

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES****DATE:** Thursday, January 25, 2024**TIME:** 10:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Virtual Meeting  
 560 N. Nimitz Hwy.  
 Honolulu, HI. 96817

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**AGENDA****I. Call to Order****II. Approval of Minutes**

- A. March 23, 2023
- B. June 6, 2023 – Site Visit Summary
- C. June 6, 2023 – Site Visit Summary
- D. June 6, 2023 – Kauai Community Meeting
- E. June 7, 2023 – Kauai Board Meeting

**III. New Business**

- A. Maui County Presentation: Olowalu Temporary Disposition Site – Josiah Nishita, Maui County Managing Director
- B. Action Item BOT #24-01: Appointment of Everett Ohta to the Public Land Trust working group on behalf of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs pursuant to Section 3(b) of Act 226, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2022

**IV. Community Concerns and Celebrations\*****V. Executive Session‡**

- A. Presentation by Ka Pou Nui Casey Brown, and Kuilei LLC, CEO, Peter Gilpatrick re: Update on proposed uses of certain designated parcels at Hakuone; activities of OHA Contractor Kuilei; followed by Trustee decision making pursuant to HRS 92-5 (a)(2), (3) and (4).

**VI. Announcements****VII. Adjournment**

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Public Testimony will be called for each agenda item and must be limited to matters listed on the meeting agenda.

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**discussing or taking action on matters not listed on the meeting agenda.**

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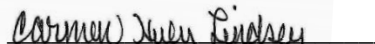
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- (1) a computer or mobile device to connect to the virtual meeting;
- (2) internet access; and
- (3) a microphone to provide oral testimony.

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 Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

1/19/2024  
 Date

**Office of Hawaiian Affairs**  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**January 25, 2024**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

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560 N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY, SUITE 200  
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**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustees  
MINUTES  
March 23, 2023**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee J. Keoni Souza  
Trustee Mililani Trask  
Trustee John Waihe'e, IV

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide  
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide  
Evalani Canto, Trustee Aide  
Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide  
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide  
Melissa Wennihan, Trustee Aide

ADMINISTRATION:

Sylvia Hussey, CEO  
Casey Brown, COO  
Ramona Hinck, CFO  
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel  
Nietzsche Ozawa, Interim Senior Legal Counsel  
Robert Klein, Board Counsel  
Tiger Li, IT Manager  
Erin Nakama, IT Support  
Kevin Chak, IT Support  
Arlene Aguinaldo, IT Support  
Daniel Santos, IT Support

## Call to Order

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 10:03 a.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	DAN	<b>AHUNA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	<b>AKAKA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	<b>AKINA</b>		Arrived at 10:05 am
TRUSTEE	LUANA	<b>ALAPA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	<b>GALUTERIA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	J. KEONI	<b>SOUZA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	<b>TRASK</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	<b>LINDSEY</b>	X	
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At the Call to Order, **eight (8)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Aloha kākou everyone and welcome to our Board of Trustees meeting. The virtual meeting can be viewed and observed via livestream on OHA's website at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream) . Before we begin, I would like note that items III. A. and III. B. were received under the 72-hour deadline. Let me go over some quick announcements. Please mute your mics when you are not speaking, this is important for those who are joining us from their own computers at home. Our staff will mute you if needed due to feedback. We are recording today's meeting for the sole purpose of producing written minutes, which will become the official record of this meeting.

Joining the Trustees today is my staff, my Aides-Kanani Iaea and Amber Kalua, and Board Secretary-Lehua Itokazu. We have with us today Judge Robert Klein – our Board Counsel, and Sylvia Hussey- CEO. I will ask Sylvia to announce staff that are with us today.

**Sylvia Hussey, CEO** Thank you Chair and good morning Trustees, today from Administration is our COO- Casey Brown, CFO-Ramona Hinck, Interim General Counsel-Everett Ohta, Interim Sr. Legal Counsel- Nietzsche Ozawa, and supporting online is Arlene and Erin, all from IT, as well as those in the Boardroom.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Mahalo, our first item on the agenda is approval of minutes. Do we have anyone signed up to testify on this agenda item?

**Board Secretary** There is no one signed up to speak on the minutes.

## Approval of Minutes

### 1. February 23, 2023

Chair Hulu Lindsey I will entertain a motion for the following minutes.

1. February 23, 2023

Trustee Waihee So moved.

Trustee Alapa Seconds the motion.

Trustee Waihee Moves						
<u>Approve the following minutes:</u>						
February 23, 2023						
Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA		X	X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			
MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						
Motion passes with Nine (9) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes, and Zero (0) Abstentions.						

**New Business**

- A. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment
  - 1. 2023 OHA State Legislature Bill Positions Related to Measures Naming OHA – Matrix 2, March 15, 2023

Chair Hulu Lindsey Lehua, do we have anyone signed up to speak on any of the items listed under new business?

**Board Secretary** We have no one signed up to speak under III.A.

**A. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment  
1. 2023 OHA State Legislative Bill Package – OHA – 1 – Matrix 1† March 15, 2023**

**Trustee Akaka** Your Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment, having met on March 15, 2023, and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following motion to the Board of Trustees:

**Motion 1:**

**Move to approve Administration’s recommendations on: NEW BILLS (Item 1) as listed on Matrix 2 -- Bill Positions Related to Measures Naming OHA - dated March 15, 2023.**

**Trustee Waihe’e** Seconds the motion.

<b>Trustee Akaka Moves</b>						
<b>Move to approve Administration’s recommendations on: NEW BILLS (Item 1) as listed on Matrix 2 -- Bill Positions Related to Measures Naming OHA - dated March 15, 2023.</b>						
<b>Trustee Waihe’e Seconds the motion.</b>						
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>9</b>			
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Nine (9) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Abstentions.</b>						

**2. 2023 OHA State Legislature Bill Positions Related  
to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians – Matrix 3†, March 15, 2023**

Trustee Akaka Madame Chair Motion to

**Motion 2:**

Move to approve Administration’s recommendations on: NEW BILLS (Items 1 - 8) as listed on Matrix 3 -- Bill Positions Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians- dated March 15, 2023, along with the following revisions:

**BILL POSITION CHANGES:**

Item 57, SB1286 from OPPOSE to COMMENT

Trustee Waihe’e Seconds the motion.

<b>Trustee Akaka Moves</b>						
Move to approve Administration’s recommendations on: NEW BILLS (Items 1 - 8) as listed on Matrix 3 -- Bill Positions Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians- dated March 15, 2023, along with the following revisions:						
<b>BILL POSITION CHANGES:</b>						
Item 57, SB1286 from OPPOSE to COMMENT						
Trustee Waihe’e Seconds the motion.						
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			



<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>9</b>		
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>					
<b>Motion passes with Nine (9) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Abstentions.</b>					

**3. 2023 OHA State Legislature Bill Positions Related to Measures Naming OHA – Matrix 2†, March 22, 2023**

**Trustee Akaka Your Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment, having met on March 22, 2023 and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following motion to the Board of Trustees:**

**Motion 1:**

**Move to approve Administration’s recommendations on: NEW BILLS (Items 1-2) as listed on Matrix 2 -- Bill Positions Related to Measures Naming OHA - dated March 22, 2023, along with the following revisions:**

**BILL POSITION CHANGES:**

**Item 5, SB458 from Support to Oppose**

**Trustee Waihe‘e Seconds the motion.**

<b>Trustee Akaka Moves</b>						
<b>Move to approve Administration’s recommendations on: NEW BILLS (Items 1-2) as listed on Matrix 2 -- Bill Positions Related to Measures Naming OHA - dated March 22, 2023, along with the following revisions:</b>						
<b>BILL POSITION CHANGES:</b>						
<b>Item 5, SB458 from Support to Oppose</b>						
<b>Trustee Waihe‘e Seconds the motion.</b>						
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			

TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E		X	X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			
MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						
Motion passes with Nine (9) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Abstentions.						

**4. 2023 OHA State Legislature Bill Positions Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians – Matrix 3†, March 22, 2023**

Trustee Akaka Madame Chair

**Motion 2:**

Move to approve Administration’s recommendations on: NEW BILLS (Items 1 - 6) as listed on Matrix 3 -- Bill Positions Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians- dated March 22, 2023, along with the following revisions:

**BILL POSITION CHANGES:**

Item 68, SB298 from Oppose to Comment

Trustee Waihe‘e Seconds the motion.

<b>Trustee Akaka Moves</b>						
Move to approve Administration’s recommendations on: NEW BILLS (Items 1 - 6) as listed on Matrix 3 -- Bill Positions Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians- dated March 22, 2023, along with the following revisions:						
<b>BILL POSITION CHANGES:</b>						
Item 68, SB298 from Oppose to Comment						
Trustee Waihe‘e Seconds the motion.						
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			

TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E		X	X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			
MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						
Motion passes with Nine (9) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Abstentions.						

**B. Committee on Resource Management**

- 1. Action Item RM #23-06: Receipt of Unspent Grant Dollars and Physical Fiscal Records from the AKAMAI Foundation Related to a Grant from the OHA for the Use and Benefit of Na'i Aupuni†**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Did we have any one signed up to speak on any items listed under III.B.

**Board Secretary** No one is signed up to speak under III. B.

**Trustee Waihe'e** Your Committee on Resource Management, having met on March 22, 2023, and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following three (3) actions to the Board of Trustees:

**Motion**

regarding: Action Item RM #23-06

**Receipt of Unspent Grant Dollars and Physical Fiscal Records from the AKAMAI Foundation Related to a Grant from the OHA for the Use and Benefit of Na'i Aupuni**

**Acknowledge the receipt of the following items related to the Grant Agreement, dated April 27, 2015, between the AKAMAI Foundation ("AF") and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs ("OHA") for the use and benefit of Na'i Aupuni at Attachment A:**

- A. A check in the amount of \$82,509.86 from the AF for unexpended grant funds, and deposited by the OHA in February 2017;**
- B. A check in the amount of \$57,441.30 from the AF for unexpended grant funds, and deposited by the OHA in June 2022; and**
- C. One physical box of fiscal files and records for Na'i Aupuni, from AF, including correspondence dated June 22, 2022, at Attachment F.**

**Trustee Souza** Seconds the motion.

**Trustee Waihe'e Moves**

**Acknowledge the receipt of the following items related to the Grant Agreement, dated April 27, 2015, between the AKAMAI Foundation ("AF") and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs ("OHA") for the use and benefit of Na'i Aupuni at Attachment A:**

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- C. One physical box of fiscal files and records for Na'i Aupuni, from AF, including correspondence dated June 22, 2022, at Attachment F.**

**Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>				<b>X</b>		
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>		

**MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED**

**Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, One (1) No votes and Zero (0) Abstentions.**

- 2. Action Item RM #23-07: Approval of the OHA Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Year ended June 30, 2022; and the OHA Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards and Uniform Guidance, Year Ended June 30, 2022†**

Trustee Waihe'e Thank you, I would like to move to

**Motion**

- Approve the draft Office of Hawaiian Affairs Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2022 at Attachment A;
- Approve the draft Office of Hawaiian Affairs Report of Independent Public Accountants in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards and Uniform Guidance, Year Ended June 30, 2022, at Attachment B; and
- Authorize the OHA Chief Executive Officer and Administration to take all other reasonable actions necessary and appropriate to complete, issue, file and distribute the reports.

Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.

Trustee Waihe'e Moves						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve the draft Office of Hawaiian Affairs Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2022 at Attachment A;</li> <li>• Approve the draft Office of Hawaiian Affairs Report of Independent Public Accountants in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards and Uniform Guidance, Year Ended June 30, 2022, at Attachment B; and</li> <li>• Authorize the OHA Chief Executive Officer and Administration to take all other reasonable actions necessary and appropriate to complete, issue, file and distribute the reports.</li> </ul>						
Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA		X	X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>9</b>			
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Nine (9) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Abstentions.</b>						

**1. Action Item RM #23-08: Approval of an Event Sponsorship for the Waimānalo Kanikapila†**

Trustee Waihe'e I would like to move to

Approve the following programmatic sponsorship, object code 56560, for FY2022-2023 (FY23):

Awardee	Event	Amount
Na'alehu Theatre	16th Annual Gabby Pahinui Waimānalo Kanikapila held at: Waimānalo Beach <b>Park April 22, 2023 (Gabby's Birthday)</b> from 9AM to 6PM	\$5,000
Total		\$5,000

Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.

<b>Trustee Waihe'e Moves</b>															
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<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>9</b>			
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Nine (9) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Abstentions.</b>						

**A. Administration to Report to Board of Trustees the Results of the State Auditor's Exit Conference**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Our next item is III.C. Do we have anyone signed up to speak on this matter?

**Board Secretary** No one is signed up.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** I will call upon Sylvia, our Ka Pouhana.

**Sylvia Hussey, CEO** Thank you Chair, good morning Trustees. The exit conference for the auditor occurred on Friday, March 3rd. It was a very short conference; the Trustees were provided the draft comments. The Trustees also received the auditor's report, which we had anticipated to be sent to us by Friday, the 10th, but it was sent to the Board the following Monday. In the RM Committee meeting, there was a discussion about that essentially the exit conference was very short. I will say that overall, in the Exit Conference, we let the auditor know that we would be providing corrections and clarifications to the draft audit report, and the final report, as you saw, resulted in the auditor discounting, dismissing, and being defensive about our correction and clarification comments. They also did not acknowledge that post audit period from 2022 and 2023. The amount of effort and planning policy related matters as well as Board work through Permitted Interaction Groups occurred. Post the exit conference, the Board is very aware of the State Auditor's responses, in essence it was a half an hour meeting with the State Auditor's office as well as Administration.

**Trustee Akina** Thank you Madam Chair, and thank you Sylvia for working so hard with your team to cooperate with the auditor through the several months of the audit. I want to ask you about a statement you made regarding the recommendations made by the auditor; you responded, and I'm just paraphrasing, that many of the recommendations that were made are already actions we are taking, and in process of. Could you expand upon that and the plan of action for any other recommendations of the auditor?

**Sylvia Hussey, CEO** The recommendations from the auditor were neither new nor novel; their policy recommendations, they are considerations of policies. These are all considerations that make sense so we're not disputing any of it. Even the recommendations for administration are highly operational, we will take that under advisement in our normal course of operations for process, procedure, and practice, so we didn't in it of itself, have any disagreement with that. These are standard policy recommendations and considerations that are part of the work. It was important to point out to the State auditor that the Board approved its governance framework in 2019 and the policy framework at the end of 2021. The policy framework was being worked on in 2022 with

endowments spending investment policies. Having land related policies included in that is T-level policies, Trustee level policies, that is just going to be a part of the work. Part of the scheduling of that is to put that in the policy line up for the Board for calendar year 2023.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Sylvia, I just want to share that the Trustees have asked for a compilation of all the policies in one folder. Could you tell us when that might be possible for us to receive that?

**Sylvia Hussey, CEO** The Executive Policy Manual which hasn't been updated since 2012, and the Board has that document and all of the current policies are there. As new policies are being developed and as the policy manual is the way it is, we will transfer over that work into the framework that we have, the T-level, C-level types of policies with process and procedures. This will be electronically. The Board already has the Executive Policy Manual and if you want us to navigate through that, we are more than happy to do that; this manual was distributed to the Board in early February.

**Trustee Trask** I would like to ask Administration to please re-send out the memo and policy that you sent out in early February.

**Sylvia Hussey, CEO** Trustees, if you would have your Aides look at communications 2023-022 sent out on February 8, 2023. Trustee, I will send out again to the board again. This is the email that the Executive Policy Manual was distributed.

**Trustee Akina** Sylvia, back to the policies discussion. As I read the audit, there is significant criticism over the way we made our realty decisions; in fact, the word Ad Hoc was used, the auditor points out that we did not update our policies and did not have them available in the appropriate format and documentation. Even if that were the case, we did adopt a governance matters policy, framework, and we have been operating according to them, would that be a correct characterization? Even if the documentation of our policy was not up to date, we nonetheless went through a process of defining our government's practice, our policy framework, and during the period of time that the auditor is looking at it, we've been operating according to an updated policy as oppose to making a decision in an Ad Hoc fashion.

**Sylvia Hussey, CEO** That's exactly how we have it in the Executive Policy Manual that's dated 2012, that's the official but that doesn't mean every time something is brought to the Board, that all of those action items in between 2012 to current, which our Corp Counsel tracks on behalf of the organization, that we make decisions based on current policies. We have always operated with current policy in mind, and we have all the Permitted Interaction Groups (PIG) that the Board formed in the first two policy work was there. The third PIG indicated that work would be punted to Administration to bring back to the Board. We provided all action items to the State auditor. We provided the existing policy, the red line, as well as the final policy; we provided all the context, which I will tell you, the State auditor was irritated at. Every decision that was made, including commercial property acquisition, was done with the policy and current practice of due diligence, very specific, and Casey and I can share that the investment memo is based on very specific policy alignment as well as other current due diligence considerations. So, yes, the policy is not updated but that does not mean the Trustees did not make current decisions based on current information, due diligence, and policy considerations.

**Trustee Akina** I recall that we went through extensive practice of due diligence for the acquisition of the Iwilei property and most of that discussion was done in executive session. Did the auditor have access to those minutes where they could observe and see the extent to which we abided by policy?

**Sylvia Hussey, CEO** They had access, and everything was coordinated through our Counsel and in coordination with Board Counsel, because these are Board minutes. Similarly, the appropriate redactions for



client-attorney privilege information was done, so the same process that we did. In addition, because the decisions were made in executive session and because at that point in time, we needed to keep that confidential information but once the acquisition is done and financing and everything is public, those minutes and considerations are open for review. The classification changes, again, were made known to them as well.

**Trustee Akina** Thank you very much Sylvia, that confirms my own instincts about this. I just feel so terribly sad at the miscommunication, misunderstanding, mischaracterization that is out there. It is embarrassing to talk to businesspeople who read the newspaper and so forth given the way OHA has been portrayed. I hope we can get the message out that we were not adhocing our decisions whatsoever, that we were systematic, and we conducted proper due diligence. I know that's a challenge, but I hope we can rise to that challenge and communicate that. Thank you.

**Trustee Ahuna** I just wanted to reiterate on Trustee Akina's comments, this narrative of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs needs to change. We have great audits, we do good work, and the people involved with OHA do good work. They shouldn't be challenged. I just want to congratulate everyone on a job well done and say that OHA is a great place to work.

**Trustee Akina** One final matter, I wanted to follow up on a question I raised before about the approximately \$700k tent in Kakaako Makai. I see that the auditor has raised it as a critical issue. I want to ask what happened to the tent, was it sold, is it being stored, can it be repurposed, are we recovering the cost to that? And who, if anybody, is held responsible for that decision?

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Trustee Akina, do you have an appointment with Casey and Kuilei?

**Trustee Akina** Today, I have an appointment to see the consultants and Casey.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** I think all those questions will be answered at that meeting.

**Casey Brown, COO** I would like to correct the figure for the tent. It is not \$700K, it is a little bit less than \$400K, about \$380K.

**Trustee Trask** I want to request from Sylvia, a summary of your last statement in terms of the policy, I would like to have it in writing. There's accusation that is now public, that we are not following our policies and pretending to have new policies. That is very deliberate and that is why I am requesting from you, a paragraph or two that states clearly what you just said. Corrective measures have been undertaken and the process didn't start with Plante Moran. The Board has been addressing this from the last Kondo audit prior to this one, and the same thing occurred with CLA and the same thing occurred with Plante Moran which is why we have altered. The policy language might be the same but process for implementing policy is not, that was made so that we could correct things that were falling through the cracks. Could I please have that?

**Trustee Souza** Our consultants recommend certain things to us, do they recommend these things to Administration, to the Board? And, do we approve it and they do it or do they recommend that we need a tent and they go ahead and buy it, how does that work?

**Casey Brown, COO** The way it happened was the consultants did their research and put together a business plan that called for a usage of a tent. They did end up recommending a purchase of a tent based on the research and due diligence that they had performed. After the purchase of the tent, they learned additional information that made the tent very difficult and expensive to put into play. There were a number of factors involved for

example, intensity of use requires a tent of that size to be taken down and the cost of putting it up and taking it down would be over burdensome. There are also other variables that made the tent less ideal to use on that site. The tent was relocated at and is sitting in storage so that we can find a way to repurpose it, sell it, or get some other use out of it.

**Trustee Souza** This was prior to me coming on board, but did the Board vote on this, that it was a good thing to do? Did they purchase the tent?

**Casey Brown, COO** The business plan included the usage of a tent because it included large activities to happen on that site, so the purchase of the tent was a part of the business plan that was presented to the Board and the Board approved that plan.

**Trustee Souza** Does the Board approve the budget for the tent as well?

**Casey Brown, COO** The Board relied on information that was presented based on the research of our contractors.

**Trustee Souza** Thank you.

**Sylvia Hussey, CEO** Trustee Souza, just for context, the PIG recommendations recommended an activation of Lot A, which is the Fisherman's Wharf. When the Permitted Interaction Group's report comes to the Board, and they accept the report and the activation, Administration will return with a specific action item to provide a budget and in that budget are different activities. One of the activities of the activation of Lot A was a tent. There are many other activities related to the activation of Lot A, but that comes to the Board in a form of an action item with the activities and the related budget. Administration takes that budget authority and implements contracts and other operational activities toward that end. So, the Board does approve the specific budget and application of the budget authority, and then Administration implements the budgetary authority in accordance with the Board's direction.

**Trustee Souza** Mahalo Ka Pouhana, that helps me understand the process, thank you.

**Trustee Alapa** I am curious to know if anyone checked on permits before a tent of that nature was allowed to be purchased and put up?

**Casey Brown, COO** There was research done and the contractor did look into the Special Management Area (SMA) minor and SMA major permits, which is the relevant permitting land use in the area. The rules around the permitting can be interpreted differently. There was research done and rules were not clear. People interpreted them differently and there was a range of usage that could occur. Interpretations Kuilei made upon their research were later changed based on new interpretation of the rules.

**Trustee Alapa** Based on interpretation, we took the risk of getting the tent without any secure confirmation that the size we had based on our business plan, it would be okay to erect on our property?

**Casey Brown, COO** At one point the contractors were very sure of the research they did; that business plan was brought to the Board and approved. It was subsequent that either a new understanding of the rule was made, or a new interpretation was made and the use of the tent became less possible.

**Trustee Trask** When I went back and looked at the documentation, what I saw in the preliminary step was we are not looking to put up a permanent structure. We are looking at getting the best use out of the land so that we can have something practical and income producing use until we get to the point where we can build a building. When I look at it, we are working with the County; we're looking to see what is possible short of a building made from concrete and steel, that's where the concept of the tent comes in. The County does allow that, but the County's definition of tent is not the same and does not fit the tent that we got. We didn't buy a building; we bought a tent. When you see it, you will see it tethers down, and it is huge. In the first step, we all see that it is a tent and not a building, but when the County came back and looked at their own County regulations about tents, it didn't fit the tent we acquired, that is what occurred. We didn't misrepresent anything. We have a tent and the County's old regulations. They are looking at six aluminum polls with a plastic cover over the top, and that is not the tent that we acquired. I have said this before, I am not taking this as a loss, I don't think that we should; we have significant communities on neighbor islands that don't have places. I am not one to throw it away and say it was a mistake. It is an asset, and I would like to see it repurposed. I would like the Board to look at how we can use it on the neighbor islands.

**Trustee Souza** I look at this as basic knowledge. I don't know who Kuilei is comprised of, but I am going to find out today when I meet with them. I am concerned, it is basic knowledge being in the real estate world. We know temporary structures can be put up, it is on Ag-land and it can only be a certain size. We are paying Kuilei good money, we are paying them to find out what the process is. If there was someone like me on the Board at that time, I would've told you that there are certain areas you need to get a permit. If you want to use the park for a party, then you pay a deposit to rent it and you get the money back if you do not damage the grounds. This is basic knowledge and I do not know how we got involved in purchasing a \$350K tent. I am not in the tent business, but I can tell you right now I am going to find a way to get our money back. I don't mean to get caught up in this tent thing, but it is a lot of money and it's our beneficiary money. It is a concern and I will go ahead and ask Kuilei as well when I meet with them. Casey, were we advised to buy the biggest and most expensive tent?

**Casey Brown, COO** It is a sizable tent, but it was driven by a business plan. The idea was to have large gatherings and events there, and to have something that was not nominal or shotty. They wanted something more attractive so that it could draw the business in, this was planned from a business standpoint. How much money can OHA generate so that it can sustain operations of this place. It was driven from the planning of what we envisioned with our contractors for this site. There were a number of tents that fit that vision, but this was the one that was selected.

**Trustee Souza** I just want to say for the record, we are the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; we are nobody small, we need to be taken seriously. We're putting up stuff and building without permits in so many ways, this is of concern to me. Thank you. I hope we can get this tent thing figured out, mahalo.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Thank you, Sylvia, for the Auditor's Exit Conference Report and including questions of Hakuone. I encourage all the Trustees to keep your appointments with our consultants so that you can get your questions answered.

### **Community Concerns and Celebrations**

*There is no one signed up.*

**Announcements**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Our next Board meeting is set for Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

**Adjournment**

**Trustee Souza Moves to adjourn the meeting.**

**Trustee Ahuna Seconds the motion.**

Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA		X	X			
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
J. KEONI	SOUZA	X		X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>9</b>			

**Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on April 6, 2023.

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Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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**STATE OF HAWAI‘I  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**‘Āina Ho‘okupu O Kilauea, Kilauea Community Agricultural Center  
3000 Kilauea Road  
Kilauea, HI 96754**

**Kaua‘i Site Visit Summary  
of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustees  
Summary Report  
June 6, 2023 - 11:00 A.M.**

ATTENDANCE:

Trustee Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Kalei Akaka  
Trustee Keli‘i Akina  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee Keoni Souza

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Trustee Aide  
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide  
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide  
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide  
Kauikeaolani Wailehua, Trustee Aide  
Ruben Sierra, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
LeiAnn Durant, Trustee Aide  
Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide  
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide  
Claudine Calpito, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Yoshito L’hote  
Maluhia L’hote

**I. Call to Order**

Site visit starts at 11:00 a.m.

**II. Introduction**

Everyone introduces themselves to each other upon the start of the presentation and tour.

**III. Site Visit**

**Yoshito L’hote** Shares with our group that the ‘Āina Ho‘okupu O Kīlauea was created by the community association. The land was secured by developers many years ago and no movement was made for a long time because there was no water. The community was worried that people would forget about this land and turned it over to the County. In 2006, George Costa started to get things moving by holding community meetings and it took eight years to come up with a master plan. \$400K was spent for the environmental assessment. In 2014, they came back and said \$7.2 million dollars was needed to build on the land. They knew there was no money and he and his community offered to build on the land for a much cheaper price. They started to revive the ‘āina, they got support from the county, and then the legislation. They received \$400K for basic infrastructure and removal of junk cars and jungle. They started with the first ten acres. The first acre: a temporary office using two containers was built along with a garden. He explains that they sold enough subscriptions to pay for a manager; 24 subscriptions, twice a year for about \$920 for six months. They opened five more acres for farmers to come but no one came because existing farmers had their own land. As time went on, they experienced the floods in 2018 and received money from HCF and started developing the non-profit. They were able to help numerous families help clean their properties and establish a system.

The large pavillion is offered to the community for free, many graduation parties have been held at the premises. Maintenance does cost money so they are looking to create fundraising events and high end dinners with special guest.

During COVID, the farmers had tons of produce but could not sell it. He ended up buying all the produce so farmers could still get money; he boxed it and sold it to the community, this is how they started. In the first week, 5,500 lbs of produce was sold to us. The second week was 11,000 lbs and by the third week, it was 17,000 lbs. They were able to capitalize on this with a donation of \$20,000 from a donor. They called these boxes *farmers market boxes* because they come from farmers markets’ food. They quickly looked where they could share these boxes with kūpuna, people affected by COVID, and then expanding outside of the community to Hā‘ena and Kapa‘a. They identified non-profits that have become partners. They were able to apply for the Farm to Family program from the USDA, they were awarded the contract that was successful.

Their goal is to bring food resilience into the community. They have trees that will produce fruit all year round, chickens, and pigs. They have the ability to feed their community. Their biggest challenge is food production. Once production increases, they will have better quality and service more markets. As they work with other non-profits and organizations, they are able to deliver farmers market boxes to kūpuna for free.

The land also houses turkeys, goats, and pigs. At the moment, they go through custom exempt; people can buy the live animal and they will process the animal for them. They have gone a step further where they make sausage, bacon, cured meat, and prosciutto.

He sees his program as a place to support each other, schools, organizations, k̄naka, and engage with the youth. By building up agricultural programs, having the kids work in the garden and having free lunches will create a full circle system where k̄naka can get ahead and make head way instead of always making it look like Hawaiians are constantly needing help.

Currently, they are fighting for the Kalihiwai reservoir which is being considered for decommission. He explains that this is their long term water source. They were able to get \$500k from the legislature to put in the water line. The water line is in and they are ready to turn it on but they are now being told the reservoir is about to be decommissioned because it will take \$10 million dollars to fix it. The people who had the ownership prior were going to pay the money to fix it but the grandfather died and now the grandkids do not care. They do not want to fix it, they want to sell the land. The other owner sold his portion to investors from New York. Their public trust of water, the decision making of this area is being left up to people who have no connection to this place. They only care about liability and money. He believes DLNR should step in and hold a conversation.

*Trustees and staff walk and view the premises.*

**IV. Public Testimony**

None

**V. Announcements**

None

**VI. Adjournment**

The site visit ended at.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

Site Visit Minutes Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on \_\_\_\_\_

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Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments: \*all excused memos and handouts will be attached once summary is approved.

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**STATE OF HAWAI‘I  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Kūkulu Kumuhana O Anahola  
4541 Hokualele Road  
Anahola, HI 96703**

**Kaua‘i Site Visit Summary  
of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustees  
Summary Report  
June 6, 2023 – 12:30 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE:

Trustee Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kalei Akaka  
Trustee Keli‘i Akina  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee Keoni Souza

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ADMINISTRATION STAFF

Casey Brown, COO  
Capsun Poe, Community Engagement Director  
And Interim Advocacy Director  
Jason Lees, Digital Media

GUEST:

Rae Nam, Executive Director  
Ku‘uleialoha Punua, Co-Founder and President  
Lorilani Keohokalole  
And Several students



**I. Call to Order**

Site visit starts at 12:30 a.m.

**II. Introduction**

Everyone introduces themselves to each other upon the start of the presentation and tour.

**III. Site Visit**

*Everyone is split up into groups and our group is taken around the property by haumāna*

Trustee Ahuna shares that this place started due to the high amount of suicides in their community. The idea is to create a safe place for the kids of this community, help them strengthen their identity through Hawaiian values, and establish healthy sustainable practices for their future.

Haumāna share where they grow, harvest, and make pa‘i ‘ai. They use their pa‘i ‘ai to feed their school, their family and community. They also have Hawaiian chili pepper, māmaki, lemongrass, banana, and kalo in the garden. Future plans are to create a youth center with space for kalo farms.

They are past recipients of an ‘Ahahui grant that allowed them to have the ‘āina to ‘ōpū program. This allowed students and their parents to come and make their own poi boards. They harvested their own kalo, pounded their pa‘i ‘ai and fed their ‘ohana and community.

Kūkulu Kumuhana O Anahola hopes to create a thriving community by starting with the kids. They hope to grow and manage their own food system and provide a sustainable way of life. Besides teaching students, they offer a safe talk suicide prevention curriculum by a certified staff member. They serve 103 kūpuna every week, and on occasion, they are know for their free movie nights complete with popcorn, dinner and pre-entertainment.

**IV. Public Testimony**

None

**V. Announcements**

None

**VI. Adjournment**

The site visit ended at.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

Site Visit Minutes Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on \_\_\_\_\_

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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
560 N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY, SUITE 200  
(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)

**Due to COVID-19, the OHA Board of Trustees and its standing committees will hold virtual meetings until further notice. The virtual meeting can be viewed and observed via livestream on OHA's website at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream) or listened by phone: (213) 338-8477.**  
**A physical meeting location open to the general public will be available at 310 W. Ka'ahumanu Ave. Kahului, HI.**

**Minutes of the  
KAUA'I ISLAND COMMUNITY MEETING  
MINUTES  
June 6, 2023  
6:00 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee Keoni Souza  
Trustee John Waihe'e

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GUEST:

Rae Nam  
Yosh Lhote  
Mason Chock  
Pua Rossi  
Makana Reilly

## Call to Order

**Trustee Ahuna** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 6:04 p.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	DAN	<b>AHUNA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	<b>AKAKA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	<b>AKINA</b>	X	
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TRUSTEE	MILILANI	<b>TRASK</b>	Excused	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	<b>LINDSEY</b>	Excused	
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At the Call to Order, **six (6)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

**Trustee Ahuna** Aloha kākou, before we begin I want to acknowledge former House Representative Roland Sagum, also our Kaua'i Councilman KipuKai Kualii, our Council Chair Mel Rapozo, aloha and welcome. Tonight's meeting can be viewed by livestream on OHA's website, [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream). Before we begin, I would like to ask each Trustee to introduce themselves and their staff at this time.

## Introductions

**Trustee Galuteria** Aloha, I am pleased to be here with you Kaua'i. First and foremost, I am Roland's classmate, class of '73 Kamehameha School, and we are celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion this year. I am an At-Large Trustee and it has been an experience to be here for the last six months. I look forward to hearing from all of you tonight.

**Trustee Souza** Aloha mai kākou, I am Keoni Souza, OHA At-Large Trustee. I would like to start off by saying thank you to Dan Ahuna for our community visits today and the community members for having us. Good to see all of you folks, aloha.

**Trustee Akaka** Aloha pumehana, I am Kalei Akaka, and I am honored to serve as your OHA O'ahu Trustee, as well as your Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee Chair. My title does not limit me to just O'ahu, as long as you are our beneficiaries, we are here working for you. I am here today with my kōkua, Nathan Takeuchi, and my 'ohana, my husband, Tyler, and my baby, Āiwaiwa. I wanted to mahalo our Kaua'i Trustee, Dan Ahuna, for hosting us and for the wonderful experiences that we've had today visiting the site visits at the farm, as well as at the lo'i with the keiki; it was so nice to be able to share and partake in the mea'ai there, and hear what the keiki are up to. I also want to mahalo his kōkua, Dini and Anuhea, for organizing all of this as well as Administration.

**Trustee Waihe'e** Aloha mai Kaua'i, I am John Waihe'e IV, Trustee At-Large. I am here today with my Aide, Crayn Akina. I would like to thank everyone who came down to join us here today and everyone joining us

virtually. Thank you to everyone who put this together, especially our colleague, Trustee Dan Ahuna. I look forward to hearing from everyone.

**Trustee Akina** Aloha mai kākou, it is always so wonderful to be here with all of you. I am Trustee Keli'i Akina. I am an At-Large Trustee which means it is my kuleana and my heart is for all of the islands. I want to say everytime I come to Kaua'i, it takes me several days to get over the beauty of the land and the beauty of the people. Today especially, we experienced the beauty of the food, we ate three lunches because everyone gave us so much hospitality. Everything we tasted that came out of the ground was amazing. Thank you for coming out and sharing your mana'o, I am looking forward to it. I would like to introduce to you one of my Aides, Ruben Sierra.

**Trustee Ahuna** I am Dan Ahuna and I am your Trustee serving Kaua'i and Ni'ihau. I am here with my Aides, Anuheia Diamond and Claudine Calpito. I want to thank all of you viewing, and also here tonight. I would also like to thank all the people who help service us today with all the food and taking the Trustees around. With that, I'd like to call on our COO, Casey Brown, to introduce our administrative staff that are here with us tonight.

**Casey Brown, COO** Mahalo. Aloha mai Kaua'i, good to be here. I am Casey Brown, the COO for OHA. We have a few administrative staff here with us this evening: Director of Community Engagement & Interim Chief Advocate – Capsun Poe, IT Manager – Tiger Li, Multi Media – Jason Lees, and our BSA here on Kaua'i is Kaliko Santos

### **III. Status of OHA Activities: Ka Pouhana/CEO's Kaua'i Island Community Report and Update on OHA's activities.**

**Casey Brown, COO** I know we have a stacked agenda so I will make this short. On our website we have our biennium budget for fiscal year '24 and '25, you will be able to see our spending priorities, our constraints, a lot of charts that break down our budget and expense categories. Our grants cycle for 2023 is also open and soon to be online is the island community report for Kaua'i. We would want all of you to go online and look over it. The report demonstrates the activities that OHA does on behalf of your moku and statewide. For example, our public policy team and community engagement team track, support, and advocate for the Waioli Taro Hui of Farmers that have been dealing with issues such as access to water. You will also see a listing of the grants; these grants total about \$600K. We also have indirect awards that we give to institutions who work with different moku like the University of Hawai'i and charter schools. We would like to hear from you folks. Mahalo.

### **Community Presentations**

**Trustee Ahuna** We will have our testifiers speak first before our presenters.

**Milton Ching** I am part-Hawaiian and a descendant of my kūpuna from Wailua kai back in the 1800s. Before Coco Palms was built in the 1950s, my kūpuna and many others lived on the land. Records show there was many villages that encompassed the property. I will be speaking on behalf of those burials that were inadvertently found in the 70's. The Cocoa Palms Project has archaeologists on-site, and I was honored to be approved by the State Historic Preservation Department (SHPD), and the DLNR as the only cultural monitor, not a lineal descendant. I have been working on this job site since the beginning, my mana'o is that no one is speaking on behalf of the burials that were uncovered years ago. I want these burials that were already found to be protected by the County, State, and OHA. I come before you to ask, please protect the iwi. If any iwi are found during construction, then the archaeology monitoring plan, called an AMP plan, is in place.

**Maunakea Trask** I am here to speak on the Cocoa Palm presentation, and I just want you to know that I do work for the developer right now. They hired me to ensure that they did the right thing. Like Uncle Milton said, he is one of three people in the universe who is a descendant of that place and he is in charge to ensure that during construction, landscaping, archeology, and burials are monitored, and to ensure they're treated appropriately. I can't think of anyone else more appropriate to do that. When this project was permitted in 2014, the government and community leaders recommended that the developer work with the community to incorporate a strategy that would solicit public feedback from the Native Hawaiian and general community on the development of the resort. I did a lot of research catching up on this issue and there was a Coco Palms Cultural Advisory Committee that was formed. It was a six member committee, all members were Native Hawaiian: Kimo Keawe, Kamika Smith, Danita Aiu, Kumu Hula Leina'ala Jardine, La'amea Almeida, and Dirk Soma. They formed the guiding principles and met with community stakeholders. Their visioning and contributions development included a cultural resource center, student internship, support of local farmers and businesses, protection and preservation of iwi kūpuna, restoration of the fish pond, restoration of the mauka wetlands and lo'i kalo, keep and maintain the coconut grove, honor Queen Deborah Kapule, take care of cultural resources, hire local native speakers, integrate proper historical place names, have local housing in the area, and include employee orientation training that includes Hawaiian history, language, and culture. These are just a few. I want you to know that we just rediscovered this work product and I spoke with Mr. Dirk Soma to see if he would be interested in joining the team. I also spoke to my client and they are wholeheartedly in support of working with the community in enacting these policies and programs. We are looking for opportunities to work together. It is incumbent upon all of us to work together as a community, County, State, State agencies, quazi-State agencies like OHA, and the people to ensure that our place and our culture are priority. I do not believe in victim mentality, I think Native Hawaiians are more powerful enough to stand on their own ten toes and take care of their own problems. A lot of historical injustices have happen and we cannot change that, I dont like to dwell in the past but look into the future. Thank you for your time, aloha.

**Sherri Cummings** Aloha mai kākou, I am a beneficiary and waitlister. My organization is Mālama Anahola, I will be speaking on Kūkulu Kumuhana O Anahola, both were formed around the same time in 2011. In that year, there were five teenage suicides. We both had the same kind of concept like Uncle Robert Keliioomalū, he was Kūkulu Kumuhana O Puna. I bring this up because, as a child growing up in the 70s, we had access to sports and different activities, and what I noticed was volunteers were incredible. Now, the program is big, and they compete on a national level it is all about money. Once you put a price tag, you wipe away three quarters of the native population and that is what we are seeing now. When the kids cannot participate, you wonder why there is this ripple effect. They become a part of this negative population; the incarceration goes high, they become homeless. It stems from youth, and it projects up until present day. If the program does not change, then the people need to change. My wish is to go after funding so that we can put these kids back into sports. They cannot pay hundreds of dollars to register to be a participant. I do support Kūkulu Kumuhana and I am so happy that you folks granted them the funding necessary to help our beneficiaries, Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Mahalo

**Amber Alimboyoguen** Shares part of her geneology and different books that tell you who owns the different land deeds. She touches upon different litigations that she is a part of and the issues she has encountered due to these litigations and public testimony she has done on facebook. Some of these concerns she spoke on was the hacking that took place on her facebook account and people stealing from her house. Her biggest concern is one group of people who own many things and now they bought the water company in Maui. She doesn't understand why the State will not let people live in Hakuone.

## **Kūkulu Kumuhana O Anahola - Aunty Rae Nam**

**Aunty Rae Nam** Mahalo nui for allowing me to be here and to present to you. OHA has been able to help us and the youth in our community. *A video is shared.* We have received three grants over time from OHA; the ‘Ahahui Grant – brought families together to learn their culture.

Homestead Grant – helped them establish the Ulupono Anahola program.

Kūlia Grant – has helped them to connect to the community.

There are few people I want to acknowledge, OHA grant specialist: Ahia Dye, Keala Neumann, and Strather Ing. They have been so supportive.

**Trustee Akina** I am so proud to see what you are doing with the community and the collaboration. We all remember, sadly, years ago hearing the stories of suicide among the young people here. To come 180 degrees in the lives of so many, this is what we need. Mahalo so much for that, this is what we need to see more of.

**Trustee Souza** Mahalo again for today. This place was started to be a place for the keiki to get support and have a support system, and it is now expanding. I hope OHA can continue to support this effort.

**Trustee Akaka** Mahalo nui for hosting us today. It warmed my heart as I got to talk to them today about what they love learning. It was nice to see our keiki learning in an environment that is not limited to a four-wall classroom, and to be able to talk story with them about some of their favorite things they enjoy learning. They are learning where their food comes from, and they are doing it with aloha and joy. Mahalo again for the mea‘ai, it was so ‘ono.

## **Āina Ho‘okupu O Kilauea - Yosh Lhote**

**Maluhia Lhote** Aloha, I am Maluhia Lhote and I am the son of Yoshito Lhote, who is the CEO of ‘Āina Ho‘okupu O Kilauea. The Trustees did come out today to visit our first project, our non profit, Kilauea Community Agricultural Center (KCAC). OHA contributed to many of the boxes that we’ve been making over the past three years. We started making these farmer market boxes because we saw a need, from the farmers side, to get rid of produce before they go to waste. Farmers had produce planted over three months and no one to sell to because markets and restaurants were closed due to COVID. We started to buy the produce from everyone and slowly turned this into a big program that is now a part of our operation. In 2020, we were doing 500 boxes a day. It was easy to distribute to everyone who needed. We still contribute to these different non-profits but in smaller amounts now and instead of every week, it is every other week. As you saw today, we have the chickens, lamb, and pigs but we also have all the vegetables. This makes us a unique place for us to make amazing food. When you taste it and its fresh and you know it was growing 20 minutes ago, that is the quality and the ono you want to bring to everyone. By having Native Hawaiians as the forerunners and contributing the most to this is definitely something we want to be doing. With your help, I am sure we can get there.

*A video is played.*

**Trustee Akaka** Thank you so much for hosting us today.

**Trustee Souza** Thank you for today and for all that you do, aloha.

## **I Ola Wailuanui - Mason Chock, Pua Rossi, Makana Reilly**

**Mason Chock** Aloha, I am Mason Chock. A little backstory before we get into our presentation on why we are here and how did we get here? It is a long mo‘olelo but I will make it quick. I was on the Council in 2013 when this was the last hoorah for this property. The leadership at that time wanted this to happen and we went for it. So much has happened since then with COVID and everything. What started to come to light was we were not getting reports about the progress, and we saw that this property was in trouble. Fast forward, we saw the property go into foreclosure and things like the general plan that outlined the fact that we had 3,000 more hotel units still on this island permitted and ready to go. We also understood the effects of climate change and traffic impeding upon our lifestyle. All of these things culminated around this group and the group started talking about this property and if this property is in trouble after 40 years, still, then the community needs to be ready to rally. Today, we have become a non-profit and what we represent is the community and that they have a voice through the process. We are thankful for the people who have been on the property and mālama the property. We are thankful to people like Maunakea Trask, who is now at the table on behalf of these current developers. I wish they hired him years ago. We make no claims to the future of this property.

**Pua Rossi** I am from Wailua and I still currently live there. My great-great grandmother was born and raised there. Both my parents are kānaka maoli and have claims to this island so because of them, I grew into my interest of Hawaiian culture. I am instructor of Hawaiian studies here at Kaua‘i Community College. I wanted to speak a little on the the cultural history of Wailuanuiaho‘āno. This place is a small parcel of land within the greater Wailua. This was royal lands and the residence of the Puna Chiefs, and where King Kaumuali‘i lived. This place is also the Mahunapu‘uone burial grounds. There have been some disturbances and we want to do our best to respect and protect our iwi kūpuna. When I was 12, I got to meet a man called Pila Kikuchi, an archaeologist. He shared with us the mo‘olelo about the heiau. Wailua has the largest concentration of heiau within one ahupua‘a on the island of Kaua‘i. These are only a few heiau but there are many more with specific stories. Holoholokū – Kalaiokeamanu is known for the first ever pahu drum; the first ever wooden idol/ ki‘i was from Hikinaakalā. Many thing as kānaka maoli and kama‘āina know started in Wailua. This is an important site and the many reasons we want to bring this ‘āina back to the community.



In this area, we have inland fish ponds, the oldest coconut grove, and coastal wetland habitat for endangered, native species. The hotel was in operation for about 39 years, it has been shut down for 30. This is not the legacy we want to leave behind for Wailua. It would be amazing to see it go back to the community.

**Makana Reilly** In our work, we are looking at the six parcels; three of which are fee simple parcels and three are State owned land leases.

**Mason Chock** Let me say, we cannot change the past or the history, so much has happened, but we can learn from it and move forward with our eyes open. This is what we need to do with this community. We need to hui together to see the best outcome.

**Trustee Akaka** How can we collaborate together?



**Mason Chock** In the news, there has been interest coming from the current owners and developers to move but also from the State and County. We are thankful for the State questioning their past practices in how they look at revocable permits and leases. There are things in terms of advocacy, we ask that the state consider access for community, and how the community interest play into these properties. I think OHA standing in the middle between all stakeholders, lineal descendants, people in the community could serve as a beacon to bring together a neutral organization to speak on how we can move forward. We hope that you as leaders can step into that.

**Trustee Akaka** Do you have any recommendations right now based on what we do and how we can kōkua currently and in the future?

**Mason Chock** I think there is a lot of skepticism in the community. I think we need to be a part of an ongoing discussion. I cannot speak on where this may land in five to ten years, but I do hope what it does is take into consideration everybody that is connected to this. We will continue to ask questions, ask people to come to the table so that everything is transparent and accountable.

**Trustee Souza** What I am hearing is that you see OHA being more of a representative, having a seat at the table. What do you see as the biggest value for this area besides a hotel and OHA being a representative? What do you see in the short-term goals and how we can help?

**Mason Chock** When we look around the pae‘āina, we see examples of how our kānaka are stepping into their own rights as stewards by using it to thrive and live, to find identity and move forward. This place that we are looking at has so much cultural heritage. I think OHA can represent those things as it relates to the culture and making sure the right stewards are there.

**Trustee Galuteria** I am saddened by what I saw today, I remember a very vibrant Coco Palms. I for one would want specificity in terms of what come next, is it legislative? Have we passed the councils? This is a very political question and unless we address it in that fashion, we will be talking about this in another year. What is the next step? How can OHA help you? Help us help you. Unless we are very definitive about that, we are going to be back here talking about the same thing. I am glad the developers are at the table. There are different levels and unless there is dialogue, this is a moot point. We want to be a part of the team but unless we are clear on what our role is, then how can we help you? Who is the leader of your squad?

**Mason Chock** We need to allow the government to move forward. The County is speaking up in terms of what some of their interest are. The State and the County need to come together. We have been initiating conversation as such. The options are acquisition if it is looking at holding, that is not what is on the table right now on my mind. We have not seen any strong movement in that direction. What is on the table is the hotel at this moment. The hotel has the rights to about 350 rooms. It has gone through a process since 2013 that has seen what we've seen in the past 20 years is no movement forward. The best that we can do as a community is rally together, ensure that those at the table making decisions are informed on what they are stepping into and how to move forward properly and may collaborate with us on what the future could be.

**Trustee Galuteria** Let me ask you specifically what can OHA do? Do you want us to convene an Ad Hoc committee to help bring the parties together?

**Mason Chock** That may be helpful. Maybe we can have some internal discussion from the community side. Again, right now, that is a hotel so until it is not a hotel, our role is different. The kind of things that we are talking about is limited there. I think those discussions need to be had with the current owners.

**Trustee Galuteria** That is Maunakea? How can OHA help?

**Maunakea Trask** We do not need to wait a year or a week? This does not need to be a mutually exclusive operation. I grew up in Wailua homesteads too, I drive pass there everyday. Coco Palms is on the historic register and has alot of complex issues. It has a district hotel resort so to take those buildings down, you have to restore them. It is very strict and very expensive. Ms. Guslander wanted to keep people on property. In order to do that, she focused on the lagoon and grove. When you speak to kūpuna, they love this palce. My Tūtū wanted to see this place come back as the preimminant educational and professional training group for hospitality for the whole world. The world got to know Hawai‘i through Coco Palms. Long story short, I am willing to talk to anybody. I want to talk to Mason and sit down and figure this out. Self determination is our ultimate goal. When we reach that, we will have hotels but we’ll regulate them. Alot of things we are hearing is how do we go back? We cannot. I am representing the developer now, and I want to sit down and figure this all out. We want to move this forward, and we would love for OHA to be a part of this discussion.

**Trustee Galuteria** We do not want to get in the way, we want to be part of the solution. Whatever we need to do, we should do. If we need to be the conveners, then let’s convene.

**Maunakea Trask** This is what I say, when this is done, I will go and talk to Mason. We will definitely keep Trustee Ahuna involved since this is his kuleana and backyard. We will also keep you updated.

**Trustee Galuteria** Okay, good.

**Trustee Waihe‘e** There is a proposal that is multi-phased with an eight-year timeframe, your intention is to pursue his proposal?

**Mason Chock** No, those are hypotheticals that came via conversations we had with mutiple leaders, but nothing has been formalized.

**Trustee Waihe‘e** It seems very detailed.

**Mason Chock** There is alot that could happen and alot of potential. In terms of action, next steps, what is happening is the revokable permits and the leases. There are six TMKs that are fee simple, which are State. These are on the table to be discussed. If this, in good faith, is to be community lead, then maybe the discussion should be what those State parcels are for the community.

### **Update on Hakuone, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Kaka‘ako Makai Lands**

**Casey Brown, COO** A quick backdrop, OHA stewards lands for the beneficiaries. 35-acres from our real estate portfolio are commercial property, and 30 of these acres are what we will talk about. This is Hakuone. Hakuone is located in the moku of Kona and in the ahupua‘a of Waikīkī. These parcels lie within the reclaimed lands of fisheries. Back in the day, these lands were very productive; not just as fisheries, but these lands had alot of salt. The 30 acres sit across 10 parcels, they are partly landfill, and they generate about a \$1.4M dollars a year as is. In the area of where Hakuone sits, you have two government owners and two Native Hawaiian entities: the City and County of Honolulu which is all park space, the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) governs the development there, Kamehameha Schools, and OHA.

OHA got these lands from a settlement back in 2012 where the State conveyed them these lands in lieu of \$200 million cash. This was to satisfy debts from the Public Land Trust's debts that are owed to the Hawaiian people. These lands came with many issues, one of them being a residential band. The residential band locks up a ton of value in these lands. In attempt to unlock the value, the board at the time and the board in front of you today went to the legislators to try and lift that band. OHA went to the legislators in 2014, 2016, 2021, and this past session 2023. We were unsuccessful in all sessions.

In late 2022, we renamed Kaka'ako Makai to Hakuone. The name was recommended by Kumu Cy Bridges, renown Hawaiian practitioner. Haku – to create, to arrange; one – referring to the sands and to the lands of my birth, this also refers to ho'ōne, a pumice stone, relating to smoothing over. This was the name chosen by the Trustees at the end of 2022. This place could be an economic engine, a Hawaiian sense of Place such as a Hawaiian cultural center and housing for our community. The more resources generated by these lands means more resources can be deployed you. Our next steps are to explore commercial uses and begin planning those uses, take stock of recent Hakuone legislative and lessons learned in terms of what are the obstacles. We need to continue telling this story and getting the message out to you folks, this way you can help by offering testimony and advocate for this place. Mahalo nui.

### Community Concerns

**Malia Kerr** Has been a substance abuse counselor for over twenty years and has benefited from OHA in 2010. She was the first Native Hawaiian to be certified and start an out-patient program for adults. Recently hired by KIPA to be their Director. KIPA, Kanuikapono is a drug treatment center. Kaua'i has a huge drug problem right now. They hope to get the doors open by the middle of this year but the funding issues were a big problem. One of the issues was they did not have an Executive Director. The land where this place is, was selected because of their Kahu who said this is a healing place. She invites OHA to visit during their next visit to Kaua'i.

**Kamealoha Hanohano Pa-Smith** Works for the Hanalei River Foundation. The first thing he speaks on is the issue in Wailua. He works with some of the lineal descendants and the capacity that he serves with them is helping them navigate and maintain their political status as Hawaiian sovereignty activists, as Hawaiian Nationals and still be able to benefit from the reparations coming through the state, the federal government, and private foundations. He is helping them to restore some of their agriculture sites. It is a difficult process to be a part of a system that you do not believe you need to be a part of. At the end of the day, our sovereignty activists still have the right to a job and to funding. He has found it very interesting to learn about Hawaiian Kingdom laws and how to deal with issues in self-governance and self-determination.

**Noa Mau Espirito** Is a descendant of George Samuel Keli'i Kamoali'i, head of the Aloha 'Āina Patriotic League during the overthrow. He is in possession of four TMKs associated with the Kamoali'i kuleana awards. Kamealoha is the only non-profit helping him right now as he is doing his best to restore the 'auwai, clearing cars and the homeless.

**Sherri Cummings** Shares her family connection to Aunt Patsy and how her 'ohana is very interesting. She is speaking from her māmā's side of the family as she believes they were the last to leave 'aola and hikini akala. Normally, they do not talk about this place very much but when pilikia comes up, they come forward and speak. She shares the resolution passed, 3 to 2. She shares a brief history on her family members who worked at Coco Palms and explains that people need to know the history so that understand why everyone is in the situation they are in today and how everyone will move forward. She share there are many that are taking Hawaiian words and putting them together to make Hawaiian names, creating a non-profits and positioning themselves because there is a big push on the federal level and state to empower kānaka. When you look up who these

organizationa are, they're po'e haole. Her last thought is how she has learned so much by sitting back and listening. She also shares that if kānanka do not come forward and share their stories, documentaries, and film then you will get more shibai (pretending to be sincere, fake). Non-profits that are supposed to be culturally significant to our people are oppressing them. She is planning on bringing a well-known Indigenous film maker from Canada in September to do a pre-development for the first film they plan on doing. This film will be on Prince Jonah Kūhiō because this story will be told in the context to explain why we are a State today, we have four counties, why 208,000 acres are set aside for Native Hawaiians, and why the Statehood act passed. This is what she had to bring to the table. Mahalo.

**Amber Malia A.** She mentions different projects that she created to help family members get off of drugs. She has been a part of groups that help people in various ways. She shares different books that provide information on different families that run trusts and how the Kamehameha Kamoali'i families should have royalties. People are trying to hack her, and the government is following her Instagram and Facebook. She is the informant for Pila Kobuchi because of his books and KCC has the rest of his books.

**Kamealoha Hanohano Pa Smith** Speaks briefly on Coco Palms and says the conversation that needs to happen needs to be much bigger than just 3-4 people. He wants everyone to know that if an Ad Hoc is created, or any type of meeting, that the largest group of people should be invited to this meeting. He explains that many of them or their families have been involved in different aspects or phases. This issue is complex, and people deserve to have their voice heard and share their mana'o. He asked if OHA can provide a safe place for people to meet and talk. This topic can become sometimes contentious.

**Trustee Ahuna** Attempts to explain that before anything can happen, such as talks, it must be listed on the agenda.

**Kamealoha Hanohano Pa Smith** Interrupts and states that he is not the type of person to just bring things up. He explains he had no idea that he would hear the things that he heard tonight, and he heard a desire to reconcile, he wants to make sure that it includes others and not the same people over and over again.

**Rupert Rowe** Explains the heiau at Kāneiolouma got out of control under the Parks division. He shares that he is surprised the County has no authority on restoration on the project. This is so complex and he believes he has a civil rights case against the County. This never should have gotten this far but now it is on the top. His Mayor does not support the previous Mayor's projects.

### Announcements

**Trustee Ahuna** Tomorrow we will have our Board of Trustees meeting at the same place at 9:00 am.

### Adjournment

**Trustee Waihe'e** Moves to adjourn the meeting.

**Trustee Souza** Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
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J. KEONI	SOUZA		X	X			
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**Trustee Ahuna** Adjourns the Kaua'i Island Community meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXX, 2023.

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Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

**Attachments: (All attachments will be included once approved)**

1. Excused Memo – Trustee Alapa
2. Excused Memo – Trustee Hulu Lindsey
3. Excused Memo – Trustee Trask
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5. I Ola Wailuanuiaho 'Āno – Powerpoint
6. Hakuone - Powerpoint

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**Minutes of the  
KAUA'I ISLAND BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY MEETING  
MINUTES  
June 7, 2023  
9:00 a.m.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee Keoni Souza  
Trustee John Waihe'e

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Casey Brown, COO  
Capsun Poe, Comm.  
Engagement Mgr. & Interim Chief Advocate  
Jason Lees, Multi-Media Designer  
Tiger Li, IT Manager  
Kaliko Santos, BSA

**BOT STAFF:**

Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide  
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide  
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
LeiAnn Durant, Trustee Aide  
Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide  
Ruben Sierra, Trustee Aide  
Claudine Calpito, Trustee Aide  
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide  
Kauikeaolani Waialehua, Trustee Aide

## Call to Order

**Trustee Ahuna** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 9:05 a.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	DAN	<b>AHUNA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	<b>AKAKA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	<b>AKINA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	<b>ALAPA</b>		excused
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	<b>GALUTERIA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	<b>SOUZA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	<b>TRASK</b>		excused
TRUSTEE	JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>		
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	<b>LINDSEY</b>		excused
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At the Call to Order, **five (5)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

## Introductions

**Trustee Ahuna** Thank you very much, that gives us a quorum. Aloha kakahiaka to everyone out here on the island of Kaua'i for this Board of Trustees meeting. We are happy to be here with you all, not only in person, but we are also here online, livestreaming on our OHA website, [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream). So with that, I'd like to start with just brief introductions with our Trustees, starting from on my right.

**Trustee Galuteria** Aloha, Trustee Brickwood Galuteria, At-Large, mahalo Kaua'i, it's been a great time.

**Trustee Souza** Good morning, I am Keoni Souza, OHA At-Large Trustee. Thank you, Trustee Ahuna, for hosting us here on Kaua'i.

**Trustee Akaka** Aloha pumehana, I am Kalei Akaka. I'm honored to serve as your O'ahu Trustee and also as the Chair of the Beneficiary of Advocacy and Empowerment Committee. I'm very thankful that we're able to enjoy Kaua'i this week, and mahalo to our Trustee, Dan Ahuna, for hosting us and to his staff and all have administration that makes all of this possible. I am here with my 'ohana, Tyler, our baby and and my kōkua, Nathan.

**Trustee Akina** Aloha mai kākou, it is good to be with you this morning. My Aide is Ruben Sierra and I am Trustee At-Large, Keli'i Akina. I have been most impressed by the courage and compassion of our beneficiaries here on Kaua'i. You're facing incredible challenges and overcoming them in an incredible way. It has been wonderful hearing the mana'o and I hope we are faithful in following through.

**Trustee Ahuna** Aloha, I am Dan Ahuna, I represent the islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau. I am your island Trustee, with me today are my two Aides, Claudine Capito and Anuheia Diamond. I would also like to thank our Chair's staff for being here. Joining us is our COO, Casey Brown, and he will be introducing himself as well as our Administrative staff.

**Casey Brown, COO** Mahalo, I am Casey Brown, the Chief Operating Officer, standing in for our CEO, Sylvia Hussey. Joining us from Administration today is our Director of Community Engagement and Interim Chief Advocate - Capsun Poe, our IT Manager - Tiger Liu, Jason Lees - Multimedia Designer, and holding down our Līhu‘e office here on Kaua‘i is Kaliko Santos - our Beneficiary Services Agent. Mahalo.

**Trustee Ahuna** Thank you Casey for that update. Before we move on to item III, I'd like to ask if we have anybody signed up to speak on this item?

**Board Secretary** There is no one signed up to speak on this item

### **Status of OHA Activities**

**Casey Brown, COO** I am going to make a couple of announcements and briefly highlight the Island Community Report for Kaua‘i. First off, to those viewing online, we want you folks to know that our ‘24 and ‘25 fiscal year budgets are available for your review. This is something we do every biennium when we form our budgets. Please take a look at it, you will find our spending priorities, our budget line items and a lot of nice graphs that break down the budgets into all our different categories and allocations. Also, I note that our 2023 grants application window is open. A lot of the information is online for those that have interest. There are some deadlines, June 19th is for any letters of interest and then the application deadline is going to be June 26th. Please, if you're interested, take a look at the grants that are available. We have a lot of them open and accepting applications right now. Lastly, I wanted to highlight the Island Community Report for the moku of Kaua‘i. We want all of you to know that it is there and to take a look at it. This report has good population data related to Native Hawaiians, health, housing, education, and a good profile on your island community, and lastly in this report is our grant data. You will see all the organizations that OHA currently has awarded on your island, directly and indirectly. We want to hear from you folks; if there's anything that you see that should be included in that report, please call us, contact us and let us know, mahalo.

**Trustee Ahuna** Thank you Casey for the updates and the reports. Next up is community concerns. I'd like to ask our Board secretary, do we have any one signed up?

**Board Secretary** No one is signed up to speak.

**Trustee Ahuna** Thank you to all the Trustees for coming up to Kaua‘i. I would also like to say thank you to the island of Kaua‘i and the beneficiaries who came out and supported us. We'd also like to thank those organizations who shared with us yesterday. I would like to ask for a motion to adjourn.

### **Adjournment**

**Trustee Akaka** Moves to adjourn the meeting.

**Trustee Souza** Seconds the motion.



Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEI	AKAKA	X		X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA						Excused
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
J. KEONI	SOUZA		X	X			
MILILANI	TRASK						Excused
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY						Excused
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>6</b>			

**Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey** Adjourns the Kaua'i Island Community meeting at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Lehua Itokazu  
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXX, 2023.

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 Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

**Attachments:**

Status of OHA Activities: Maui Island handout

Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
January 25, 2024  
10:00 A.M.

**III. New Business**

A. Maui County Presentation: Olowalu Temporary Disposition Site – Josiah Nishita, Maui County Managing Director

Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
January 25, 2024  
10:00 A.M.

**III. New Business**

- B. Action Item BOT #24-01: Appointment of Everett Ohta to the Public Land Trust working group on behalf of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs pursuant to Section 3(b) of Act 226, Session Laws of Hawai‘i 2022

Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
January 25, 2024  
10:00 A.M.

**V. Executive Session**

A. Presentation by Ka Pou Nui Casey Brown, and Kuilei LLC, CEO, Peter Gilpatrick re: Update on proposed uses of certain designated parcels at Hakuone; activities of OHA Contractor Kuilei; followed by Trustee decision making pursuant to HRS 92-5 (a)(2), (3) and (4).