

POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS
February 1, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Gary Simon called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. A quorum was not established as only 10 members were present at the call to order. (This twenty-one-member board requires eleven members present to establish quorum.)

Members Present: Linda Axtell-Thompson, Colette Browne (departed 12:35 p.m.), William Kinaka, Shelly Ogata, Suzie Schulberg, Marilyn Seely, Gary Simon, Scott Spalina (arrived 11:50 a.m.), Beverly Jean Withington, Kathleen Wyatt, and Barbara Yamashita.

Members Absent: James Cisler, Kipukai Kualii, Joy Miyasaki, John Tomoso, and Sarah Yuan.

Others Present: Ex-officios: Kathy Ishihara, DHS; Keith Ridley, DOH; Melina Sanchez, DCCA; and Peggy Perkinson, UH.

EOA Staff and AAAs: Caroline Cadirao, Tania Kuriki, Josephine Lum, Charles Nagatoshi, Debra Shimizu, Cristina Valenzuela, Nalani Aki, Norma Circle, Deborah Stone-Walls, and Kealoha Takahashi,

Guests: Barbara Service, Barbara Kim Stanton, and Jessica Wooley.

(Scott arrived 11:50 a.m. Quorum established)

Chair's Report:

John McDermott has queried Artizen about pre-ordering lunch for PABEA meetings. Gary will invite orders from board members via email one to two weeks before the next meeting.

Kupuna Caregivers Program: PABEA is advocating for an appropriation of \$2 million for FY 2019 – 2020 and to change the allocation limitation from \$70 per day to \$350 per week to allow the AAAs greater flexibility in using the funds to meet the needs of working caregivers. Some legislators are considering changing the limitation to \$70 per week and applying a ninety-day limit on benefits in order to serve more caregivers. Deborah stated that \$70 per week would be ineffective for a working caregiver to remain employed. Linda will research the genesis of the ninety-day limit. Gary stated that Senator Baker said that the Program is not intended to provide a full week of respite,

but is intended to subsidize services. As a hypothetical example, she said that perhaps Kupuna Caregivers could pay for three days of adult day care a week with the working caregiver, the care recipient, and the care recipient's family paying for two days.

Legislative Committee:

Gary reported that no quorum was achieved and the Legislative Committee Meeting was not held.

Plans and Projects Review Committee:

Marilyn announced that bills have been introduced in both the House and Senate to allow PABEA to define quorum in its by-laws.

(Colette departed at 12:35 p. m. Quorum lost.)

Adjournment: With the loss of quorum, Gary adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.