



2025 First Quarter Report from HPBC Executive Board

The Executive Board held its first quarterly meeting of 2025 at Nu'uuanu Baptist Church on February 21, 2025. President Brian Frable called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Scripture reading and prayer led by Second Vice President Larry Hale. Board member Debi Buchholz agreed to take meeting minutes in the absence of a recording secretary.

The board welcomed Glenn Basuel as a newly appointed member to provisionally fill a vacant position. Glenn shared his testimony, including his background as pastor at Waipahu Community Christian Church, his education at Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, and his service as a brigade chaplain in the Army Reserves.

Financial Actions

Several significant financial items were addressed:

- The board approved a transfer of \$67,359 from the Operational Fund to the Pu'u Kahea Operational Fund to offset the 2024 designated fund deficit.
- An allocation of \$25,000 was approved for emergency repairs at Pu'u Kahea Conference Center.
- The board set the total expenditure objective for the 2026 Budget at \$1,110,000 with a Cooperative Program goal of no less than \$1,110,000.
- CW Associates was approved to conduct the audit of the 2024 financial statements.
- New signers for the Hawaii Baptist Convention Bank of Hawaii accounts were approved including the Board Officers and the Executive Director.

Property and Facilities

- LIFE Christian Church received approval to pursue plans for renovations on the HPBC-owned Halawa Heights property with the requirement that they obtain proper building permits and engage licensed professionals. All future plans will need final approval of the Operations Committee.
- The Executive Director was tasked with seeking legal review of existing facilities use agreements to address liability concerns.

- A request was approved for the Executive Director to appeal to HPBC churches for assistance with specific needs on the Pu'u Kahea Conference Center request list.

Governance and Leadership

- Lester Kaneta, member of University Avenue Baptist Church, was approved for a four-year term on the Hawaii Baptist Foundation board.
- The board approved the formation of a task force to review and recommend updates to the HPBC Constitution and By-laws. The task force will address areas including language clarifications, church membership processes, committee structures, Executive Board composition, succession planning, and updated non-profit governance guidance. Any recommendations will be made public at least one month to the church before being brought to the floor of the 2025 Annual Meeting in November.
- Scholarships were awarded to nine students pursuing theological education, with amounts ranging from \$625 to \$1,250 for the spring 2025 semester.
- No further action was taken after an Executive Session.

The board continues to prayerfully focus on filling vacant positions, including the recording secretary role and other remaining board vacancies. The Operations Committee continues to pursue discussion with Hawaii Baptist Academy about the possibility of a future partnership concerning Pu'u Kahea Conference Center.

The next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm at LIFE Christian Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Frable, President

Shane Tanigawa, First Vice President

Larry Hale, Second Vice President

[Recording Secretary position vacant]

Dr. Craig Webb, Executive Director-Treasurer