

## About the Candidate Advisory Council

The Regents Candidate Advisory Council of the University of Hawai'i identifies candidates for the university system's governing [Board of Regents](#). The council presents pools of qualified candidates to the governor of Hawai'i from which candidates are nominated and, with the consent of the state senate, appointed by the governor.

The advisory council was created by Act 56, 2007 Hawai'i Legislature, in conformity with the amendment to Article X, Section 6 of the Hawai'i State Constitution ratified by the voters on Nov. 7, 2006. The council is tied to the University of Hawai'i for administrative purposes. In 2013, [Act 72](#) was passed to further define the candidate advisory council.

Eight members, including one ex officio, comprise the advisory council. They establish the criteria for qualifying, screening and forwarding candidates for membership on the UH Board of Regents. The council advertises pending vacancies and solicits and accepts applications from potential candidates.

## Members

Select a committee member to learn more about that individual.



**Brigitte Yoshino**  
Chair  
Senate President  
Appointee  
Term ends  
6/30/21



**Sommerset Wong**  
Vice-Chair  
Term ends  
12/3/18



**Lance Wilhelm**  
Secretary  
Term ends  
12/1/18



**Amy Hennessey**  
Governor  
Appointee  
Term ends  
12/3/18



**Dale Nishikawa**  
Governor  
Appointee  
Term ends  
12/3/18



**Blair Odo**  
Governor  
Appointee  
Term ends  
12/3/18



**Tom Ramsey**  
House Speaker  
Appointee  
Term ends  
6/30/21



**Capsun Poe**  
Member,  
Emeritus Regents  
Assn. Appointee  
Term ends  
10/31/18



### Brigitte Yoshino

Brigitte Yoshino was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawai'i. After graduating from Punahou School, Brigitte attended the Wharton School of Business at University of Pennsylvania where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Economics with a concentration in Finance.

She worked for large national financial institutions and has also done operations and strategic management consulting.

Brigitte spends much of her free time volunteering for numerous nonprofit organizations including those with educational and environmental programs.

## Emeritus Members