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Committee Seeks Candidates for Kamehameha Schools Trustee Position

HONOLULU (November 1, 2026) – A search is being conducted to fill a Kamehameha Schools Trustee position. The term for Trustee Elliot Kawaihoʻolana Mills will expire on June 30, 2027. The current Board of Trustees includes Jennifer Noelani Goodyear-Kaʻōpua, Michelle Kaʻuhane, Crystal Kauilani Rose, and Eric K. Yeaman.

The Probate Court has appointed a Trustee Screening Committee consisting of seven volunteer community members. They are Robin Campaniano, Jason Fujimoto, Wayne Hamano, DreanaLee "Dre" Kalili, Michael "Mike" Rawlins, Kathleen Thurston, and Edwin "Skip" Vincent. The Committee will propose three candidates to the Probate Court, which will then appoint the new Successor Trustee. The Trustee will be appointed to fill one five-year term and may be eligible for an additional five-year term, to be determined by the Court.

The Committee seeks active leaders within the community with a deep sense of commitment and willingness to carry Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop's vision and legacy into the future.

The desirable qualities and characteristics of a trustee should include a recognized reputation of integrity, ethical conduct, moral character and leadership; the capacity to fulfill the responsibilities of a fiduciary under the trust law; respect from and for the native Hawaiian community and community at large; consistent and active leadership in the community with a specific emphasis on issues impacting the well-being of native Hawaiians and the people of Hawaiʻi; an understanding of the legacy of Princess Pauahi and how it is manifested and implemented in the mission of Kamehameha Schools; and a willingness, sincerity, and strong commitment to uphold the purposes of KS and the Trust Estate as stated in Ke Aliʻi Pauahi's Will and Two Codicils.

The optimal candidate would have a history of success in business, finance or related areas; received a formal education; and outstanding personal traits including Hawaiian values such as *pono* (to be moral and proper), *ʻimi ʻike* (to seek knowledge), *laulima* (to work cooperatively), *lokomaikaʻi* (to share), *naʻau pono* (to possess a deep sense of justice), *mālama* (to care for each other), and *haʻahaʻa* (to be humble).

Candidates must possess experience and be able to demonstrate skills in strategic thinking and collaboration and possess expertise in one or more of the following areas:

Business Administration; Finance and Investment; Strategic Planning and Policy Setting; or areas of interest to Kamehameha Schools, including Education, Law, or Governance.

Qualified candidates should submit a resume, cover letter, and a statement on their perception of the role of a Trustee, their vision, goals and objectives for the Trust, and what they would do to attain those goals.

Application submissions should be sent to:
Trustee Screening Committee, c/o Inkinen Executive Search, via email to executives@inkinen.com or mail to 828 Fort Street Mall, Suite 130, Honolulu, HI 96813.
Deadline for submission is December 11, 2026.

Please note that this is a public search process. Three candidates will progress to the finalist stage. The names of the finalists will be posted for public comment.

For detailed information, including information on the Kamehameha Schools' Selection Process, the 2030 Strategic Plan, Annual Reports, the 1999 Master's Report, the 2024 Master's Report and the Board of Trustees, can be viewed at https://www.inkinen.com/ks-trustee-2026-2027.

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