

## **GM627: Gayle Chang, RDH, B Ed**

February 3, 2022

- (1) **Why do you wish to be a member of the Hawai'i Board of Optometry?**

I have previously served on the Hawaii Board of Optometry as a public member from 2010-2018. I enjoyed working with the Optometrist on the Board. The interaction was interesting and my input was appreciated.

- (2) **What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Hawai'i Board of Optometry?**

As a public member I see my role and responsibilities is to protect the public. Education and ongoing training of the professional is of utmost important. Being truthful and assisting the public in delivering proper care to the public is vital. I hope to be part of the Board that is watchful of the public's safety.

- (3) **Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Hawai'i Board of Optometry 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.**

My previous experience was as a member of the Hawaii Board of Dentistry from 2002-2010 and Hawaii Board of Optometry from 2010-2018. While on the Board of Dentistry I was the dental hygienist member and served as Vice Chair during my last term. On the Board of Optometry, I served as a public member. I know the importance of preparing for and attending the meetings with an open mind and reviewing materials prior to the meeting. It is important the public member should not have preconceived biases and actively contribute to the decision making of the Board.

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

I have no preconceived needs but am open to the Board's goals to provide accountability of the profession and the safety of the public.

- (5) **Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Hawai'i Board of Optometry.**

Focused: Keeping on task and accomplishing the agenda for the meeting. Preparing for meeting ahead of time.

Detailed oriented: I have chaired several organizations and am familiar with procedures and practices to run an efficient meeting.

Friendly: I work well with others and appreciate other points of view.

- (6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Hawai'i Board of Optometry member.**

As stated previously, I have 16 years of experience serving on both the Board of Dentistry and the Board of Optometry. I am still active in the Hawaii Dental Hygienists Association (HDHA) and served in several leadership positions (currently Treasurer). I also train dental offices in OSHA (Infection Prevention/Blood Borne Pathogens), HIPAA and Ethics.

- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Hawai'i Board of Optometry? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?**

I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interest serving on this Board and would seek advice if conflicts of interest did arise.

**Testimony of the Hawaii Board of Optometry**

**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. 627, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE HAWAII BOARD OF OPTOMETRY,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GAYLE CHANG,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kerrie Shahan, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Optometry (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Ms. Gayle Chang's appointment to the Board as a public member.

Ms. Chang is a former member of the Board who attended most meetings. She previously served on the Board from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2018. Ms. Chang was a conscientious Board member who came well prepared to discuss the matters on the Board's agendas, and whose willingness to learn the issues surrounding the practice of optometry was quite evident. She was an active participant in Board discussions and was not afraid to share insights or ask pertinent questions. She was effective in providing a perspective from the public's point of view.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**Ellie Kelley-Miyashiro, RDH, BS**

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February 14, 2022

Re: #GM627 Gayle Chang

Dear Senator Roz Baker and Committee Members:

It's with great pleasure that I recommend my personal friend and fellow Registered Dental Hygienist, Gayle Chang, as a public member to the Hawaii Board of Optometry. I have known Gayle for over twenty years and can attest to her strength of character, her professionalism, as well as, her desire and willingness to volunteer and serve in various leadership positions within our community.

With the Hawaii Board of Optometry having only two public members, I feel it is critical to have a person who is focused solely on the responsibility of protecting the public's safety above all else. I am confident that Gayle can fulfill that important role and without a doubt, would be a welcome addition to the Hawaii Board of Optometry.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Much Appreciated,

Ellie Kelley-Miyashiro, RDH, BS

**From:** gerrainehignite <gerrainehignite@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022 5:50 PM

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**Subject:** Letter of Recommendation for #GM627 Gayle Chang, RDH Application for Hawaii Board of Optometry

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to recommend Gayle Chang, RDH (#GM 627) to the Hawaii Board of Optometry. I have known Gayle for almost 15 years and counting. She has volunteered her time on the Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association serving as Treasurer for the past 4 terms. She will be a great candidate to serve on the Hawaii Board of Optometry. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Mahalo,  
Gerraine Hignite, RDH BS  
HDHA Immediate Past President 2021-2022

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February 16, 2022

Senator Rosalyn Baker  
Hawaii State Capitol  
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Re: #GM627 Gayle Chang

Dear Senator Baker,

It is my pleasure to provide this letter of recommendation for Ms. Gayle Chang, RDH who is applying as a member on the Board of Optometry. I have known Ms. Gayle Chang for the past 15 years in which I have worked with her as a dental hygiene examiner for the State of Hawaii as members of the Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS) organization. Ms. Chang was also Chair of the Budget Committee for CRDTS and served in that capacity for two terms. She has also taken on leadership roles as captain and coordinator of the CRDTS exam.

In addition, I have known Ms. Chang since I became a licensed dental hygienist in 1997. Ms. Chang held leadership roles in the Hawaii Dental Hygiene Association (HDHA) where I met her. As a previous leader in HDHA, Ms. Chang would speak about HDHA to the University of Hawaii at Mānoa dental hygiene students about the organization. She continues to hold a position in HDHA as the Treasurer and provides budget updates to HDHA.

Ms. Chang is an organized and diligent person who is dedicated to any position she takes on. She provides immediate feedback when she is asked questions, gives advice and guidance to the dental hygiene students, she is knowledgeable about Occupational Safety and Health Administration as she organizes annual training for dentist and dental hygienist on all the islands and provides training to individual offices or organizations.

I am recommending that Ms. Gayle Chang be considered as a member of the Board of Optometry. She will be a wonderful asset to this committee.

Sincerely,



Kristine Osada  
Dental Hygienist

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Senator Roslyn Baker

Re: Gayle Chang, RDH  
GM 627

Dear Senator Baker:


I am pleased to write in support of Gayle Chang, who is applying as a public member to the Hawaii Board of Optometry.

I have known Gayle for over 25 years. She is involved in our Boy Scout Troop as the Treasurer of the Troop Committee and is a member of the Troop Board of Directors.

Gayle is an honest and fair individual who will always do what is right for the benefit of the team. She is hardworking, diligent, very responsible and responsive.

I heartily recommend Gayle to you to be a member of the Hawaii Board of Optometry.

Very truly yours,

  
Clayton C. Y. Pang  
Scoutmaster, Troop 1, BSA  
President, Electech Hawaii, Inc.  
Consulting Electrical Engineer