEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

My name is Dr. May Kealoha, former nursing faculty and Dept. Chair for Kapi'olani Community College (KCC) and Hawai'i Community College (HCC), now retired. I have worked with Dr. Miguel for more than 30 years in my role as a nursing instructor and Chairperson when Dr. Miguel was a nurse at Kapi'olani Medical Center, nursing student at KCC, nursing faculty at HCC, and University of Hawai'i Mānoa Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) graduate student.

As a member of the State Board of Nursing, Dr. Miguel will bring substantial and significant perspectives and experiences to the Board in its oversight of nurses statewide. Rationales for my strong support of Dr. Miguel are as follows:

- 1) Dr. Miguel has in-depth professional nursing experiences in a variety of health care settings including acute care, long-term care, outpatient care, and rural health in the positions as licensed practical nurse (LPN), registered nurse, and nurse educator teaching in diverse clinical settings and levels of nursing education.
- 2) Dr. Miguel is demonstrating effective leadership as the current Nursing Administrator/Division Chair Nursing and Fire Science Programs at HCC. Additionally, her volunteer leadership involvement are notable such as the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice, statewide Evidence Based Practice Hawai'i State Center for Nursing, and community-based Philippine Nurses Association Hawai'i.
- 3) I can attest to her character traits of reliability, honesty, hard work, diligence, impartiality, conscientiousness, and genuine care for clients, students, and the community. I personally admire her aptitude to listen and consider various perspectives before making a thoughtful and just decision. Respectful teamwork is her core value.

- 4) Having more than 15 years of professional experience living in Hilo, Hawai'i, Dr. Miguel will convey the unique perspectives and needs of neighbor island nurses and communities to the State Board of Nursing.

One personal account of Dr. Miguel's concern and commitment to rural residents is her DNP project conducted in 2016. She brought much needed asthma education to the residents of Ka'u, Hawaii, an area of high volcanic pollution exposure, over a number of weeks via in-person group and in-home sessions. Moreover, Dr. Miguel published the specific interventions and positive outcomes of the project in the *Asian/Pacific Island Nursing Journal* in 2020 to the international nursing community thereby sharing how a rural program can be successfully implemented.

I am confident that Dr. Miguel will be a dedicated member of the State Board of Nursing and work diligently to carry out its responsibilities. She will adhere to the high standards of nursing, nursing education, and nursing practice as she has so consistently demonstrated in my association with her over the years.

Thank you for allowing me to submit a written testimony in strong support for the consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing, Gubernatorial Nominee, LUZVIMINDA MIGUEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

Respectfully submitted,

May Kealoha (electronic signature)

May Kealoha, PhD, MPH, MSN, RN
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My name is Kathleen Kotecki, R.N., MSN Associate Professor – Hawai'i Community College (retired 2021)

My friendship with Dr. Luzviminda Miguel has grown over the years. I thoroughly enjoyed my time working with Dr. Miguel and found her be a very thoughtful and dependable person.

Without a doubt, Dr. Miguel is a dedicated and knowledge Nursing Professor with high standards for herself and her students. While being one of the easiest person to work with, she is still able to maintain a professional demeanor with her colleagues and her students. She is always up to a challenge and completes it beyond expectations. Dr. Miguel is the type of person that uniquely stands out above all the rest.

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17 February 2022

RE: In support of Luzviminda Miguel's nomination to Hawai'i State Board of Nursing

Senator Baker,

I am writing this letter in support of Luzviminda Miguel's nomination to the Hawai'i State Board of Nursing. I have known Ms. Miguel since she started teaching at Hawai'i Community College's (HawCC) School of Nursing in 2013. I was the Nursing Learning Resource Coordinator (NLRC) and also assisted the faculty with high fidelity patient simulations. At that time Ms. Miguel was hired to teach the Practical Nursing (PN) Students.

One of the highlights working with Ms. Miguel is when she organized a collaboration with the UH School of Pharmacy to do a patient simulation involving her PN students and pharmacy students. It was a great learning experience for all the students and the faculty as well. In pioneering this collaboration, the door was opened for HawCC's Associate of Science Nursing students to do collaborate with the UH Hilo Nursing students and the UH Pharmacy students in the following years.

In the ensuing years Ms. Miguel also taught the Associate of Science of Nursing 2nd year students, became nursing program coordinator, and currently is the Director of the Nursing program, She became involved in many college committees, participated in numerous community activities, and is serving on state wide and national nursing committees. She is very student-centered, a good listener, and always ready to give a hug if needed.

There were a number of nursing faculty who quit or retired throughout the Covid pandemic. Ms. Miguel stepped up at this crucial time (Spring 2020) to become the director of nursing. As the nursing department lost these faculty, their positions were not filled. My NLRC position was one of these positions that was cut and still is vacant. Ms. Miguel realizes how important good nursing faculty are to the success of the students and a nursing program and has continually fought to open these crucial faculty positions.

In conclusion, Ms. Miguel will make an outstanding member of the Board of Nursing and I strongly support her appointment.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erick Cremer, RN, MSN, MPH (retired HawCC nursing faculty)