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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**DATE:** Thursday, January 26, 2023**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
 - 1. June 9, 2022
 - 2. June 22, 2022 Kāneiolouma
 - 3. June 22, 2022 Kaua'i Community Meeting
 - 4. June 23, 2022
 - 5. August 4, 2022 Ka'ala Farms
 - 6. August 4, 2022 Academy for Creative Media
 - 7. August 4, 2022 O'ahu Community Meeting – Nānākuli
 - 8. August 18, 2022 Lāna'i Community/ Board of Trustees Meeting
 - 9. September 1, 2022 O'ahu Community Meeting – Pāpakolea
- III. New Business
 - A. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment
 - 1. Action Item BAE #23-01: Approval of the First Term of Juanita Kanehailua Wolfgramm and Second Term of Liane Khim as the O'ahu Island Representatives for the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund (NHRLF), Board of Directors (BOD)†
 - B. Committee on resource Management
 - 1. Action Item RM #23-01: OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Periods 2021-2022 (FY 22) and 2022-2023 (FY 23) - Realignment #6 – Non-Core and Core Realignments†
 - 2. Action Item RM #23-02: OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Periods 2021-2022 (FY 22) and 2022-2023 (FY 23) - Realignment #7 – Designation of the Unencumbered Balance of the Fiscal Year 22 General Funds Appropriation of \$200,000 in Program ID 175 Beneficiary Advocacy in Act 29 (21), HB204 SD2 CD1†
- IV. Community Concerns and Celebrations*(Please see page 2 on how to submit written testimony or provide oral testimony online. Oral testimony by phone will not be accepted)
- V. Executive Session‡
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Adjournment

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† Notice: The 72 Hour rule, pursuant to OHA BOT Operations Manual, Section 49, shall be waived for distribution of new committee materials.

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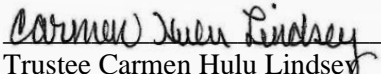
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Oral testimony online or at a physical meeting location will be limited to five (5) minutes.


Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

1/20/2023
Date

Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 26, 2023
10:00 A.M.

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- *All attachments will be added to the minutes once approved.*

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Waimea Valley – Proud Peacock Room
59-864 Kamehameha Hwy.

Hale‘iwa, HI. 96712

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Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees MINUTES June 9, 2022

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keli‘i Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Brendon Kalei‘āina Lee
Trustee Mililani Trask
Trustee John Waihe‘e, IV

ADMINISTRATION:

Ramona Hinck, CFO
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel
Nietzsche Ozawa, Interim Senior Legal Counsel
Lei-Ming Ayat-Verdadero, BSA Mgr.
Starr Kalilikane - BSA
Erin Nakama-IT Support
Arlene Aguinaldo-IT Support

BOT STAFF:

Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
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Kauai Wailehua, Trustee Aide
LeiAnn Durant, Trustee Aide
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide
Brandon Mitsuda, Trustee Aide
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary

GUEST:

Eric Enos – Ka‘ala Farms
Alapaki Nahale-a - ‘Iole Stewardship Center
Todd Apo - ‘Iole Stewardship Center
Richard Pezzulo – Waimea Valley

Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 10:03 a.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	LEINA‘ALA	AHU ISA	X	
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI‘I	AKINA	X	Attended by Zoom
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI‘ĀINA	LEE	X	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	TRASK	X	Attended by Zoom
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE‘E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
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At the Call to Order, **nine (9)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Welcome everyone, we are here in Waimea Valley, here in O‘ahu. As a reminder for those joining us by Zoom, please mute your mics when you are not speaking and have your cameras turned off until called upon. The virtual meeting can be viewed and observed via livestream on OHA’s website at www.oha.org/livestream

Joining the Trustees today is my staff, Aides-Kanani Iaea and Amber Kalua, our Board Secretary-Lehua Itokazu. Also with us today is Robert Klein and sitting in for our CEO is our Interim General Counsel - Everett Ohta. Everett, could you please introduce any staff that we have here.

Everett Ohta, Interim - General Counsel Thank you Chair Lindsey and good morning Trustees, we are honored to be here in Waimea Valley. Thank you for the hospitality shown by Richard Pezzulo and staff. Joining us for the BOT meeting this morning is Lei-Ming Ayat-Verdadero, Starr Kalilikane from our Beneficiary Services Program as well as, Jason Lees and Josh Koh from our Digital Media.

Public Testimony & Community Concerns and Celebration

There are no testifiers.

New Business

A. Communiy Presentations

1. Ka‘ala Farms – Eric Enos

Chair Hulu Lindsey Aloha Eric, thank you for being here and sharing your presentation with us.

Eric Enos, Ka'ala Farms Aloha mai kākou, I was invited by your staff to come out. This is an interesting place, so different from Wai'anae. I am from Ka'ala Farms and we have been around since the 1970s. We have deep roots in Wai'anae moku and we really appreciate that last funding cycle. This allowed us to shift gears with Covid. Normally, we have about three to four thousand school children at our learning center but because of Covid, we had to press stop and move into a food distribution. We were ready, we had a lot of kalo coming from our fields and it was 'ulu season. We were able to cook, present, and give away food. More importantly, to engage and teach where the food comes from and how to make these food options 'ono, delicious, and healthy. We work closely with the Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC) and we were able to get some grants from the City to help us. We have 97 acres of Hawaiian Homelands – it used to be a youth program, I was working with the youth gangs. It was ranch land, the community got the land and the lease when the ranch got into trouble. I called the Bishop Museum and they came out. They brought a map that was done in 1906, it showed the entire back of the valley covered in taro. I went to see Senator Matsuura from Hilo. He came out and walked the trail with me and went out to the plantation diversion ditch and he told me what to do. He said you go through the process of a community, the district use application based on the water and then I'll take you to *inaudible* waste water engineer. After the plantations diverted all the water *inaudible*. I went through the process and got everyone on board; DOFA, SHPD, DLNR, all the agencies. This was a great project working with youth. This was just to bring a little bit of water down to create a little creek. I handed the letter in and I got a letter back that said request denied. How can we farm? In the summer of 1978, I took action. Some people donated 2" pvc pipes, one mile. We stuck in the plantation diversion ditch and we followed all the conditions that was designed for us. We brought the water down from 600 ft. elevation to 400 ft. elevation. Prior to that, I took our youth to the Waiāhole struggle. We met with the farmers and they put us in the frontline. We learned about civil disobedience. Governor Ariyoshi, at the time, took the valley over. Meeting all those farmers, I learned about kalo. At the time, I knew nothing about kalo but they all came out and helped us. I started to plant kalo and cleared all my land. About six months later, the State enforcement agency came on and *inaudible* I said okay, I am not going to argue with you, I know you're doing your job. I went and looked up a list of the landlords, I went down the list and I looked for the first Hawaiian name, Larry Mehau. He didn't return my call, so the next name was Moses Kealoha. He said come see me, bring all your maps and work that you did. He looked at everything and told me at the next board meeting, to come and testify, and I will take care of the rest. I went and testified before the land board. I followed all the rules and did everything that needed to be done. I really had no choice because we needed water. The land board then voted yes, they are going to support us putting in the 2" pvc pipe on State land; however, where the pipe entered the stream is out of the State's jurisdiction. We had permission to lay the pipe on state land. Where it entered the stream, it was out of the State's jurisdiction. Who owns the water? 1978, the Con Con, the water commission was established. What we did was start establishing a Native Hawaiian organization, rights to the percentage of the water in the watershed to allow us to have the uses to recharge other purged brown water, which recharges other purged brown water. This recharges the Board of Water supply wells below. It was a win-win. The hydrology of water is very critical, especially with climate change. We've done studies that looked at recharging brown water and we are going after that water. We had 1,100 acres of State land just turned over to us, the old Wai'anae Ranch. The Department of Ag. – gross mismanagement. When William Aila was Chair, he removed the Department of Ag and it got turned over to us. We got \$60K from you to do an environmental assessment that allowed us to have the lease and share it with Ho'omau Ke Ola Substance and Abuse Program. Now, we are working on water rights on the back of Wai'anae. The Wai'anae kai is the best preserved, intact Hawaiian system. The whole back of the valley was never bulldozed because it was too rocky. Hundreds of acres untouched, only cattle so we are going for the historical register for Federal recognition. I have been working with Hawaiian Homelands for kānakas who can have raw land, to transpire that into a viable living place. Sorry to go over my time, I just think these are key issues. What we have done with water sends a precedence. We are now working with the Board of Water Supply, we are working with HECO and they are helping to fund. Every summer, we have interns; juniors, seniors, and college students. We work with them and take each level of experiences. This

covers sustainability, fire, water, indigenous knowledge, ‘ai pono, energy, policy, and politics. These are all the issues, we take every level of issues and we bound them together. We need to produce more Native Hawaiian scientist, geologist, archaeologist, botonist. All that are applying to these kinds of jobs are coming in from other places.

Chair Hulu Lindsey I just want to say the Baord is coming down to Wai‘anae for a community meeting. If you want to come down to present again, you can.

Trustee Ahuna You mentioned about getting more geologist and botonist, how do you think OHA can support that?

Eric Enos, Ka‘ala Farms You gotta get them early in our schools, public and private. Support from Kamehameha Schools, it is important that they support commuity nonprofits. They are pulling back our funding and I think that is very tragic.

Trustee Ahuna We should have scholarships ready for our children out there. These kids should have scholarships where they do not have to compete or have obstacles. We should be giving them away. How many kids in Wai‘anae have these options?

Trustee Akaka Mahalo for your presentation. I am very interested if we can do a site visit at your farm?

Eric Enos, Ka‘ala Farms Absolutely, yes. We had Ernie Lau, from the Board of Water Supply. We opened up fourteen acres in Makaha, this where Board of Water Supply has a lot of land. When the time comes, we have always testified; and when we fight, we fight clean. We disagree honorably, we set up communications. He came out to talk stories. The Hawaiian Civic Club did pass a water resolution and we mahalo them for that. This resolution looked at our water situation in Wai‘anae. We are not asking for all of the water, we are just asking for our fair share. It will be a recharge, it’s a win-win.

Trustee Akaka I also wanted to ask what can OHA do for you immediately to further your mission?

Eric Enos, Ka‘ala Farms Learning about the issues with water.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Mahalo nui Eric. When we have our meeting out your side, we will have our staff set up a site visit. Next up is Alapaki from ‘Iole Stewardship Center.

A. Community Presentations

1. ‘Iole Stewardship Center – Alapakai Nahale-a

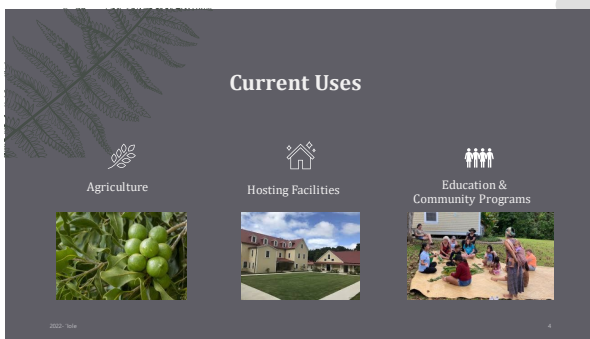
Alapaki Nahale-a, ‘Iole Stewardship Center Aloha Chair Lindsey, Vice Chair Trustee Ahu Isa, and Trustees, mahalo to Trustee Lee for the invite to present today, OHA staff for all your work, the Waimea Valley ‘ohana for hosting the meeting, and a special aloha to Uncle Eric. It’s been over thirty years since I visited Ka‘ala with Uncle Eric and Uncle Eddie, thank you for paving the way. I am the Alapaki Nahale-a, Interim CEO for ‘Iole and I am happy that our Board member Todd Apo is on here joining us.

I want to start with ‘Iole is a nonprofit and ‘Iole is about ‘āina. A traditional ahupua‘a, very diverse and over 2,400 acres of land and has a deep cultural significance. To be there and traverse ‘Iole is to walk in history, there are many stories and evidence pre-contact. We know Kamehameha coming from Kohala, that this place has a lot of impact including his rare canoe landing that, here we are today, still with the challenge of

stewarding this place as a lāhui. The land is owned by the New Moon Foundation, they reached out to the



Hawaiian Community Foundation (HCF) to see if they would be interested in taking on this kuleana. I want to give HCF credit because this is not something they would normally do but their leadership decided this was something they would embrace. In order for HCF to receive this and implement anything, they started their own nonprofit called 'Iole. We see 'Iole as a special kuleana to take of this place and our lāhui. Our Board consist of HCF, University of Hawai'i, and Arizona State University. Both Universities are interested in the work that is being done here at 'Iole. Early partners in our initiative have included Hawaii Electric Industries and Kamehameha schools and we're now starting to work with our community, like Kohala High School.



Majority of this ahupua'a is agriculture, ag-lessees. We host learners for different events, a variety of education programs, and we will be adding research programs. I believe an ahupua'a is really about a community and community of practice. People who will wrap arms and keep each other accountable, support, and create an abundance. Recently, I have been pushing restoration because we have been living detrimental to both the environment and humans so we have to restore better practice. When we do this, then we can move to sustainable practice. One of the things important to me is stewarding 'āina but in away, we are modeling solutions locally and globally; so globally, energy and food and onsite water and waste. One of the ways that I am framing this is that within 7-10 years, I intend for 'Iole to have the capacity to be totally self-sufficient for water, energy, and waste. If we want find solutions for the world, then we need to be models of the behaviors and practices to make recommendations and suggestions. I just wanted to give you an overview of 'Iole. We would love to have OHA a part of our 'ohana in whatever way makes sense and I am happy to provide more details if needed or host staff.

Trustee Akaka Mahalo nui for your presentation. Back in 2016, I had the pleasure of visiting 'Iole with my grandfather, Daniel Akaka. He was so enamored with the property there. I wanted to ask you what some of the changes are that we've seen since then with facilities, ag-land, and the fish farm.

Alapaki Nahale-a, 'Iole Stewardship Center We have actually tried to keep the property as status quo as much as possible. Everything that has been happening there is positive and impactful so we've maintained *in audible* we are looking to add value and to amplify what the site can deliver. I would look at it more as a refreshing application rather than a change. In truth, many initiatives that the Kohala Institute started did not get launched and so we are starting with those initiatives like the ag-research and some stream restoration.

Trustee Akaka Do you still have the fishpond?

Alapaki Nahale-a, 'Iole Stewardship Center Yes, the fishpond is still operational but it is in the transitional phase right now, they will be located at another site.

Trustee Akina Thank you for acknowledging me. First, I wanted to say aloha to Alapaki and to Todd, good to see both of you on the screen and thank you for your work at the 'Iole Stewardship Center, great initiatives. You mentioned earlier that you're moving forward to carry out some of the initiatives started by the Kohala Institute. Could I ask what the role of Kohala Institute will be in the forward direction of your stewardship center?

Alapaki Nahale-a, 'Iole Stewardship Center Absolutely and I'll say it's nice to see you again, the Kohala Institute is phasing out and I believe they will not be doing anything else. I think the organization is closing up shop but we did keep all the staff. All the research that has been done, the plans that were laid and community connections made. We want to continue them but as a former organization, I believe that the New Moon Foundation is closing them down.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Mahalo nui Alapaki. Moving on to item IV.B., I will call on Trustee Waiha'e

B. Committee on Resource Management .

1. Action Item RM #22-10: Limited Delegation of Authority of Chapter 10-17 Grant Awards for the Purposes of Effecting Responsive Emergency Financial Assistance and Community Based, Micro Kōkua Grants (2nd reading)

Trustee Waiha'e Madame Chair I would like to move to

Action 3

re: ACTION ITEM RM #22-10

Approve the limited delegation of grant awarding authority, pursuant to section 10-17, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to the Chief Executive Officer for:

- A. Program 3800 – Grants, Object Code – 56510 – Grants in Aid Program & Proviso Grants, Emergency Financial Assistance (“EFA”) Grants, up to \$2,000 per award, and an overall budgetary limit of \$830,000 in both FY22 and FY23, less any amounts in 3rd party grant agreements executed for the purposes of EFA;**
- B. Program 3800 – Grants, Object Code – 56560 – Sponsorships, Rural Community-Based, Micro Kōkua Grants for event sponsorships (“Kōkua Grants”), up to \$1,000 per award, and an overall budgetary limit of \$30,000 in both FY22 and FY23; and subject to weekly reporting to the Board**

Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.

Trustee Waihe'e Moves

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Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.

	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OL E (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA		X	X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			

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

Motion passes with nine (9) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Excused.

Announcements

Chair Hulu Lindsey Are there any announcements?

Trustee Lee Tomorrow some of the Trustees will be gathering for the King Kamehameha Lei draping.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Yes, thank you. All the trustees are invited. We would like to mahalo Richard and all of his staff here at Waimea Valley for hosting us today.

We also have two Board members here with us, mahalo for coming.

Adjournment

Trustee Ahuna Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Waihe'e Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA	X		X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E		X	X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				9			

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on January 26, 2023.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. 'Iole Stewardship Powerpoint

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**STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Kāneiolouma
2000 Po‘ipū Road
Kōloa, HI. 96756**

**Kaua‘i Site Visit Summary
of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
Summary Report
June 22, 2022 – 12:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee B. Kalei‘āina Lee
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Keli‘i Akina
Trustee Trask

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

Casey Brown, COO
Capsun Poe, CE Director
Alice Silbanuz, Community Director

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Kauikeaolani Wailehua, Trustee Aide
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide
Caludine Calpito, Trustee Aide
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide
Brandon Mitsuda, Trustee Aide
Ruben Sierra, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Roslyn Cummings
Rupert Rowe
Billy Kaohelaui‘i
Bidgette Hammerquist
Peleke Flores

I. Call to Order

Site visit starts at 12:02 p.m.

II. Introduction

Oli is offered by Peleke Flores

III. Site Visit

Kāneiolouma

Trustee Ahuna Starts the visit by explaining there is no better place to gather and have a reunification. He has invited different community members to share with everyone what is going on here on Kaua'i.

Uncle Billy Kaohelaui'i Comes from the Nāwiliwili ahupua'a. He expresses that the entire area is his home. This place has burials, and he does not want them to destroy this area. He is trying to protect and mālama this area. He is one of the last known fisherman of this area. He explains that Kāneiolouma is not just one spot, but all over; it is the entire area.

Trustee Ahuna Explains that there are so many things going on today and it is a big fight.

Rupert Rowe Shares that this place, Kāneiolouma, was a project and journey. This place was the foundation for the unification and about our identity. He explains that identity also applies to someone that is lied to rest. The soul of that person went home, but their structure is still there. The problem from statehood to this very day is about inadvertant. He explains that the word "inadvertant" in a lawyers world is a filler word so you have the right to pursue your identity to the courts. You can go straight to the Supreme Courts. We are also the place in America that has first language, only in Hawai'i. What makes us unstable is measuring our identity by blood quantum. If you have a blood quantum, then you will never know who you are. I ask the archaeologist when the last kanaka left Hawai'i? He could not answer because we never left, so how come we are not who we say we are? He explains the reason is real estate. For those who are in real estate, they do not look towards identity. He states that he has told developers that they develop all these lands and make millions, but kānaka are left with a tarp sleeping on the road. We keep selling the land. Identity is key and you should never be afraid to say who you are. If you say you are Hawaiian, then you are a make believe person. He states that *they who lie in rest, should always lie in rest*. He points out there are iwi everywhere, he points behind him where there are iwi found and explains how the state, city, and county levels have failed. He shares that across the street, dynamite is being used and no one is sharing that there is a rubbish dump or injected wells. Every time you shake the 'āina, everything else shakes too. He shares that Kumu Lake once asked him if he understood what Kāneiolouma was about; his response was he understood the energy of the kūpuna that once existed here. The kūpuna will comfort you; if they cannot comfort you, then you do not belong over here. He thinks that his organization will pursue the identity issue and there is no such thing as a blood quantum. He has seen this disrupt families.

Trustee Ahuna Asks Rupert, what he thinks is a solution for all of this and what does he thinks will happen.

Rupert Rowe Shares that everything will fall into place. This is our constitutional right to be who we are, it is not the State's right or the immigrants that occupy Hawai'i, or the ones that come in and buy the land and then we pay the rent.

Bidgette Hammerquist Was asked to come and give some background on a lawsuit against the developer of the Kiahuna parcel, it is the last 25 acres of undeveloped area. Before the degrading of the parcel without any permit, it was a wonderful place. Before the purchase was completed, the owner, Pingston, ordered bulldozers to come in and knock down rockwalls. She explains that a long time ago when the Kiahuna was redistricted and rezoned from ag. to urban, the Land Use Commission on O‘ahu formulated conditions of development. All too often, the conditions of development are ignored. They are supposed to be enforced by the County but that has been omitted by Kaiana Hall. I urge you to write Kaiana Hall, and tell them as a citizen of Hawai‘i, and tell them that you demand that they adhere to the conditions before development. Those conditions say that before any work on the 25 acre parcel is done, it had to have a qualified archaeologic inventory and survey for features that may be worthy of preservation. It also stated that it was supposed to have a qualified biologist. She points out what condition 14 states; before any work is done on the parcel, there are supposed to be public designated parking stalls on Kiahuna Plantation Drive at KMP4. There was supposed to be public parking so people could continue to access Hapa Trail, shelter for Hapa Trail, and a sidewalk to the beach, and most importantly, a qualified biologic survey and archaeologic survey; neither were started until after extensive degrading and rock bashing. She challenges OHA to write to the Governor and SHPD to correct it. She states she has data and photographs of all of this. She shares that an ancient wall and possibly a heiau was knocked down with a bulldozer. This area was supposed to be hand cleared and properly surveyed. Al admitted that he did not do an archaeological survey because he was not asked to. She shares that Friends of Maha‘ulepu won a lawsuit by the Federal court and every dollar is being used to protect the environment of Kaua‘i. Now, the Friends of Maha‘ulepu are helping the effort Save Kōloa. She also shares about the many caves underground in the area but are being disregarded by the developer or being told there are no caves in the area. She has an archaeologist helping them and trying to get a pictometry done.

Trustee Ahuna Asks if Bridgette is working with Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation (NHLC)?

Bidgette Hammerquist Responds that they have approached them. There was a lawsuit with Ted Blake against another developer but, because Ted Blake worked with Pingston, NHLC felt they had a potential conflict because they had a client technically on the other side of the community development; however, the client has since died. She is not sure what their current position is but states that they have asked her to share all of their pleadings, complaint and petition for restraining order.

Trustee Ahuna Thank you.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Requests that Bridgette pass the information on to Trustee Ahuna regarding the letters on the suit that is being filed. She also states that OHA can be of help as far as advocating.

Bidgette Hammerquist Replies that the biggest help OHA can offer is to require the State and SHPD to encourage the County to enforce the conditions that they are supposed to follow. Yes, I will pass everything on to Trustee Ahuna.

Roslyn Cummings *Inaudible.*

Mahina Laughlin Shares that this has awakened the truth. She thanks the Trustees for coming down to listen to everyone. She understands everyone’s life is crazy and people feel trapped trying to do the right thing. She explains that she cannot give up on the system because she has to pay the bills. A story she shares is about hundreds of Hawaiians having their tongues cut off because they would not stop speaking ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i.

Trustee Ahuna Thanks everyone who came out to the site visit and to those who spoke. He wants to tackle the issues right now and learn about them. He expresses that OHA and the Trustees need to help and that every island has iwi issues. He explains where the construction is taking place and encourages all the Trustees to take a drive up the road to see what is taking place.

IV. Public Testimony

None

V. Announcements

None

VI. Adjournment

The site visit ended at 1:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

Site Visit Minutes Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on January 26, 2023.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Excuse Memo – Trustee Ahu Isa
2. Excuse Memo – Trustee Waihe‘e

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**Minutes of the Kaua'i Island Community Meeting
of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
MINUTES
June 22, 2022**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keli'i Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee
Trustee Mililani Trask
Trustee John Waihe'e, IV

ADMINISTRATION:

Sylvia Hussey, CEO
Ramona Hinck, CFO
Casey Brown, COO
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel
Nietzsche Ozawa, Interim Sr. Legal Counsel
Capsun Poe, CE Director
Alice Silbanuz, Comm. Director
Lei-Ming Ayat-Verdadero, BSA Mgr.
Joshua Koh, Multi-Media Designer
Jason Lees, Multi-Media Designer
Tiger Li, IT Support
Kevin Chak, IT Support
Daniel Santos, IT support

BOT STAFF:

Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Lehua Itokazu, BOT Secretary
Kauikeaolani Wailehua, Trustee Aide
Brandon Mitsuda, Trustee Aide
Ruben Sierra, Trustee Aide
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide
Claudine Calpito, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Kamealoha Hanohano-Pa-Smith
Roslyn Cummings
Pulama Callejo
Tara Rojas
Kamuela Wong
Kiara Rodrigues
Alfred Medeiros
Nikki Cristobal
Kamuela Wong
Nawai Aipa-Rivera
Rupert Rowe

Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 6:03 p.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	LEINA‘ALA	AHU ISA		Joined mtg at 6:07pm (Zoom)
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI‘I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI‘ĀINA	LEE	X	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	TRASK	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE‘E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	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 Kaua‘i Island Community Meeting. We are hear to listen to all of you on your mana‘o and thoughts.

As reminder for those joining by Zoom, please mute your mics when you are not speaking and have your cameras turned off until called upon. The virtual meeting can be viewed and observed via livestream on OHA’s website at www.oha.org/livestream

We are recording today’s meeting for the sole purpose of producing written minutes which will become the official record of this meeting. Before we begin, I would like to ask each Trustee to introduce themselves and their staff.

Trustee Lee Aloha mai kākou, I am Brendon Kalei‘āina Lee; I am an At-Large Trustee for the OHA. It’s nice to be back here on Kaua‘i. Joining me tonight is my Aide, Lei-Ann Durant. Mahalo for having us.

Trustee Akina Aloha mai kākou, it is wonderful to see all of you tonight. We look foward to all your mana‘o and hearing from you this evening. I would like to introduce my Aide, Ruben Sierra. Mahalo to Trustee Dan Ahuna for hosting us.

Trustee Waihe‘e Aloha mai kākou, I want to thank everyone for coming out tonight. I am your Trustee At-Large and my Aide is Crayn Akina. I also want to thank Trustee Dan Ahuna and all the staff that put on this meeting. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

Trustee Trask Aloha Kaua‘i ‘ohana, I am Mililani and I live with my family in Ola‘a on the Big Island. I am so happy to be here. I was so thankful two weeks ago, while on O‘ahu, many of you folks called in that night because of all the dynamite that was happening. I was very thankful today that we had a chance to hear from others who are struggling to preserve the areas and the iwi. For that reason, I look forward to working with you. My Aide is Kauai Wailehua, aloha.

Trustee Alapa Aloha, so nice hearing from the Kaua‘i people. I am so happy to be here; I am going into my second year serving as the Trustee for the islands of Moloka‘i and Lāna‘i. Big mahalo to Trustee Dan Ahuna and his staff, you folks did an outstanding job hosting and the ‘ono food. I am looking forward to meeting all of you, hopefully, and of course hearing from you.

Trustee Akaka Aloha pumehana e Kaua‘i ‘ohana, I am so thankful to be here with you in person this year. I want to introduce myself; I am Kalei Akaka; I'm honored to serve as your O‘ahu Trustee and as your Chair of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment. I am very proud to advocate for you. I also want to introduce my kōkua, Brandon Mitsuda, and my ‘ohana. I want to mahalo our Kaua‘i Trustee, Dan Ahuna, for having all of us here today. Also, Chair Hulu, her staff, and anyone here that made today possible. I want to mahalo the ‘ohana that hosted today’s site visit, that was very special and a good opportunity to hear what’s going on in the community. Mahalo nui for letting us join you this evening and we look forward to what you have to share with us, mahalo.

Trustee Ahu Isa Aloha kākou, I am sorry I cannot be with you in person. I am happy that we can be face-to-face, even though I am participating through Zoom. My Trustee Aide is Nathan Takeuchi. Mahalo to Trustee Dan Ahuna for hosting the meeting.

Chair Hulu Lindsey I am the Maui Trustee and I presently chair our Board. I want to say aloha; thank you so much for coming this evening and we love to see the room full of beneficiaries. We know you have concerns and we are prepared to listen. Tonight, my staff with me is the Board Secretary, Lehua Itokazu, and my two Aides, Amber Kalua and Kanani Iaea. Also, we have our Chief Operating Officer, Casey Brown, he will be introducing our staff with us today.

Casey Brown, COO Aloha everyone, on Zoom we have our CEO-Sylvia Hussey, CFO-Ramona Hinck, Interim General Counsel-Everett Ohta, Interim Sr. Legal Counsel-Nietzsche Ozawa, Communications Director-Alice Silbanuz, Community Engagement Director-Capsun Poe, BSA Mngr.-LeiMing Ayat-Verdadero, IT Mngr.-Tiger Li, two of our Multi-Media Designers-Jason Lees and Josh Koh, and many other support staff online-Kevin and Dan.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Before I turn the mic over to your island Trustee, I want to thank Dan for the very warm hospitality that he has shown us while on island, and for all of you that came today to our site visit; mahalo nui for being so vigilant and for protecting our traditions and culture. With that said, I will turn the time over to your Trustee, Dan Ahuna.

Trustee Ahuna Welina mai kākou, thank you everyone for being here and taking the time to be here tonight. I would like to take the agenda out of order. After III. I would like to go to V. Community presenters first. Before I start, I would like to introduce my staff, my two Aides, Claudine Calpito and Anuheia Diamond. We are now moving to Community Presenters.

Community Presenters

Ko‘olau Limu Project – Nalani Kaneakua and Lei Wann

Nalani Kaneakua Aloha kākou, I am Nalani, the Director – *inaudible*. Shares a 3-minute video on Ko‘olau Kaua‘i Limu. *Inaudible*.

In the last two weeks, 4 ahupua'a are backed up or closed. Today, the 'ele'ele is growing in the river, it should be growing in the ocean. We have groups come through and we share our restoration project with them. We are growing huluhulu waena; I have not seen this since I was a kid. This seaweed needs fresh water and it is growing slowly.

Trustee Akaka Aloha Auntie Nalani, I would like to do a site visit one of these days.

Nalani Kaneakua Of course, bring your tubbies and googles.

Pihana ka 'Ikena - Sean Chun and Maco Wai'ae'ale

Sean Chun *Inaudible*. Pihana ka 'Ikena is a non profit. They focus on traditional Hawaiian healing. He expresses that a change needs to happen at Kamokila Village. They take care of the heiau located mauka; they do not see anyone else taking care of this area. They have many goals, some are creating a kauhale, creating a living museum, and bring a positive change to the environment mauka to makai in Wailua.

Trustee Akaka Are you looking for a home?

Sean Chun *inaudible – recording is poor.*

Mālama Hule'ia – Peleke Flores

Nathan Chock Aloha, I am Nathan Chock; I am a board member for Mālama Hule'ia. *Inaudible*

Peleke Flores *inaudible*. His main concern is to secure land for the fish pond.

Community Concerns and Celebrations

Nawai Aipa-Rivera He shares his kuleana to Wailua; he is a descendant from this area and takes care of the land while asking permission before gathering. He believes Kamokila has always been taken care of and has operated to the best of their ability with what they had.

Ka'ea'ea Cruz He is a member of Pihana ka 'Ikena and looks up to all the men in this group. As a kanaka, and father, Pihana will do what is right on that land. Thank you all for coming.

William Fernandez Works at Kamokila Village and represents his family who has created and cared for Kamokila Village for over 60 years. They have installed infrastructure, a thatched hale, and many native plants and trees. Hundreds of school children from the Hawaiian islands have come to Kamokila. His 'ohana is committed to service the community and honor these Hawaiian traditions. He humbly asks for the continued support in their efforts to maintain their cultural heritage.

Benjamin Fernandez Shares that Kamokila is his 2nd home; his earliest memories are from the age of 8 years old. He is asking for OHA to assist and help get Kamokila back from DLNR.

William Fernandez Shares that people are saying the land is crying and he corrects them by saying yes, the land is crying for her family that took care of her to return back there. Kamokila was cared for by his family and

they have welcomed everyone to work together to possibly make the area better. He wants his family to return back to Kamokila so that they can continue to take care of her.

Lehua Fernandez Shares her memories as a child about Kamokila Village. Her family took care of this land and there was a heiau that she and her 'ohana looked after. Every generation has learned how to take care of this area.

Mahina L. She is from Wainiha and has lived there for fifty years; she expresses that her roots are deep. For many from Wainiha and other Kauai families, everyone is related. She has witnessed the floods of this area and the hewa that has taken place. There are thirty billionaires that live on Kaua'i she wants everyone to know how bad the state of affairs are for the Hawaiian people. Everyone is moving away, and she wants people to be able to move home. She encourages that everyone must work together.

Halealoha Ayau He brings up the ongoing concerns of the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) and their mismanagement of the burial sites program. This was brought up twice last year in different press conferences. This led to a resolution being passed by the legislature to create a cultural working group to investigate allegations of mismanagement by SHPD. He shares the history of how the program got started at SHPD and how it has gone downhill: lack of training, lack of responsibility, no adequate communication with the community with respect to inadvertent discoveries or claims to lineal and cultural descendants. Caring for our kūpuna is one of the most important kuleana. In an op-ed piece, he says he and Dr. Abad asked OHA, because the care of our kūpuna is one of the most important responsibilities that we have, that it was their opinion that it belongs to a Hawaiian entity and away from the tyranny of the State of Hawaii. He says they never got a formal answer. He states that if we are going to do this at the international level, then we need to do so at home first.

Andre Perez He is from Kōloa, Kaua'i and has been away for awhile and plans to return home soon; he wanted to visit his community in Kūloa where he grew up and where his mother is from. He wants to help his community and better understand the iwi issues. He is an organizer and wants to help organize his community and mālama the kūpuna. He acknowledges the work that Halealoha and many others have done to mālama the iwi over the past thirty-five years. He shares that over the thirty-five years, over 6,000 repatriations of iwi kūpuna have been secured. There are seven more kūpuna to come home this August. As a lāhui, we should seize the opportunity by any means; so much work and planning goes into bringing our iwi home and it does not come without cost to the na'au and spirit. As far he knows, OHA has not comitted any financial funding for this work. His small non-profit, Ko'ihonua, is using some of their money to support this work. He plans to ask his friends, Native Americans, for money but he does not believe he should be asking Native Americans for money to bring home our kūpuna. He hopes that a dialogue can happen and continue with OHA.

Shane Cobb-Adams Comes from Mānoa, but grew up in Anahola. His academic background is in psychology; he is a researcher by trade. He writes grants and helps start charter schools. He has dedicated over twenty-five years to the education field because the data says education is a transformative practices that can change the plate of our people, rise them up. He, among others in the community, feel that it is time for a change in Kamokila. He is in support of Pihana ka 'Ikena to take over and care for this land. He believes OHA will not see a better steward than Pihana ka 'Ikena

Josh Ka'ili Walters He is the most senior member of the mens group of Pihana ka 'Ikena. Since 2006, he has been a part of their lua, lomi lomi, and lau lapa'au. He explains that the group does everything for their culture and their cultural practices are only for them. They do not do it for tourist and tourist are not invited. He knows the Fernandez family; he is friends with them, he respects them. He explains that it is just one family, Pihana ka

‘Ikena is a lot of families that are willing to take on more kuleana to support their community. He believes it is time for a change and the land belongs to the Hawaiians.

Herbert “Pati” Faima He resides in Anahola and speaks in support of Pihana ka ‘Ikena to take care of Kamokila Village. His group promotes healing and everyone needs healing.

Kaniho Giminiz He is a full-time musician and also works at Mālama Hule‘ia. He asks OHA to support Pihana ka ‘Ikena to take care of Kamokila Village.

Noa Ka‘aumoana He is from Hā‘ena, his foundation and learnings are from hale Pihana ka ‘Ikena. He has been able to learn a lot through Pihana and speaks in support of them taking care of Kamokila Village. He acknowledges and thanks the Fernandez ‘ohana for taking care of Kamokila all these years.

Kahealani Hamakua She is originally from Moloka‘i and has been living on Kaua‘i for the past ten years. She is support of Pihana ka ‘Ikena; she has been a part of their hui for more than five years. She supports the idea of Pihana ka ‘Ikena taking care of Kamokila. She mahalos the Fernandez ‘ohana that has taken care of this wahi.

Ashley Alapai Speaks on the protection of iwi kūpuna. Better laws are needed. She shares that people come from all over to mālama the iwi and encourages that people need to apply for the working group. She believes there is a disconnect between OHA and the Planning Commission, between OHA and SHPD, and OHA and the burial councils. She speaks on the housing in Hanalei that were suppose to be single housing dwellings and are now vacation rentals. This is continuous and more like this is happening around our island. She would like the word “inadvertent” to be changed to “desecration”.

Erin Cobb Adams Born and raised in Anahola, and a proud member of Pihana ka ‘Ikena; he shares that over time, with the influx of more people, the change of the community, different ideals and being a student at UH Hilo, he became a very angry Hawaiian. He came home with his biosystems engineering degree intending to become an engineer, but he had a hole eating at him; the hole was filled by working with children; he realized this while working as a tutor. He is specific on his community needs and shares that promises have been made on many levels by the State etc., nothing has changed. He states that if we do not support capacity building by Native Hawaiian communities that can address different issues on a personal level, an ohana level, a community level, then we are going to head in a bad direction. You cannot support building more homes on DHHL without supporting communities. You have to have organizations that address cultural identity and give Native Hawaiians a vision of how to function in this society, otherwise all those holes will end up in Hālawā prison and all the prisons in Hawai‘i. He states that he is here today to give all his support Pihana ka ‘Ikena

Tara Rojas Is from Ewa Beach Hawai‘i, a kia‘i and kanaka aligned; she is a kanaka ally. She will speak up and use her voice, share, and make connections to help huli the hewa. She thinks that OHA should be working more with DHHL, SHPD, the burial council, and DLNR. She believes that our minds, the mindset, need to decolonize, and everyone get together to huli the hewa. She hopes this meeting is not an hour long where everything falls on deaf ears. She wants Kaua‘i to remain Kaua‘i.

Noelani Naumu She mahalos the Fernandez ‘ohana for all that they have done; she has known them since she was little, but her heart and na‘au are with Pihana ka ‘Ikena. She shares how vaccines almost killed her son but when Auntie Mako reached out to her, that is where the healings began for her son. The Pihana ka ‘Ikena men have offered and shared so much with her husband, and have been there for him and her ‘ohana. She has pilina to both sides and she is uncomfortable standing in front everyone, but she knows she needs to speak her truth. She states it is time for the evolution and time for the huli.

Kulanui Perez She is a student at UH West Oahu; she studies archaeology and shares that it is very hewa. She is the only kanaka in the program; she is the only student on her island of Kauaʻi who is active on the campus as an archaeologist student. Things are happening from Princesville to Kekaha and have been surveyed by Kikuchi, an archaeologist who died over twenty years ago and a lot of his stuff is held on campus. She shares that their voices are being silenced due to the genocide that is happening in the archaeology community. Hawaiian voices do not matter; they will take any voice over a Hawaiian voice. Her request to OHA is representation, they need legal representation.

Anna Peters Originally from the Big Island but has resided on Kauaʻi for the last 21 years, she has been a member of Pihana ka ʻIkena for the last 13 years. The group has done many community events, provided training to many schools and organizations. On Kauaʻi, there is a high rate of teenage suicide, there is an infestation of drugs, and many kūpuna are raising their own grandchildren; she wonders why and how they can support their families to be stronger.

Ilima Rivera Born and raised on Wailua, Kauaʻi. She has been a part of Kamokila Village for a long time where she has educated hundreds of school children and thousands of people from around the world. She shares some of the history of Kamokila Village and stories of our aliʻi and festivals that took place. She would like to continue this work.

Kamealoha Hanohano Pa-Smith Has been working with the Fernandez ʻohana for a while. They needed help since they were having issues with their lease with DLNR. He assisted them by arranging meetings with DLNR and with OHA. They have been trying to figure out a way on how they could continue being the stewards of that ʻāina. The entire situation has affected not one family but multiple families, school systems, and the community. He shares what he appreciates about the Fernandez family is that they are planted in both the traditional and modern world. He believes the solution is collaboration, and all the available land can be overseen by OHA as part of their legacy lands.

Maunakea Trask Shares that he is the ex-county attorney for Kauaʻi. He volunteers for Uncle Rupert, specifically for Kāneiolouma, and is an ex- Vice Chair of the Kauaʻi and Niʻihau Island Burial Council. He shares that he believes that he is the only Kauaʻi and Niʻihau Burial Council member not to be renewed on the board. When he joined, the board had not met for six years. He started a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) and went out into the community and found people, signed them up, and finally there was quorum. Things started to get done and he started to think that the State would follow the Hawaiian Administrative Rules. He had an idea to go out into the community and get kamaʻāina testimony-and identify where the iwi kūpuna were before the dozers came. He wrote up the affidavits for each testimony but then stopped getting agendas. He states that the answer to issues, to our iwi kupuna, are not a mistake. He believes everything that OHA has heard tonight is symptomatic of a larger issue, it is the lack of self-determination. As a Hawaiian, he is tired of his people, the community, and the nation getting scraps. This is our land, we have been here the longest and there is no logical explanation why we have the worse socio-economic status, housing, health, and education. This not who we are. He shares the good work done at Alekoko Fishpond. It was bought by Maluhine from Okada Trucking and given to Hawaiians; that was not State money, community money, or Hawaiian money. So far, we have been reactive as a community and defined by who we oppose and what we oppose. He believes we need to become developers with the money being received by DHHL and OHA. He is asking OHA to take the next step, Imua, kūlia i ka nuʻu, this is our land and you are our Trustees. We should not be wards of the State, we should be the State. He states that the Trustees are his aliʻi and they need to act accordingly. The game being played in not chess, it is kōnane. As long as there are moves, we have a chance. We need to do more than what has been done.

Rupert Rowe He is the Po’o at Kāneiolouma. He believes the identity of our people is important and that we all be called kānaka. Only a kanaka can make the pain disappear. There is no such person as a Hawaiian, that is a make believe word. He shares that he supports the Village and that we need to all move forward. His last request to OHA is that they take to the Supreme Court and demand that the identity of our people should be heard worldwide.

Amber A. She explains her genealogy and how it ties her to different places: Kaua‘i, Hilo, and Honolulu. She hopes the Fernandez ‘ohana and Pihana ka ‘Ikena can collaborate and get along.

Nākai‘elua Villatora She is here to testify against the continued desecration of ‘āina, resources, and iwi kūpuna. The State Historical Preservation Division (SHPD) and County of Kaua‘i need to be held accountable for the violations of their fiduciary duties. It is known that Kaua‘i is the only island that when un earthing an iwi kūpuna is to reintern to different locations. She has experienced lack of proper procedures conducted by SHPD and the County of Kaua‘i Planning Commission to benefit the private landowner. She has personally been intimidated by KPD off duty officers while documenting and filed a complaint that is currently being processed in the Police Commission. The developers have continually used explosives that are not permitted by the County. She urges OHA to assist in litigation and to hold each contractual agreement accountable for desecration.

Roslyn Cummings She speaks on working the front line for iwi kūpuna. She realizes that it is not only her responsibility but everyone’s responsibility. Majority of the protectors are women. She is tired of the political aspect and the division among everyone when it comes to what will happen to the iwi. She has witnessed our own kānaka willing to dig up their own ‘ohana and leave the rest of them in the ground. There are many developments that are coming up in Kōloa; she wants to know if everyone will let them build and be their servants or stand up.

Kiara Rodrigues She wants everyone to understand that when you want to protect iwi kupuna, there has to be a balance and think about the emotions, the imprints left on the kūpuna. She does this to protect our iwi and for her children and the next 21 generations.

Alfred Medeiros Is a kia‘i from Oahu, an iwi and water protector. His ancestors came to him while he was in Kōloa and told him to stand firm and hold that line. He says OHA needs to become more involved, he doesn’t believe they are there for the Hawaiians; the Trustees have more than a job, they have kuleana. He is willing to get arrested and die protecting the iwi.

Announcements

Trustee Ahuna Tomorrow morning we have our Board meeting at 9:30 am back in this same room.

Adjournment

Trustee Waihe‘e Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.

Adjournment						
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TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA						Left meeting at 9:20 am
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA		X	X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA						Was not present at the time roll call
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				7			

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on January 26, 2023.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

The recording for this community meeting was inaudible for many parts. A video recording is available upon request. Email botmeeting@oha.com

Attachments:

1. Pihana ka `Ikena – Executive Summary

Draft

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**Minutes of the Kaua'i Island Board of Trustees Meeting
of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
MINUTES
June 23, 2022**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keli'i Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee
Trustee Mililani Trask
Trustee John Waihe'e, IV

ADMINISTRATION:

Sylvia Hussey, CEO
Ramona Hinck, CFO
Casey Brown, COO
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel
Nietzsche Ozawa, Interim Sr. Legal Counsel
Capsun Poe, Community Engagement Director
Alice Silbanuz, Communications Director
Lei-Ming Verdadero, Beneficiary Services Mgr.
Joshua Koh, Multi-media Designer
Jason Lee, Multi-media Designer
Tiger Li, IT Support
Erin Nakama, IT Support
Daniel Santos, IT support
Kaliko Santos, Beneficiary Services Agent

BOT STAFF:

Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Lehua Itokazu, BOT Secretary
Kauikeaolani Wailehua, Aide
Brandon Mitsuda, Aide
Ruben Sierra, Aide
Nathan Takeuchi, Aide
Anuheia Diamond, Aide
Claudine Calpito, Aide

GUEST:

Elizabeth Okinaka
Kiara Rodrigues
Alfred Medeiros
Shyanne Olores
Pulama Callejo
Terill James K. Williams
Canen Hookano
Aber Boyognan
Nawai Rivera
Nā Kai'elua Villatora
Rupert Rowe
Tara Rojas
Kulanui Perez
Roslyn Cummings

Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 9:33 a.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA	X	Joined by Zoom
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE	X	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	TRASK	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
			9	

At the Call to Order, **nine (9)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Aloha kakahiaka everyone and welcome to our Board of Trustees Kaua'i Island meeting. We are so happy to be here with all of you.

As reminder for those joining by Zoom, please mute your mics when you are not speaking and have your cameras turned off until called upon. The virtual meeting can be viewed and observed via livestream on OHA's website at www.oha.org/livestream

Joining the trustees this morning, we have our COO-Casey Brown and our CEO-Sylvia Hussey joining us by Zoom. Today, my staff is with me, Board Secretary-Lehua Itokazu and my two Aides-Amber Kalua and Kanani Iaea. I will ask each Trustee to introduce themselves.

Trustee Ahu Isa Aloha kakahiaka, I am sorry I cannot be with you in person. I am here and present. If you need anything, you can ask my Aide, Nathan Takeuchi. We are always ready and willing to answer your questions and to help. Good morning Kaua'i, mahalo.

Trustee Ahuna Aloha mai kākou, with me today are my two Aides, Claudine Calpito and Anuheia Diamond. Thank you.

Trustee Akaka Aloha e Kaua'i 'ohana, mahalo nui for having us. My name is Kalei Akaka and I am honored to serve as your O'ahu Trustee and to serve as your OHA Chair on the Committee of Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment. Joining me today is my Trustee Aide, Brandon Mitsuda and also my 'ohana, Tyler and our baby Anna. Mahalo nui to our Kaua'i Trustee, Dan Ahuna, for hosting us and mahalo to all of you joining us today.

Trustee Akina Aloha kakahiaka, I am Trustee Keli'i Akina and I am delighted to be here with you on Kaua'i. I appreciate everyone who came out last night. Your mana'o was very meaningful. I would like to introduce my Aide, Ruben Sierra. Mahalo to Trustee Dan Ahuna for hosting us. We look forward to hearing from all of you today, mahalo

Trustee Alapa Good morning Kaua‘i, I am Luana Alapa. I am the Trustee for the islands Moloka‘i and Lana‘i. I am very happy to be here. Your mana‘o was greatly appreciated last night and I am looking forward to listening you today, mahalo.

Trustee Lee Aloha mai kākou, I am Brendon Kalei‘āina Lee, I am the at-large Trustee for the OHA. I would like to take a minute to thank Trustee Dan Ahuna for his hospitality, his staff, the Kaua‘i office staff, the rest of Administration, and all the IT support. Mahalo to the community that was here last night and that are here again today. I would like to introduce my Aide, LeiAnn Durant who is here with me, mahalo again.

Trustee Trask Aloha Kaua‘i, what a beautiful day we had yesterday. Thank you so much for hosting us and awakening us with the issues here. I am Mililani Trask, I live in Ola‘a on the Big Island. I was not elected but when Trustee Lindsey left, my colleagues appointed me to this seat. My Aide is Kauai Wailehua. I was asked by my cousins why I did not speak of my ties to this island. The Trask family is from this island, Kaua‘i. Three generations ago they came here, our family burial place is at the cliffs of Molowa‘a. If you go there, you will see a little cemetery, that is all my ‘ohana. I am so please to return here, aloha.

Trustee Waihe‘e Aloha mai kākou, I am John Waihe‘e, IV, Trustee at-large. I want to again, express my gratitude for being able to be here in-person and thank the community of Kaua‘i for coming out and sharing their mana‘o with us last night. Thank you to my colleague, Dan Ahuna, for putting on a great community meeting and to everyone that made this meeting happen. My Aide is Crayn Akina and he is here with me today. Thank you again everyone for coming out.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you Trustees. I am Hulu Lindsey, the Maui Trustee, and I presently serve as the Chair of our Board. I would like to introduce my staff, our Board Secretary, Lehua Itokazu and my two Aides, Amber Kalua and Kanani Iaea. Thank you to all of you, we enjoyed all of the testimonies given last night. We just want you to know that we listen. It is not going over our heads, we heard you last night. As always, the Trustees will do whatever we can to help in the different issues. Before we move on with the agenda, I would like to ask our COO to introduce our staff that is here with us today.

Casey Brown, COO Mahalo Chair, aloha Kaua‘i, I am Casey Brown, Chief Operating Officer for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. I will introduce the staff on site first. Today with us, we have Kaliko Santos-on island BSA, Community Engagement Director-Capsun Poe, Communications Director-Alice Silbazuz, BSA Mngr.-LeiMing Averdadero, IT Mngr.-Tiger Li, two of our Multi Media Designers-Jason Lee and Josh Koh; and we have staff online: our Pouhana-Sylvia Hussey, CFO-Ramona Hinck, Interim General Counsel-Everett Ohta, our Interim Sr. Legal Counsel-Nietzsche Ozawa, and our IT support staff as well – Dan Santos and Erin Nakama.

Approval of Minutes

1. June 2, 2022

Chair Hulu Lindsey Mahalo nui Casey. Our next item is approving the June 2, 2022 minutes. Do I have a motion to approve the minutes?

Trustee Akaka Moves to approve the minutes.

Trustee Ahuna Seconds the motion.

MINUTES:						
A. June 2, 2022						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA		X	X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA					X	
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8		1	
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with eight (8) YES votes, zero (0) NO votes and one (1) ABSTENSION votes.						

Public Testimony

No testimony

New Business

River Heritage Foundation

Chair Hulu Lindsey We will call up our first presenter River Heritage Foundation, Kamealoha Hanohano Pa-Smith.

Kamealoha Pa-Smith Aloha, I am Kamealoha Hanohano Pa-Smith. I work at the Hanalei River Heritage Foundation and we are based at the muli wai. We are located at the extreme north shore of Kaua'i. Presenting with me today is Nawai Reveira and his wife La. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to present to you today. Although we are based in Hanalei, in 2020 there was a need for us to expand due to a number of reasons. One is because we've had some extreme impacts of climate change. There was a call out by the state for us to assist with some projects associated with that and also because of COVID-19, there was a need for Native Hawaiian non-profits to come together and collaborate; and because of that, we expanded the work that we do.



With the gracious support of volunteers, families and the dedication of hard working Hawaiians and allies of Hawaii we are able to present

Kūā'ina responsibility for outreach in Kanaka Maoli communities a project for the rehabilitation of Hawaiian families and genealogical connection to natural resources of Hawai'i by increasing opportunities to access language and cultural practices and protocols of antiquity



We have been able to organize employment of Kanaka Hawaii to perpetuate native Hawaiian fisher practices and protocols.

Efforts to record and observe spawning and population in Hawaii marine life have brought awareness and attention to the importance of a mauka to makai connection in the vitality and health of an ahupua'a

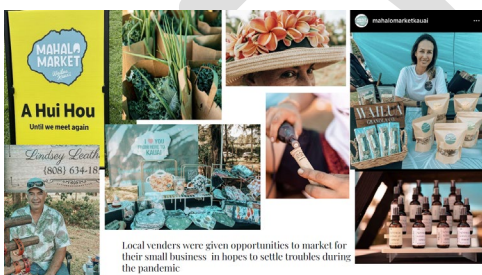


Pa'au'aua spawning in Hanalei, Hanalei, Hawaii June 17 2022 8:35am

The Hanalei River Heritage Foundation is a non-profit since 2013. I came to the foundation in 2018 as a Program Administrator. The actual non-profit was started by the Wilcox Sheehan family. We are involved in cultural-based, cultural environmental stewardship. One of the projects we have going on right now is Project Mālama Ola, native Hawaiian fish habitat and cultural monitoring project. This is based in Hanalei. On this project, four Native Hawaiian practitioners are employed to assist with project research. There are four project deliverables that we are responsible for:

1. To create an E-based aloha 'āina curriculum resource manual.
2. We have to create a Hawaiian moon calendar – partnered with Western Pacific Regional Management Council
3. Cultural Exchange – Myself and other fishermen and practitioners are on our way to the Federated States of Micronesia where we will engage in cultural exchanges with people in Yap.
4. International virtual conference – we are partnered with the Office of Insular Affairs

We are planning a summer outreach program and this particular project is supported through a grant from the Office of Native Hawaiian Relations, which is part of the Department of Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife and, of course, based in Hanalei. We are working with beneficiaries to develop a traditional knowledge driven, cultural monitoring program to study native fish habitat and migration on the Hanalei river. We are looking at what is the impact of climate change on traditional knowledge practices and traditional knowledge resources. We are really fortunate to have gathered a number of younger fishermen who come from this side of the island and they're working with us to gather data on two resources. One is the 'ama'ama and the other is pig hunting. Another project is the Mahalo No Ka Mea'ai culture-based farmers market based in Wailua and Kapa'a. We partnered with 15 Native Hawaiian vendors to host a weekly Native Hawaiian Farmer Market that features native produce and 'āina-based value added products. This project allowed us to hire four Native Hawaiians to run the market. We are happy to announce that we got approved to run a SNAP program. This means we will be able to offer vegetables at a discount too. The 15 vendors that we have, 13 of them are Native Hawaiians and the other 2 are Pacific Islanders. In addition to this program, we do outreach to the homeless community to ensure their access to fresh vegetables. This particular project is funded by the Administration for Native Americans, known as ANA, from the U.S. Department of Health, Human Services.



One of the last things I want to talk about is we are sponsoring a Hawaiian language project in the context of aloha 'āina based learning at Uhau'iole. We are providing the administrative support for the group to carry out this project in the context of not just 'āina-based, but cultural restoration. In this program, we have about 12 Native Hawaiian families.

I want to turn the time over to Nawai, he has a degree in Forestry Management from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. We are fortunate that we are able to work together, he, his wife, and baby.

Nawai Aipa-Reveira Aloha mai kākou Trustees. Aloha to Uncle Dan, my old teacher from Kanuikapono. I was the first class from Kanuikapono and Uncle Dan was one of my main teachers. Everything I've learned was from my kūpuna, and also Kanuikapono and going to Waipā, doing fish management and watershed management. I am not finish with college yet, and I want to go back to get a masters degree. I am a fisherman. My family is from Anahola and my geneological ties to Hanalei is in Wai'oli. I have been living the life of a fisherman all my life. I had the opportunity to learn from many different fishermen, the Hermasura family, the Chandler family, and my own family.

What I do with the project in the mornings and with the different times of the moon cylces, is that I watch the fish to see where they go, how do they react, where they spawn, and how the boats impact their livelihood. I try to do this throughout the week so that I can track the different moons, this is what I do for Hanalei.

I started this project in 2017. We just started working with Kamealoha for funding for this project. We have been doing everything by hand since 2017. One of our goals is food security for our people and gathering rights. How can our people gather when there is nothing to gather? One of the things we deal with is the foreign hau bush. The whole wahi pana in the area is basically albizia and hau bush, this is what we are battling. We are doing a lot of work with charter schools like Kawaikini and homeschools too. We do this every Sunday at 9 am. I have people that help me cook and steam kalo during the workdays. Our main plant is hāloa because this is our main staple. We also have 'ulu, banana, and ohia'ai. We also do bird and watershed management. My observation is that we need an 'auwai system in that area. My family's last name is Ka'auwai so I feel like our last name was made for the 'auwai. I feel like I have a deep connection with the irrigation system and I have helped with various projects on the different islands: Maui, Big Island, and Kaua'i. I will now pass this portion onto my wife.

Pumehana (Lā) Welina ke aloha, we have a lot of foreign plants that grow up at the lo'i where we work. A practice of our kūpuna was always use what we have and utilize all the resources that we were given. We are looking for ways to use albizia and and to repurpose the hau bush. Uhau is a word for strike physically or with sorcery. The name also ties into mo'olelo of that place of a time when kupua use to live on that land. 'Iole is a little mouse and is a reminder to our kānaka Hawai'i that without properly taking care of our resources, not even the littlest of us have anything. Even the little mouse cannot eat or drink anything if we are not taking care of our resources. Our goal at Uhau'iole is first to take care of the knowledge of our ancestral practices. Also, with COVID-19, we've been able to put an emphasis on the importance of food security especially since we are on an island. Families here have been known to share resources during hard times. During the 2018 floods, I got to witness people pulling their resources together from different parts of the 'āina, it was inspiring to me. During COVID, I had a hard time learning with the classes being offered online. I parted ways with the University and decided to go full time into the community. Our practices up at the lo'i are for the next seven generations and we are looking to share this project with as much people as we can. We have started to look up different organizations on O'ahu to see if we can do different collaborations. We also need to be aware more of our resouces and how we will be affected like the albizia. One of our goals is to start making paddles from the albizia. I want to give you folks a big mahalo for your time and aloha for listening to our project.

Trustee Trask I am so happy and uplifted to be here and to hear this presentation. When I look at the scope of your work, I feel like it is very encompassing. I would like to share this with other communities on other islands. The other islands are trying to do what you are doing here. There are some projects that you take a step back and see the broad expanse of the many componants. I think that type of vision is something you presented. I just want to thank you. I want to share with you, Nawai, a long time ago we went to Kaho'olawe. We would beg people and went everywhere for someone to help us understand the erosion. We never had a single Hawaiian with a degree in this area or someone with a degree with invasive species. In the future, do not let go

of the opportunity that you can harvest from the white man's educational system and yourself as well, Pumehana. We don't go into that system to augment our cultural knowledge but rather to acquire the tools that we need to continue to mālama the 'āina and to address appropriately those who are not Hawaiian, who are on our lands. Thank you so much for your work and I look forward to coming back.

Nawai Aipa-Reveira I just want to share briefly that when we first started the project, I proposed to the Forest Reserve if I could have a job to manage the watershed and do what I do now by horseback. We should have kānaka up there managing the place. Right now, there is nothing to gather. You have to go deep into the forest. You can't harvest anything but pigs. When I gave the Forestry Reserve the proposal, they said no. They said I was not allowed to farm in the area. After a few years, they had to give me a Right of Entry into that area. The reason was the other community, that was not kānaka, was complaining about me, so I had to sign this paper that I never wanted to sign. I feel like I have a right to go up to that Forest Reserve. I am a descendant of that place. My family has kuleana and we have the right to say what goes on in the ahupua'a as well. We have 37 different families that have kuleana in there. We want this area to succeed for all of the kānaka, thank you.

Kamealoha Pa-Smith I just wanted to follow up with it takes some ingenuity to work with some of these State agencies. We work hard to do the paperwork and the due diligence documents that are necessary. We do have a special use permit that allows us to connect the work we do in Hanalei to Wailua but it takes time and effort to sit with these agencies to work out what these permits look like.

Trustee Akaka I share great pride seeing our youth take on this kuleana with such greatness, mahalo nui. I wanted to see how OHA can collaborate with you folks. Is there something that you could share on how we can collaborate together?

Pumehana (Lā) I would like to give my mahalo to you folks. I feel strongly that the young ones can do this because of the strong foundation all of you have put together for us. One request is to bring in more kūpuna. We do have a lot of keiki that come, but it would be beautiful to have the mākua and kūpuna generation as much as possible to share their stories.

Nawai Aipa-Reveira I want to share that the State is giving us a hard time with the 'auwai system. Nā pūnāwai on the 'āina that bubbles out of the ground but it is not enough for us to sustain ourselves and the kalo. The kalo needs fresh flowing water. Right now, we are dependent on the pūnāwai that is not stable. We have to fight this hau bush to get to the pūnāwai. Thankfully, we have some machines that are coming up there to help us do the work. Once we get to the pūnāwai, there was a landslide that happened in that area and it covered the system of the pūnāwai, this is why there is a pond in the area. We also utilize that spring for the kalo. It is a ½ mile from the stream to the site; and it is about 40,000 sq.ft. of the area. We would not be taking too much water. It will be to build the ecosystem for our fish. Right now, we have bass in the water that we are trying to get rid of. The bass are eating all of our 'o'opu and 'ōpae. On Sundays, we sometimes fish for the bass and use it to feed the people. Bringing back the 'auwai system will bring back the 'o'opu and the 'ōpae in that area. If you guys could kōkua us with bringing the water back, that would be awesome.

Kamealoha Pa-Smith If we could set up a meeting with Kaleo Manuel, that would work. We have to fill out an application and start a dialogue.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Where is this market that you are talking about?

Kamealoha Pa-Smith No, it's not that one. We were originally at Ho'omana, but we moved down the street called the Dragon Building on Kapa'a. We will start the market again on July 2nd and we are hoping to get into a few hotels.

Trustee Ahu Isa Are you helping them through the Heritage foundation? How are you being funded?

Kamealoha Pa-Smith We have the permits to work and we partnered. We are working directly with the Department of Forestry and Wildlife and DLNR to secure the due diligence paperwork.

Trustee Akina I join my fellow Trustees who commended Pumehana and Nawai, your work is marvelous. It is wonderful to see where it is going and what a model it is for other young people. I also want to commend Kamealoha. I thank you, Kamealoha, for what you have done through your non-profit in empowering other organizations, providing the administrative structure, the mentorship, and the guidance; that is so important because it multiplies the work many times.

Community Concerns

Terrill James K. Williams Aloha mai kākou, my 'ohana are the Contrades and (*inaudible*) that have history here on Kaua'i. I have ties to Wailua, Kaua'i. I want to share about my education, I have a Masters in Business Administration with a concentration in Management. I want to discuss mismanagement of Wailua by DLNR and the State of Hawai'i. There is a concern by my 'ohana for the pōhaku 'ele'ele heiau, located on Kuamo'oloa Kane. Throughout that entire ridgeline is where my iwi kupuna rest. I am one of the few from my 'ohana that practices at the heiau and maintains our family knowledge of the heiau. Over the years, my 'ohana has dealt with documented bulldozers coming into the area. On the east side of the heiau, there is a plaque that says registered national historic landmark. To my understanding, it should have federal protections and there shouldn't be any bulldozers or machinery going through the complex. There is now a gate that was put up between 2007 and 2013. The State has failed to take care of the site and has restricted our 'ohana from being able to access it. There are many stones there, some may know them as the solstice stones, but they are a part of the heiau, they are hidden behind the cane grass. I took a photo of the excavator that is located at the bottom. This excavator had to go through this burial ground and through where the heiau is located to get in. There is only one way in and one way out. If there is suppose to be protections for our sacred sites and DLNR is still able to bring this type of equipment through what is registered as a historic landmark, then what are the federal consequences? What about sites that do not have that type of protection? There needs to be some type of intervention and remedy. I would prefer that the management come back to my 'ohana. I am the one that takes care of this site and our family has been restricted from driving up. I want to echo the concerns that were shared with you yesterday of frustration with DLNR; the failure of DLNR to respond to the 'ohanas regarding the burial sites, being given the runaround, SHPD not stepping in, the burial council meetings being cancelled in the past two months in a row. There are many families on the island that have iwi being desecrated and none of us are getting any remedy or intervention from the agencies that are suppose to be stepping in. What are we left with?

Canen Ho'okano Aloha distinguished Trustees, I want to say mahalo to all of our cultural advocates, our cultural practitioners, and protectors for perpetuating, preserving, and protecting our resources. Last night, I heard people speak about the burial council. I think there are restrictions that don't allow people to want to be a part certain boards and commissions. A lot of them, you have to distinguish your income and that deters people. I think that is one of the biggest issues that deters people from wanting to serve on boards and commissions. Another thing that I would like to talk about is housing, this is a big issue. There is a big division between Department of Hawaiian Homelands and OHA from our perspective. It is not about the 50% and above or the

49% and below, it is about all of us. We should not have to look at our kids and say, you don't have half Hawaiian so you don't deserve. We are in this together. Through the COVID pandemic, we have been under the radar. We have some of the richest people in the world right here on Kaua'i. Some of them help to preserve our culture but they should do more, and our department should do more. I think collaboratively we should all get together and talk story more. DHHL got \$600 million dollars, the average medium home goes for about \$1 million dollars, so what are we going to do? Only help 600 people out? I think we need to think outside of the box. We have all our people trying to protect our 'āina and our burial sites, we need more people like that, but due process. I hope one day the division between DHHL and OHA can come together and figure out this problem. Your Grandparents will be renting a house until the day they die and when they die, their family home is gone.

Amber A. Yesterday, you saw me as a farmer and now, today, I will speak a bit more professionally. Kūhio did the Native Hawaiian Rehab Act that changed to the Homestead Act and that project became illegal after the Western family used it to house us out of our lands. They did this thing called scorching the land, a military tactic to empty the land so that the water would just be gone. This is why they say you cannot farm. This is where Kailua, Kōloa and Kekaha coincide with the same issue. The water should be going east all the way to Hanalei, but then there is Kalāheo dam and there are tiers of water in the 'auwai that is also trapped. I have a geo map that you can look at if you inquire my email. I am not going to share that with everyone because it works for both sides. Most body of waters have burial sites because villages were built next to it. There is footage for all of these locations but they are being withheld. I have already asked Bishop publicly and Bishop was nice enough to take out the book and post them online.

Nawai Aipa-Reveira Aloha, I want to talk about the diversions. I don't know if you saw the diversion plans for Wai'ale'ale but the forestry or DLNR want to upgrade the diversion up at this site. One of my concerns is that if they start the project, I will be one of the ones standing in front of the gate and the machines; that is my kuleana to defend that place. I will also speak on Kōloa, I want to offer my concerns for the families of this ahupua'a. My kuleana isn't the actual site but it is next to it and it is also being impacted. My kūpuna are buried near there. I have never had the chance to go to this site yet because of my schedule, but my cousin has gone to help the people. Thank you for your time, aloha.

Nākai'elua Villatora I was not planning on testifying today but last night I had a dream about having to bring up the truth. If you know the truth, then you have to bring the truth forward. For me, as a kanaka maoli, as a wahine maoli, we have to be able to put ourselves in uncomfortable situations and become the leaders that we need. I want to talk about the accessibility to 'āina through what they consider culture traditions and customs. I recently met other mothers from Moku o Keawe from this last conference I attended. They shared with me their project Ala Kūpuna and it resigned with me. A lot of kānaka have the innate ability to connect to our kūpuna through different practices and using our leo to become vessels for our kūpuna. In the 'āina of Kōloa, there is hapa trail that is suppose to be federally protected and it is a pathway. I've learned there are multiple different types of pathways that our kūpuna use to use for different reasons. Some encompassed the islands and those paths would take us to our iwi kūpuna burial sites. On that basis, kūpuna wanted me to bring up my experiences I had back in 2020. I got fined at Kalalau State Park on Kaua'i for entering enclosed areas without a permit. This is a prime example of what kānaka have to go through to be able to exercise their customary traditions as Native Hawaiians. I have the document here and I got acquitted by the Honorable Michael Soon. I battled the State in 'ōlelo Hawai'i. This is not for me to toot my own horn but during that time, I realized what my purpose was on that day, it was to tend to iwi kūpuna. It was such a heavy experience that it made me realize, as kānaka maoli, we need to be able to start at our foundation which are our iwi kūpuna. I have a certified copy of 2/3 of the great mahele which are government and crown land. I want to read off to you about the lands that is suppose to be government lands, on this, it is Waimea, Hanapēpē, Kalāheo, Wailua, Kapa'a, Anahola, Hanalei,

parts of Makaweli, Olohena, and in Nāpali, Kalāleo, Pōhakuao, Honopū and so on and so forth. The continued displacement of kānaka maoli on ‘āina, our home, and we have the State of Hawai‘i controlling what we need to be as people, how we need to practice, and how language is spoken is unnecessary. I am here speaking because this is what we will be presenting to our next generation. I am thinking about my children and other children that will be put under these limitations. My time is up, mahalo nui.

Rupert Rowe Good morning, I want to talk about my organization on how we started off and where we are today. The people that surround you must be a “we” and not an “I”, an “I” will never get you to the first base. When we first started, my partner got in trouble with SHPD and the game wardens came to arrest them. He called me and asked for me by my first name, Rupert, that is how you know it was important. I asked Llewellyn, how can I help you? I told him you have to ask the kūpuna if you can enter Kāneiolouma, so we did what we did and that is how we started off. We were at the area and he asked me if I could hear people talking and I saw him stand up and jump around. I asked him, whats wrong with you? He said, I can feel someone touching my leg. I told him, they telling you to walk in the middle and clean the piko, that was our first start there. As we moved forward, I knew the restoration of this project and how we moved around the State of Hawai‘i was very critical. A person who I know that did a 3 dimension of Machu Picchu was on my team and by having this knowledge for our area allowed to be one step above the State of Hawai‘i and their archaeologist. The problem of dealing with an archaeologist is 95% of their opinion will always over power you as a kanaka. We did lidar and drone. As long as you do not disturb the ground, you will never have a problem with the State. After meeting with Bill Aila, he said we were thirty-five years ahead of the State of Hawai‘i. The State gave us the restoration and we are the only group out there given the authority to restore a cultural site. The people who surrounded me was Peleke Flores, Keaka Flores, Kehau Nisemean, and Kaina Makua. We started to move forward and we have a hula hālau that represents us, Leina‘ala Pavao. Our legal counsel is Maunakea Trask. By having all of these individuals, we became pretty outstanding in the eyes of the State. As we moved forward, we had to shutdown for a bit due to COVID. Now, we are back up, read to start the restoration. Everybody that comes here will learn if you are a kanaka or a foreigner. I just did a Zoom with the San Francisco Times, the Chicago Times, and the New York Times about the word quantum. The Native Alaskans are the eskimos, the Native Americans are the American Indians but Hawaiians are represented by an organization but not by the Kānaka. As I have many students that come to Kāneiolouma, I ask them how many of you are Hawaiian? Some of the kids are shame and do not know how to express their identity. Identity in a young person is very critical. I explain to them by saying, never measure your identity by a blood quantum. If you do that, you will never understand yourself. Identity affects the blood quantum and the iwi that lies in rest. What I want to say to you folks today is thank you for coming and I am honored to see you. Thank you for this opportunity, aloha.

Tara Rojas I am from O‘ahu and speaking on behalf of kānaka maoli. Before we start, I want to say decolonize the mindset. For future meetings, the table is blocking you all versus if we all sat in a circle. This is a suggestion and one to decolonize the mindset. The way it is setup puts a barrier between you and the people. Next, the iwi kūpuna, what do we have in common with the iwi kūpuna? It is the sprit, the only difference is our physical body. Why we are here, we need to use our physical body to do things, empower Hawaiians and strengthen Hawai‘i. Another suggestion are these meetings, there should be more interaction and feedback. These meetings we come to present, share and we pour our hearts out but what happens next? Are you here because you want to listen? Do you want to listen to our concerns and implement the solutions? Or are you here fulfilling your duties? Some of you feel like there is a connection and want to help the lāhui, and others that are just here to check the box. We can feel and see who really wants to be here and who has the heart for the kānaka maoli. Did you folks even go to the site in Kōloa where the blasting is happening? Why was a site visit not held there?

Kulanui Perez 800,000, that is how much malihini we had before colonization; that is a lie, we had over a million people on this island alone. 90% of our diet was just plants. Look at our fishponds, we use to have huge

fishponds. Why did we engineer massive fishponds all over the islands? These malihini archaeologist are saying we had less. As Auntie Roslyn said last night, they are only counting one body when there are hundreds in a single site. They will drop the number from 800,000 to 600,000 to 100,000. They will say there wasn't that much people; we could care less if you folks continue to live or not, we are going to keep taking from you. They are going to continue to act as if we did not exist. We need representation to protect these iwi and these sites. I go the UH and I am in those rooms with the professors who you think are with us, but they are not. They are perpetuating the lies. The books we read now say 800,000, but we were far more than that number. We need to protect these spaces so that our stories continue. We cannot let them continue to lie. They need to know that just because a pōhaku is moved, does not mean that a place is not a wahi pana. We really need more legal representation in these spaces to help protect these places.

Roslyn Cummings Aloha kākou, I just want to start off by saying thank you for your presence. I need to say thnak you for allowing me to speak for the third time. This time I want to dig deep into all of the connections to the developments that we are standing against. When we were at Salt Pond last year and the kānaka maoli people were getting pushed out by the police department, they lied to the public about their placement. They said they offered them housing and it was not true. When they pushed them out to the street, they threatened the families with children with CPS. These people are literally living in bushes and do not have water access. It is hard to speak on behalf of them because I have a house. All the Kaua'i agencies need a full blown investigation. I will make it verly clear that we need you guys to continue an investigation and a lawsuit in SHPD and DLNR. DOCARE will not do their full investigation and Burial Council is very corrupt. I will be very clear, they are not reporting the burial finds in the newspaper. They are calling the cops and not allowing us to make our own reports. They are taking away the part where we have evidence. At the end of the day, we are lucky that we have a spiritual connection where kūpuna will call us out to these spiritual sites prior to the desecration. This is why I try to reach out to you guys. I am here calm because I get there is a bigger picture. I will speak to everyone equally. The housing crisis is real. Kaua'i County is suppose to be 70/30, but we are at a 90/10. There are numerous planning department agents that left Kaua'i County and are scared to speak about this. The developers are buying out places. They found out that we were tracking TMKs and changed things into trusts. There needs to be full scale investigation against the County of Kaua'i. We are known as the most corrupt county in the State of Hawai'i. I am here humbly to ask that you folks see clearly that there are huge issues here on Kaua'i and we need the outer islands' help. I mahalo you all for your time and take care.

Elizabeth Okinaka Aloha and mahalo for your time. I would like to address some ongoing concerns for Kōloa. OHA must know that the County of Kaua'i is deeply rooted in corruption. We need OHA to apply pressure to the County of Kaua'i. This year alone the Kaua'i Planning Commision approved numerous luxury developments on over 100 acres and that's just Kōloa; new hotels, new condominiums and thousands of new luxury homes, this is happening island wide and it needs to stop. These are things OHA should be aware of, like third party agreements that the county is using with developers. Agreements that were signed by county attorneys who now work for many of these large developers like the Kiahuna project. For eighteen months, we worked hard to protect that 'āina. The developers have numerous projects in Kōloa, one is in Kiahuna and two are in Kukui'ula; these projects will have a negative impact for the entire community, increase in traffic, our trash where the landfill is already at capacity. The runoff that will go into the ocean where are keiki swim, and the increase of visitors as the local community struggles to find housing. Kōloa cave ecosystem is cited as one of the 10 most endangered cave ecosystems in the world; these caves are regularly destroyed, collapsed and gone forever. Yesterday, I was brought to a cave entrance that I had never been to and about 20 feet from this cave entrance is a new multimillion dollar home with two swimming pools and over five bedrooms at this house. It will be a VRBO. These caves and lava tubes hold two species that are found no where else in the world, the Kōloa cave wolf spider and the Kōloa cave anthropods. When these species were listed as endangered, the County of Kaua'i was suggested to preserve 4,000 acres for these species in Kōloa. The County

said no because it would be too costly to private landowners and developers, instead they preserved 200 acres. The Kiahuna lot being developed was once considered critical habitat. This developer has broken the law multiple times and just this week, the head archaeologist admitted that he never did a full archaeologist survey of that land and that he mistakenly signed off on the approval letter that went out to SHPD and the County. Kaua'i Police Department has been privately contracted onsite and are threatening to arrest mothers with children. We have been completely blocked access to this site and are now told that if we step foot, they will arrest us immediately. The County of Kaua'i is making the focus on rich foreigners moving here and helping them develop it. What are they doing for the local community? We need to hold them accountable. Mahalo for your time, aloha.

Kiara Rodrigues I am from the island Moku o Keawe, Big Island, and today I want to talk about how our kīno, our first given ahu. Our ahu is where our kūpuna can gather sacredly. Yesterday, we heard by many that our history is our future so we have to understand that iwi kūpuna set that foundation for us. Again, once we learn where we come from, we can stand taller. For myself, once I did this, I stood taller with my kūpuna behind me. Our islands are all connected, our kūpuna traveled more than we will ever know. We need to understand the kaona. Our people were not just what meets the eye, they dove deep into everything and understood it. We need to get back to our true purpose, our 'āina where our kūpuna are buried. We need to be taught, we know our kūpuna were 100% sustainable. More than ever, we need you to hold these different companies accountable. You see the corruption.

Alfred Medeiros Aloha mai kākou, Alfred Medeiros from Waianae, O'ahu. I was one of the kia'i here in Wailupe where there was desecration going on, and Healani and I stopped them. There is a connection to our iwi. I am new to this, I was a westernized Native Hawaiian but I am now a decolonized kanaka maoli. My roots run deep in Hawai'i, kala mai if I get emotional. People are speaking and we are speaking upon deaf ears. I show up to meetings all the time. We have all these people speaking on what is wrong but nothing comes out of it. It is sad because Kaua'i is place being held by corruption in every angle. I don't think the Kaua'i Trustee did anything for the people of Kaua'i. I'm sorry to come off this way. I was raised by some powerful kāne, and I look at the OHA kāne sitting at the table and I see nobody that holds that type of power. If we can volunteer our time to be kia'i to mālama 'āina, to mālama kūpuna, and mālama iwi, then you guys need to do what is right for the people of Hawai'i. More people need to be involved in OHA like the community. You folks need to come and talk to the community face-to-face. You need to step foot on Kōloa and see what is happening. There is corruption and you need to see what is happening. Everything is being brought out to the news. I tell you now, if you do not know who I am, I was a part of this to ensure Keith Kaneshiro was arrested and people who are corrupted serve the time. Everything we do is considered hewa by people who are not from here, they do not understand us or recognize us. I hold my hae Hawai'i up high to ensure that they see us. We need to stop depending on SHPD to do what is right, we know they are not. This goes the same to DHHL and DLNR, we need to clean the system. I will leave you with this, if we don't do something now, our keiki and future generations are in danger. They will not have a place to call home, no more kānaka maoli walking in Hawai'i. This will just be a resort for the rich and wealthy to enjoy. They will utilize all of our resources from mauka to makai and they will ruin Hawai'i. I am sorry that I come off in an angry type of way but this is something that has gone on forever and it needs to stop. I ask OHA to help us, mahalo.

Pulama Callejo Aloha, I am from the island of Kaua'i. I grew up here with parents who are not Hawaiian and throughout my whole life, I never thought I would be here speaking in front of you here today. I have deep concerns about the 'āina I live on. In my generation, if we do not take care of it and we do pass on the ike to our children, they may not have land to live on. The education they are teaching in schools are very whitewash and westernized as I just graduated high school. My point of view is that we need to fix the school system and the education board. I took two years of Modern Years of Hawai'i. I learned the same things in both classes, the

annexation and the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom. There was no modern history involved; nothing about kū kia‘i mauna, save Kōlea, Hanalei, and nothing about what is going on. If we fix this and perpetuate our keiki from a young age, they will want to become kia‘i too. I feel like it is my responsibility to pass down the knowledge and continue to protect Hawai‘i. I am in Hālau and we have gone to Kōloa twice. We did protocol there, it was so hewa to stand there and see the machinery. You can envision the dreadfulness that has happen there. I feel disgusted that this is happening to our ‘āina, a place where I grew up. That is all and I just want to thank you so much for listening to me.

Shyanne Olores It is difficult to watch our ‘āina be desecrated. I thought the meeting at noon yesterday was cool and that the Board of Trustees came down to Po‘ipū. I also thought it was slap in the face that it wasn’t down in our ‘āina, where we are protecting. I am wondering if the Trustees went to any of the sites? I am disheartened that after the meeting, I proceeded to go to the ‘āina and to find no OHA Trustees there. It was sad to me. It is also a slap in the face to have a developer have a condominium of 280+ luxury condos being built on the same location that is being published as an ancient koa field system. I hope more public awareness will get out there. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

Announcements

Chair Hulu Lindsey I want to share that we did drive up to the site that you are speaking about. We were greeted by a police officer that requested we move along. I saw employees sitting around, machinery, half of the property dug up and the other half not. I hope that a resolution should be coming out in the next 2-3 weeks. Please bare with us.

I want to thank the Trustees for traveling to Kaua‘i. Mahalo to Kaua‘i Community College for allowing us to use their facilities and mahalo to all of Kaua‘i and our beneficiaries for coming out to our meeting. I want to reassure you that we hear you, we hear your pain, and we will do whatever we can within our authority to assist in the problems we heard.

Adjournment

Trustee Akina Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
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DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA		X	X			
KELI‘I	AKINA	X		X			
LUANA	ALAPA						Left mtg at 11:05 am
BRENDON KALEI‘ĀINA	LEE						Left mtg at 11:05 am
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
JOHN	WAIHE‘E						Left mtg at 11:05 am
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			

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Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

 Lehua Itokazu
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on January 26, 2023.

 Carmen Hulu Lindsey
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. River heritage Foundation - handouts

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**STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Ka‘ala Farm
85-1753 Wai‘anae Valley Road
Wai‘anae, HI. 96782**

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**O‘ahu Site Visit -1 Summary
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
Summary Report
August 4, 2022 – 1:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee B. Kalei‘āina Lee

BOT STAFF:

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide
Melissa Wennihan, Trustee Aide
Kauai Wailehua, Trustee Aide
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide
Brandon Mitsuda, Trustee Aide

ADMINISTRATION:

Capsun Poe, Community Engagement Director
Alice Silbanuz, Director of Communications

GUEST:

Eric Enos
Juanita Kawamoto
Keith Fernandez
Georgie Navarro
Josiah D.
Cheryl
Pauline Santos
Fran Correa
Jo Jordan
Mango
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I. Call to Order

Site visit starts at 1:15 p.m. Everyone gathers at ina circle

II. Introduction

Eric Enos welcomes everyone at the entrance and shares a brief background about the property. Trust for Public Land helped to purchase the property. The parcel is surrounded by 97 acres of DHHL land, and on the other side of the stream is the Forrest Reserve.

III. Site Visit

Eric Enos and Group In front of their property there is a Native Hawaiian dry forest. There is also a stream that use to be completely dry. In 1976, he applied to get water from the top of the mountain. Once the Wai‘anae Sugar Company closed, the Board of Water Supply inherited the system. Approximately 40% of Wai‘anae’s water is from the Wai‘anae moku and the other 60% is imported in.



Various community organizations and Board members of Ho‘omau Ke Ola were present and shared their backgrounds, partnerships, and connection to this area. This lands offers cultural healing, lo‘i and various farming. Some of the groups that frequent this land are the long-term individuals in rehabilitation, school children, teachers, and environmentalist.

Ka‘ala Farm also offers various teachings of kapa making, planting and taking care of ‘ai pono, cooking, school programs (through collaboration with UH West)

Several adults that were present grew up in Wai‘anae and worked on this property as youth. These community members contribute back with their companies and talents, such as fence building. This area is the most arson lit place in the State of Hawai‘i.



IV. Public Testimony

None

V. Announcements

None

VI. Adjournment

The site visit ended at 2:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

Site Visit Minutes Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on January 26, 2023.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

**STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu
Academy for Creative Media
91-1001 Farrington Hwy.
Kapolei, HI. 96707**

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**O'ahu Site Visit -1 Summary
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
Summary Report
August 4, 2022 – 3:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE:

Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee B. Kalei'āina Lee
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Keli'i Akina

ADMINISTRATION:

Alice Silbanuz, Director of Communications

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Evalani Canto, Trustee Aide
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LeiAnn Durant, Trustee Aide
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Jeff Galicinao, Equipment manager
Gabby Navalta, Student Assistant
Keola Iseri, Student Assistant
Stephan Bradley, Student Assistant
Tanith Sasaki, Student Assistant
Nadine Castillo, Student Assistant
Sarah Letarte, Lecturer

I. Call to Order

Site visit starts at 3:20 p.m.

II. Introduction

Introductions are made and everyone walks over to the Media Center.

III. Site Visit

This program offers a variety of innovative and technology programs. Digital media through video, animation, video games, apps, virtual and augmented reality are just a handful of content offered. The Bachelor of Arts in Creative Media degree, concentration in General Creative Media, is offered via distance education to students who reside on the neighbor islands and have completed the first two years of coursework from a neighbor island Media/Art program at a community college within the UH system. In terms of media, years ago it was very common to graduate and go directly to work and it was based on skills and experience. As time passed, getting a degree in media gives an individual an edge up in the competitive global market. They have seen many professionals that have jobs come back to the school to get a degree. They can test out by getting a prior learning assessment by submitting a portfolio some of their classes and work.

One of the spaces shared with everyone was the emerging media room, similar to what you would see and experience at the Beyond Van Gogh immersive show. It is explained that everything that runs the display is housed in the computer in the middle of the room. There are no wires or plugs in the wall, thus leaving a large clean canvas. One of the projects they are hoping will work is with PBS. The goal is to figure out how to fit the Hōkūle‘a with cameras to allow for real time view and see 360 degrees. This would allow the students to ask questions and interact with the crew live.

The overall idea for students attending here is to gather research, find valid information, learn all they can in their field, and then in their senior year, they can create, solve, and complete a passion project. An example given is mental health. A student may decide to create an app or start a social media campaign focusing on this topic.

The ‘Ulu’ulu project has a partnership with OHA’s Papakilo Database and funded by OHA. This three-year project included over 224 hours digitized. Content included various programs of living treasures, Hawaiian history, Merrie Monarch festivals, practitioners, kupuna, activist, musicians, and so much more. These programs and videos are now available to our community and researchers.



IV. Public Testimony

None

V. Announcements

None

VI. Adjournment

The site visit ended at 4:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

Site Visit Minutes Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on January 26, 2023.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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**Minutes of the
O'AHU ISLAND COMMUNITY MEETING
MINUTES
August 4, 2022
5:30pm**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keli'i Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee
Trustee Mililani Trask

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Casey Brown, COO
Ramona Hinck, CFO
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel
Capsun Poe, Community Engagement
Lei-Ming Ayat-Verdadero, Beneficiary Svcs. Mngr.
Alice Silbanuz, Director of Communications
Joshua Koh, Multi-Media Designer
Jason Lee, Multi-Media Designer
Kaimo Muhlestein, Beneficiary Svcs. Agent
Daniel Santos, IT Support
Kevin Chak, IT Support
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Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide
Kauikeaolani Wailehua, Trustee Aide
Brandon Mitsuda, Trustee Aide
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide
LeiAnn Durant, Trustee Aide
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide
Evalani Canto, Trustee Aide
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide
Ruben Sierra, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Nalani Jenkins and 'Ohana
Halealoha Ayau
Heather Giugni
Sanoe Marfil
Kuuleilani Sampson
Tyler Gomes
Germaine Meyers
Pat Teruya
Douglas Harrison
Andre Perez

Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Aloha kākou, welcome and thank you for being here with us this evening. Tonight's meeting can be viewed by livestream on OHA's website, www.oha.org/livestream. We are also hosting this meeting on Zoom. For those of you on Zoom, we ask that you keep your cameras on and your mics muted when you are not speaking.

Before we begin, I would like to ask each Trustee to introduce themselves and their staff at this time.

Introductions

Trustee Lee Aloha mai kākou, I am Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee, Trustee for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. It is my pleasure to be here this evening, I look forward to all the presentations. Joining me this evening is my Trustee Aide, LeiAnn Durant.

Trustee Alapa Aloha everyone, my name is Luana Alapa, and I am the Trustee for Moloka'i and Lana'i. This is an amazing time, this is the first time in several years since we've been able to come out into the community and meet with all of you in person and hear all of you and your concerns. My Trustee Aide here with me, island girl from Moloka'i, Pohai Ryan. Mahalo.

Trustee Akina Aloha kākou everyone, so good to see all of you here tonight. I am Trustee-at-large, Trustee Keli'i Akina, but O'ahu is the island in which I grew up. Wai'anae is my old stomping grounds. It's so good to be back in West O'ahu today. I look forward to hearing all of your mana'o, please take the time to share all of your concerns and tell us what we need to hear. Thank you for coming out this evening. I'd like to acknowledge my two Trustee Aides that are here tonight, Ruben Sierra and Evalani Canto.

Trustee Ahu Isa Aloha mai everyone, sorry I can not be with you, I am not feeling well. I am very familiar with the Nānākuli and Wai'anae area. I am a Trustee-at-large and my Trustee Aide is there, Nathan Takeuchi. Thank you for tuning in, aloha.

Trustee Akaka Aloha pumehana kākou, I am Kalei Akaka and I am honored to serve as your OHA O'ahu Trustee as well as the OHA Chair of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment. Mahalo nui to our Chair, Administration, and to all of you here attending. I am so thankful to have these community Board meetings in our different communities here because it is so important for us hear about the needs and concerns of our community. Mahalo nui for attending and we look forward to hearing how we can further collaborate together. Joining me today is my team, Brandon Mitsuda and Mark Watanabe. I also have my 'ohana, my husband Tyler and our baby Āiwaiwa. Mahalo nui for all who are attending, we are looking forward to hearing the presentations. Mahalo nui.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Aloha again, my name is Carmen Hulu Lindsey. I am the Maui Trustee and serve as Chair of the Board. My staff here is Lehua Itokazu-Board Secretary, Kanani Iaea and Amber Kalua-my Aides. We also have our CEO, Sylvia Hussey. Sylvia will you introduce yourself and your staff.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO Aloha mai kākou, I am the Chief Executive Officer for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Tonight, we have joining us Capsun Poe-Community Engagement Director, Alice Silbanuz-Communications

Director, Digital Media-Jason Lees and Josh Koh, Beneficiary Services Team-Kaimo Muhlestein and Lei-Ming Ayat-Verdadero, IT Support-Kevin Chak, Arlene Aguinaldo, Dan Santos, COO-Casey Brown, CFO-Ramona Hinck, and Interim General Counsel-Everett Ohta.

Chair Hulu Lindsey I will ask our Board Secretary to do a roll call of the Trustees.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	LEINA‘ALA	AHU ISA	X	Participating by Zoom
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA		excused
TRUSTEE	KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI‘I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI‘ĀINA	LEE	X	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	TRASK		excused
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE‘E		excused
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
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At the Call to Order, **six (6)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

Chair Hulu Lindsey The new sunshine law under Act 264 is that the OHA BOT and Committees may no longer take oral testimony only at the beginning of a Board’s agenda or meeting. This means I will call on testifiers for each item on the agenda.

In order to allow time for all of our beneficiaries to testify, you will be given five (5) minutes to share your mana‘o. Your name will be called, and your microphone will be unmuted when it is your turn to testify. If you are not audible, you will be muted, and the next testifier will be called.

At this time, I would like to turn the time over to your O’ahu Trustee to oversee the rest of tonight’s meeting.

Trustee Akaka Mahalo nui, we will move on to the status of OHA activities.

Status of OHA Activities

Sylvia Hussey, CEO Mahalo. For the status of the OHA activities, I have two major points:

1. We are actively engaged in filling open and vacant positions. If our community visits our website, you will see a number of positions listed and available here on O’ahu and on our neighbor islands.
2. The organization is preparing for the 2023 State legislature as well as the 118th congressional congress that starts in January 2023. For the next few months, that is what the organization is focused on.

New Business

1. **Action Item BOT #22-11: Approval of an OHA Board of Trustees’ Honorary Resolution Honoring the Contributions of Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins to the Native Hawaiian Community and the State of Hawai‘i***

Sylvia Hussey, CEO Reads the following resolution.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BETTY KAWOHIOKALANI ELLIS JENKINS TO
THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

WHEREAS, Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins was born on February 11, 1928, to Richmond Kaliko Ellis and Elizabeth Nalani Mersberg Spencer McMillan Ellis on Hawai'i Island, a first born of a first born of a first born; and,

WHEREAS, Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins graduated from Kamehameha Schools in 1945, then went on to become the first student of color to attend Muskingum College, now known as Muskingum University, in Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins enjoyed a successful career as an elementary school teacher in Ohio, California, Micronesia, Guam and Hawai'i, earning and embracing her sobriquet "Aunty Betty;" and,

WHEREAS, while with the Hawai'i State Department of Education, Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins directed the Hālau o Hale'iwa Hawaiian Studies Program at Hale'iwa Elementary for eight years, and implemented a new teaching program called "3-on-2" in which two classrooms were combined and taught by three teachers; and,

WHEREAS, Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins championed a code of ethics she developed known as "The 4Bs – Believe, Behave, Belong and Become" into which were integrated elements of 'ōlelo Hawai'i, tradition, history, cultural values, education, and mentorship; and,

WHEREAS, Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins went on to serve as the alaka'i for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' (OHA) Kūpuna Team, representing OHA at educational and cultural functions and developing the Ho'olauna Series in coordination with the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Department of Defense, which focused on providing services to veterans and military personal; and,

WHEREAS, requests for Auntie Betty's OHA workshops were in demand locally and nationally from state and federal agencies, Hawaiian civic clubs and various Hawaiian groups and organizations; and,

WHEREAS, Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins generously served Papa Ola Lōkahi as an advisor to many of its programs including the Pacific Diabetes Education Program, the 'Imi Hale – Native Hawaiian Cancer Network, the Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems' Institutional Review Board, the Native Hawaiian Veterans Project and Papa Ola Lōkahi's traditional healing program, delivering presentations on Hawaiian values, culture and beliefs for practitioners and providers and later as an esteemed hulu kupuna who continued to provide inspiration, encouragement and guidance; and,

WHEREAS, Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins engaged in cultural exchanges and maintained meaningful relationships with elders from other Indigenous communities, including active panel participation for 10 years in the Wisdom of the Elders session of the American Indian Alaska Native Native Hawaiian Caucus of the American Public Health Association at their annual convention; and,

WHEREAS, for her lifelong commitment to education and to 'ike kupuna, Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins was bestowed an Honorary Doctorate for Indigenous Elders in 2016 by the World Indigenous Nations University; and,

WHEREAS, Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins engaged with many international, national and local organizations to promote Hawaiian cultural values, beliefs and practices including the Life Foundation, Haudenosaunee Nation, Hawaiian Civic Clubs and her favorite North Shore O'ahu community groups; and,

WHEREAS, Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins was one of the pillars of the North Shore O'ahu community and active in protecting Waimea Valley from further development in the early 2000s; in 2001 she was appointed by the City and County of Honolulu as the Cultural, Historical and Educational Chairperson for the Waimea Falls Park Master Plan, providing the foundation for Waimea Valley as a major cultural and educational site; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins remained true and faithful to herself as a Native Hawaiian mana wahine, kupuna and member of the Waimea Valley Ahu Advisory Group from the examples she set of her commitment to community, protection of culturally significant places, and sharing of her 'ike and mana'o in order to bring about important changes to uplift and support Waimea Valley; and

WHEREAS, for her lifelong contributions to the Native Hawaiian community and the state of Hawai'i, Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins received numerous awards and accolades including the Papa Ola Lōkahi Ka'ōnohi Award, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Kūpuna Alaka'i Award, the Native Hawaiian Education Council Award, the Honpa Hongwanji Living Treasures Award, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Kukui Lama Kū Award, the Kamehameha Schools 100th Anniversary Alumni Recognition Award, the North Shore Chamber of Commerce 2011 Kama'āina of the Year Award, the A Hui of Hawaiian Royal Societies Ali'i Kalani Award, and recognition awards from both the House and Senate of the Hawai'i State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs mourns the loss of Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins, an extraordinary hulu kupuna, educator, cultural practitioner, mentor, role model and advocate; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs embraces Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins' moral code and legacy of excellence, devotion, ambience and style and her aloha for all and respect for 'ike kupuna; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs will strive for the wellbeing of Kanaka Maoli in loving memory of Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the undersigned duly recognized as the board chair and trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, on the 4th day of August 2022, do set forth their hand to recognize, honor and memorialize the life of Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins; and

ADOPTED, this 4th day of August 2022, island of O'ahu, State of Hawai'i, by the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in its regular meeting assembled.

Chair Hulu Lindsey I move to approve the honorary resolution honoring the contributions of Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins to the Native Hawaiian Community and the State of Hawai‘i.

Trustee Akina Seconds the motion.

Trustee Hulu Lindsey Moves						
Approve the honorary resolution honoring the contributions of Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins to the Native Hawaiian Community and the State of Hawai‘i.						
Trustee Akina Seconds the motion.						
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TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA		X	X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK						X
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E						X
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY	X		X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			6			3
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with Six (6) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Three (3) Excused.						

Nalani Jenkins Thank you so much to the Trustees and OHA for honoring my mom. I had the privilege of not just being her daughter, but also being her caregiver for last 11 years when my father passed. With me today, and i'm going to ask them if they'd like to speak, is Chicky Vincent who is representing her team of caregivers. Mom was 94 when she passed, she had a good long life. I also want to introduce my wife, Tracy, who was my support team. Also, to acknowledge my two brothers, Kaipo Jenkins from the island of Maui and Kimo Jenkins who could not be here today. A quick story I will share is when mom was a teacher and, of course, she was an educator, I got books every year for Christmas and birthdays. I always longed for toys, but if it was a gift from mommy was always books and we as kids would say why is everything a lesson mom? But it was and that's the life of an educator. When she was a teacher in the Department of Education at Hale‘iwa Elementary School, they only had, if you could think back to the 70s and 80s, you only had Hawaiian studies during the fourth grade. It was mama that advocated that students should have Hawaiian studies throughout K-6th. She piloted that program, Hālau Haleiwa, and that became adopted statewide. I know there are many awards that are mentioned, thank you for reading that on behalf of the family. She really loved her Hawaiian students and all the children she taught. I am going to ask Chicky to say a few words.

Chicky Vincent She came into my life seventeen years ago. I was a cultural counselor for a drug treatment plan in Wai‘anae. I just leaned on her for values and to have a kupuna to guide me because I don‘t have any of my own. My tutu was Hawaiian but by during her generation, everything was lost. I grew up in a world

predominately Asian. It was my one grandmother who brought the Hawaiian culture into my life, but she was very haole. When aunty came along, she taught me the ho‘olauna, the bowl of light, and many lessons that are a part of everyday life. I have been blessed to be touched by her. In the end, the last two years of her life, I pretty much moved in part-time. In the end, when Aunty needed help, I moved in. I slept outside of her room on the couch every night. I was able to be with her and it was an honor. Mahalo Aunty, she will be forever my hulu kupuna.

Tracy Lawson I have also had the privilege of caring for Aunty Betty and being able to call her my mother-in-law. One thing she taught me was unconditional acceptance and love, and really how to be a part of a community. I know it is our goal to continue her work and to walk in her footsteps and to honor her memory.

Recess is taken
Returns from recess at 5:04 pm

Community Presenters

‘Ulu‘ulu Archive

Heather Giugni Aloha and thank you for this opportunity to speak with you and to tell you all about ‘Ulu‘ulu, moving image archive. We will share a video. *Video is shared.*

You had a chance to visit the media building. That is where creation starts and that is a great place where people become media makers, become storytellers, and take all their ideas, experiences, and history and turn them into stories. We are at the other end of it. When you think of creating, you also have to think of the legacy of what you've created and where that legacy is going to end up. We've never had a moving image archive here in Hawai‘i to preserve and care for our moving image history, so all of these filmmakers like Nā Maka o ka ‘Āina, Joan Lander and Puhipau, Victoria Keith and all of these people from the 70s that tracked our Hawaiian movement and moving through the decades, did not know what to do with this because there was not a facility that could take care of these kinds of things; that is when people came together, including myself, and helped pull together this concept and make it a reality. It took members of community, decades of people and generations of people to do this, and it took organizations like you to support us to make this a reality. This is a kauhale of partnerships. It can be accessed anywhere in the world.



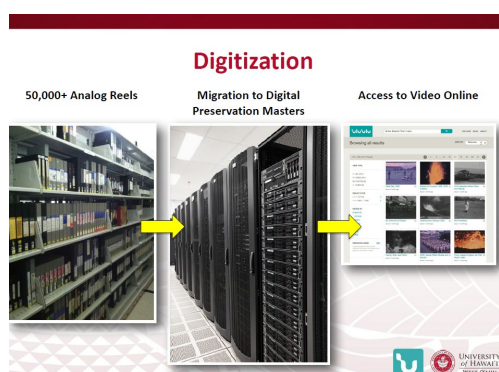
Our Time Today

- Overview of ‘Ulu‘ulu
- Demonstration of Website and Research Process
 - Papakilo Database Project Highlights
 - Papakilo 10th Anniversary Video



Jonelle Quirante Hello, I am Jonelle Quirante, and I am the head archivist of ‘Ulu‘ulu. I am very proud to work with Heather, side by side, over the last twelve years helping to preserve Hawai‘i’s moving image heritage. You can see our mission is to perpetuate and share the rich moving heritage of Hawai‘i through the preservation of film and videotape related to history and Native Hawaiians and the people of Hawai‘i.

We have been so honored to be partners with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. What is a moving image archive? The difference is that we work with films and videotape doing the same activities as traditional archive, in terms of collection, management, preservation cataloging and access. Just some statistics about what we take care of in our archive, we have over 70 permanent collections, 50,000 videotapes and films. Our collections are still growing, over 6,000 of those reels are digitized which is close to 3,000 hours of digital footage, 260 terabytes. It can get very technical, but our collection is growing and we're continuing to do good work. A few of the collections that we have, we work with filmmakers, we work with organizations, we work with TV stations, families who have donated their home movies, but the main common thread is that all of the footage relates to the history and culture of Hawai'i. Some of the challenges we have with preservation is dealing with obsolete technical formats, dealing with rust, mold, and dirt. We're digitizing at very high resolution files, which means we need a lot of storage capacity to maintain those files and just being in Hawai'i, high temperatures and high humidity causes a lot of physical damage to our collection.

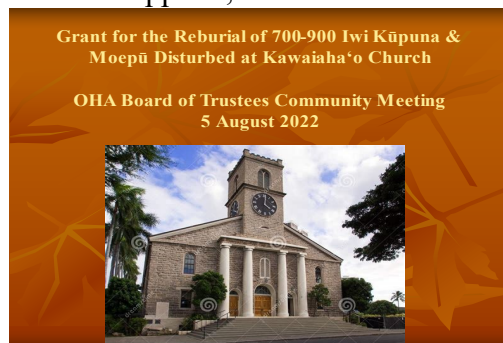


We do make our footage available to the public through our screenings and our website, lectures, and exhibits. We have been very honored to be a part of the Papakilo Database. You can visit our website at uluulu.hawaii.edu to search our collections and to view some of our collections.

Heather Giugni I just want to say the archive has been a very educational resource. It has been used by film makers to make documentaries, classrooms, and businesses. For example Hawaiian Electric, the way they did their polls, it is multi-level. It is a wealth of information and who we are in the community. I am so grateful for your support.

Kohanaiki 'Ohana, Inc., Iwi Kūpuna Reburial at Kawaiaha'o

Halealoha Ayau I am here for Hui Ho'oniho, the applicant, Kohanaiki 'Ohana is our fiscal sponsor because when we applied, we were not tax exempt yet.



Let me lay the foundation first before we get to the positive part, this project is about the reburial of between 700-900 kūpuna that were disturbed at Kawaiaha'o Church. The Kawaiaha'o Church was the Westminster Abbey of the Pacific. It was the church of our Ali'i. When the land was bequethed to the church, there was already an exisiting burial site, then the church was established and then the cemetary was established. There is

a very serious lesson with this case and that is that the previous Administration at OHA donated \$1 million dollars to Kawaiaha'o Church for the development in this case. The project was to develop a multi-purpose center in the middle of a cemetery. For those who have been around for the last thirty years and follow State burial law, that was done to prevent such activities from ever happening again. A lawsuit was filed by Dana Nae'ole Hall; a second lawsuit was filed by Paulette Kaleikini. The Hall case reached the Hawai'i Supreme Court. The Intermediate Court of appeals ruled that the church, DLNR, and the Department of Health (DOH) were all a part of a violation of HRS Ch.6E, and the matters should have been properly presented to the O'ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC) for determination. This was not a matter for Dept. Of Health to exercise authority over. What DOH did is they issued a blanket disinterment permit, that means whoever holds that permit can disinter who ever they come across. Starting in 2009, kūpuna were being systematically removed. During that time, a year long ho'oponopono took place with Dana Nae'ole Hall, Kamuela Kala'i, three Kahu from Kawaiaha'o, and myself. It was an intended to try to prevent this from happening and to explore other avenues for the church to develop this multi-purpose center. After a year trying to reconcile, we failed and the church moved ahead with it's blanket disinterment permit and began removing the kūpuna. I say 700-900 iwi were removed because they cannot tell you accurately how many people they took out, sadly, because this is not the first time this has happened here.

So, the Intermediate Court ruled that the State violated the law and then ordered the matter to be remanded to the OIBC and for the council to make a determination whether to preserve in place or relocate them; in this case, preserve in place meant reburial. By the time the matter was resolved by the courts, Kawaiaha'o had excavated the entire site. This grant was intended for *inaudible*

I want to mahalo OHA for supporting that mission. It hasn't been easy. I live on another island, the constant flying back and for the last 13 years. Many families have come forward and it has been rough, we have had to seek the help of mental health experts. The focus on this is not the pilikia, the focus should be on how do we reconcile it and how do we deal with it. How do we summon the courage to address it? Under the leadership of Hinalaimoana, when she was Chair of OIBC, I am proud to share that in June of this year, the OIBC approved the joint burial treatment plan developed by Kawaiaha'o Church. I do want to commend the Kawaiaha'o Church leadership for accepting responsibility for something that they weren't part of or a decision they were not part of, but still stepping into that place and making the right decisions to get the kūpuna back. We are now on the point of reburial.

I want to end by say the original sin was the disturbance of over 700 kūpuna. The importance of acknowledging when something is done wrong. Under the leadership of Kahu Ken Makuakane, we are now at the stage of where we are going to plant the iwi.

The grant that OHA provided will allow us to be able to fly in all the families when the reburial comes. We are in the process to rebury the iwi. Mahalo for the support.

Chair Hulu Lindsey When do you think the completion of the reburial will occur?

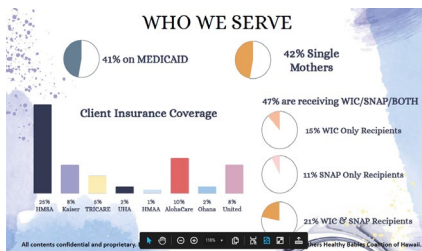
Halealoha Ayau We hope by the end of this year. There is still some obstacles in the way, but they're being worked out. The plan that Hawai'i Dredging developed was a really effective one and it had the support of the families. I did mention it was a joint plan meaning the families and the church submitted this plan. Through that process, there was healing of the hurt that this action caused.

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawai'i, Mana Mama Mobile Clinic

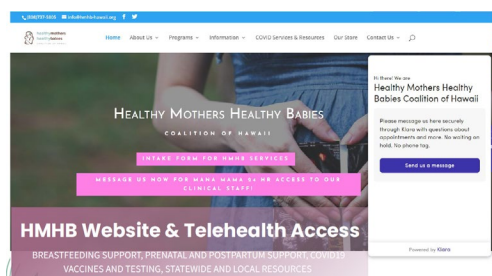
Princess Ebbay I am a Program Manager with Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies. We are a nonprofit organization and we were founded in 1992. We are dedicated to improving Hawai'i's maternal, child and family health.



Our target population is socially high-risk pregnant and birthing people, newborns/infants with a focus on black, Native Hawaiians, indigenous, compact of free association (COFA) migrants and other people of color. Other programs and Services that we provide are Piko Pals, Hawai'i Cribs for Kids, Māna'ai Food & Provisions Distribution, and most recently our Mana Mama. A brief overview of who we serve.



We have seen a demand since COVID and an increase in Native Hawaiian families requesting services as well. Our Mana Mama has a clinical team that consist of a nurse practitioner, registered nurses, midwives, lactation consultants, and doula. You may have seen our Mana Mama Clinic on the road, we bring this out to the families removing any barriers that they have to care such as transportation or childcare. Our mobile van is fully equipped with a patient bed, prenatal and postpartum appointments, lactation consultations, and family planning. We are also able to draw labs, and we are out in the community providing vaccinations. In addition, just this past December, we launched our Mana Mama tele-health platform. It allows all of our families to connect with a clinician 24 hours a day with any questions that they have. We provide breastfeeding support statewide and local resources, prenatal and postpartum support. With our 24 hour platform, they're able to speak with a clinician right away, whether it's our nurse practitioner or our midwives.



This is our homepage on our website that provides a link to our intake form so that they can self-refer and have access to any of our services, and then our little chat feature in the corner that allows them to connect. In addition to clinical services, we also offer a wraparound social service to all of our families.

We also provide food distribution; we are partner with Lanakila Kitchen, La Tour, and Hawai'i Foodbank to provide temporary provisions for our families.

Our Piko Pal new parent support program brings families together with babies between 0 to 4 months. They meet once a week for 12 weeks on creating their own little community; they talk about topics that they all decide on together. We've done a mix of in person groups and virtual groups, depending on how comfortable the families are with meeting. Our Community Doula program which provides additional support to families during pregnancy birth and even after birth. We also are participating in community events and resource fairs at the colleges. We were at the March of Dimes march for babies just providing and disseminating information to the community.

If you have any questions, you guys can email us or check up on our website. On behalf of Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, we do want to thank you guys so much for your support and allowing us to provide the vital services to the families of Hawai'i.

Trustee Akaka What is the percentage of your clientele are Native Hawaiian?

Princess Ebbay Right now, 51%; it did go up since COVID. We were able to provide a lot of services and we were able to distribute a lot of home test kits to many Native Hawaiian families. We did this with partnerships we have in the community.

Trustee Ahu Isa Aloha Sunny, were you folks involved in lobbying for the breastfeeding?

Sunny Chen In 2017, I was not with the organization but I do believe we were involved in helping to uplift the midwives, support their work, and provide them with a living wage.

Trustee Ahu Isa Remember the shortage of the babies milk and they did not have enough, we were way ahead of that in 2017. You never know when we could run out. Okay, mahalo.

Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture, Kupu Ola Enhancement

Sanoe Marfil Aloha kākou, I am Sanoe Marfil, Chief Program Officer at InPeace, and this is my colleague, Ku'uleilani Samson. Mahalo nui for having us. A little later on the presentation, we will be having our Program Director of our Kalama Education Academy join us via zoom. We just wanted to take a moment to mahalo OHA for providing us the support to do the work that we do in community. We are a Native Hawaiian nonprofit organization statewide and we focus on early learning school readiness, educational leadership, and teacher development, as well as family economic capacity building. I will turn time over to Ku'ulei to talk about Kupu Ola.

Ku'ulei Samson If you are not familiar with InPeace, it's a big organization that does awesome work. I get to mālama Kupu Ola. Kupu Ola is based at Waianae Intermediate's Garden. We strategically work with our seventh grade science team teachers. Currently, we have five teachers that are helping to collaborate curriculum, and four that are present in the garden with their students. Two are regular ED classes and two are a little bit of the special behavior students, and so they're more like a one on one situation where they have another teacher to accommodate their needs. They come into the garden and they're exposed to everything in the garden. In the outdoor classroom, they're able to access cultural-based education, meaning, not just working in class and learning how to grow food, but more so connecting themselves, with their identity, with the Hawaiian culture in the place of Wai'anae. We've been working a lot with our students and teachers; currently, we have 175

students. I would say about 61% of those are Native Hawaiian, and so a lot of the students that we work with are mixed, they are not only Hawaiian, but they come throughout Hawai‘inuiākea. Regardless of where they come from, even if they are transplanted into Wai‘anae, they're still exposed to this culture, so they too can find their sense of identity. I have worked with a cultural specialist and the Kumu to develop and design this curriculum that aligns with Hawai‘i science standards. In quarter one, they are introduced to their genealogy; they find who they are, where they come from, and their goal is to identify; this encourages the ‘ohana engagement opportunity. In quarter two, they learn about mea kanu. Through plants, they learn how to eat, prepare, heal, and expose them to something they cannot learn in a classroom. In quarter three, they learn mauka to makai and the place names of our community. They learn the mo‘olelo connected to these place names and why they are named these names. Quarter four, we move on to mo‘olelo, our Hawaiian Superman. Our students will recognize that Maui comes from Wai‘anae. The students are able to investigate the science of their own; they learn, they do their own due diligence. Mahalo nui to you all for your support.

Sanoe Marfil One of the outcomes is that Ku‘u is able to model for the teachers and show them how to relate to students, continue to work with students, and how to demonstrate Hawaiian values.

Angela Hoppe Cruz Mahalo nui for allowing me to share the progress made possible through your support. *Inaudible*. It's not just recruiting teachers, it's recruiting and hoping to empower and develop teachers like Auntie Betty; teachers that understand the power of a need for cultural connection. This is what we do at InPeace Educational Academy. We have been blessed to do this with OHA's support. We provide support to 200 plus community members that we are serving. 15% are OHA funded, specifically of the 15%, 78% of those folks are Native Hawaiian. We were launched in 2021 and we set out to increase, specifically this grant, the number of public charter *inaudible* I have a very vested interest in this success.

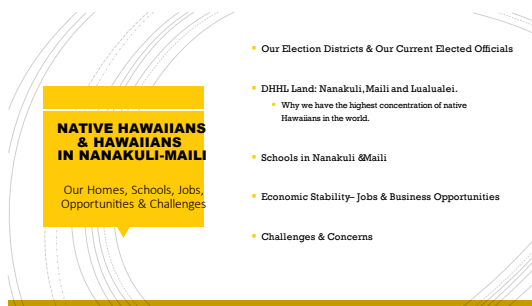
In this time period, we recruited 16 new community members. Some are starting out as substitute teachers and we also have *inaudible* of the 62 newly recruited substitute teachers, 43% are funded through the support of OHA and 74% are Native Hawaiian. One of the challenges often was the over night class cancellations due to staff shortages. It was not because of poor planning, many felt so guilty for making a doctor's appointment. Their workload was non stop pre covid and it has been exacerbated; adding to their work load, translating everything from English into Hawaiian but also the philosophical framework from English to Hawaiian. OHA's support allows to meet long-term challenges. Supporting locally rooted community members living in our community. The funding has provided us the ability to relieve the financial stress which is another huge barrier. It has allowed those who can commit to academic advancement and professional development, to worry less of gas prices. *inaudible*

Sanoe Marfil We want to thank you for allowing us to speak and share our story.

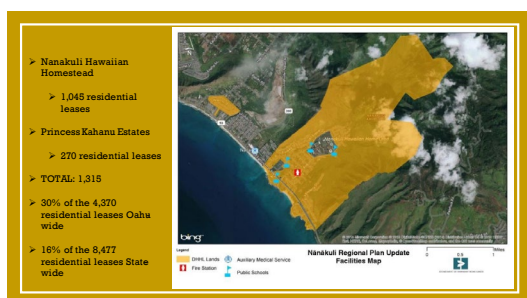
Nānākuli-Mā‘ili Neighborhood Board No. 36

Germaine Meyers Mahalo to our Trustees, thank for having us here this evening. My name is Germaine Meyers, and I am a beneficiary for beneficiary advocacy and empowerment, I am also a Nānākuli Hawaiian Homestead lessee. I am also a part of the Nānākuli-Mā‘ili Neighborhood Board #36. The neighborhood board was created by Frank Fasi, and we are a nine-member board that's been elected by our community members within our number 36 district that was designated by the city. We serve a two-year term and we're on our second year at this moment, our term ends next year in June. Our Chair is with us this evening, Patty Kahanamoku Teruya, this is her 29th year on the Board. We also follow the Sunshine Law, like OHA. We have a neighborhood board plan that has rules and bylaws that we must follow. We also have committees and there must be three members a part of each committee in order for it to start as a quorum. We also have community

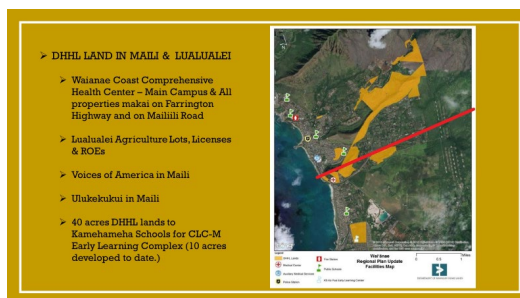
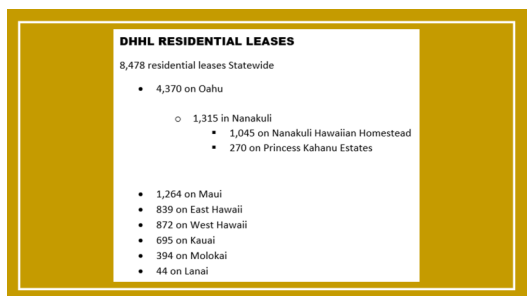
members that can join the committees. We cannot deny any community member who wants to speak on every report. My purpose of being here is to discuss with you, Hawaiian Affairs in Nānākuli and Mā‘ili. Tonight, I want to share five important points regarding the work we do and the composition of our neighborhood board.



1. Our election districts and current elected officials – Our district is part of City Council district 1 and our leader is Councilwoman Andrea Tupola; we are a part of district 22 and our leader is Maile Shimabukuro; we are a part of House district 44 and 45, our House of Representatives number 44 is Stacy Eli and number 45 is Cedric Gates.
2. DHHL Land – why we have the highest concentration of Native Hawaiians in the world.



This is a map of Nānākuli, the yellow is the Nānākuli homestead. There are 1,045 residential leases. In addition, the smaller yellow area is Princess Kahanu Estates, it consists of 270 residential leases for a total of 1,315 leases. DHHL in the last hundred years gave out 4,370 residential leases on O‘ahu. Nānākuli consist of 30% of the residential leases on O‘ahu. Statewide, DHHL has issued 8,477 residential leases and Nānākuli consist of 16%



This is why we have the highest concentration of native Hawaiians in the world because of the concentration and the amount of lots that we have in Nānākuli alone. I will now share with you the DHHL land in Mā‘ili. Lualualei is also apart of our Board #36. We have the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, the main campus, and all the properties makai on Farrington highway and Mā‘ili‘ili road. We also have Lualualei agriculture lots, Voices of America, Ulukekui, and 40 acres of DHHL land that has been leased to Kamehameha Schools. So far, ten acres of the forty has been developed to date. The waitlist of residential on Oahu is 11, 049 as of June 30, 2022.

3. Schools – The schools in Nānākuli and Mā‘ili: There are four on DHHL land in Nānākuli that serve all of Nānākuli and the Wai‘anae coast. As of 2021, 2,802 students were enrolled in these four schools. The Department of Education Strive Report notes that over 50% of these students are Hawaiian. There is one school on state land in Mā‘ili with 635 students (K-6)

4. Economic Stability – Jobs and business opportunities:

JOBS & BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN NANAKULI & MAILI	DHHL LAND FOR OTHER USES	License:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOE & Charter Schools • Kamehameha Schools • Waiānae Coast Comprehensive Health Center • PVT Landfill (Non-Union) • CDL Truck Drivers and Business Owners • Farms • Luualaei Naval Facilities • Kahe Power Plant • Fast Food, Restaurants, and Stores • City, State, and Federal Government Facilities • Nanakuli Village on DHHL Land • DHHL Land for Other Uses 	<p>Right of Entry Permits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 438.1 acres Nanakuli Ranch-Pastoral for \$11,280 annual lease rent • 1,126.0 acres Lyman Ranch-Pastoral for \$14,304 annual lease rent • 1.2 acres Mary Ann Higashi Stabling for \$339 annual lease rent • 0.155 acres Chelsea L. Ching-Cantaleiro for \$240 annual lease rent • 6.4 acres Kennard Hicks-Agriculture for \$240 annual lease rent • 2.0 acres Frances Kama-Silva-Industrial (same parcel as Pastoral) for \$6,427 annual lease rent • 8.0 acres Frances Kama-Silva-Pastoral (same parcel as Industrial) for \$2,772 annual lease rent • 0.712 acres Waiānae Coast Comprehensive & Hospital Board Inc-Community for \$2,088 annual lease rent (Butler Building in Nanakuli) 8-9-004/021 p. • 2.0 acres Waiānae Coast Comprehensive & Hospital Board Inc-Community for \$480 annual lease rent 8-6-001/012 & 024 p (WCHC in Waiānae—land for extra parking lot on Maili Road) • 20 acres State DOI Clean Water Branch-Public Service for \$0 Gratic restore vegetation within drainage basin • 7 acres US DOI & Control Point Surveying Inc-Public Service \$0 Gratic conduct land surveying field activities, including not limited to data collections and survey monumentation. 	<p>License:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Acres Honolulu Community Action Program Inc—Head Start Program-Education at Ka Waiānae for \$3,960 annual lease rent • 0.05 acres Ika Puapua Yeo Inc.-Education at Ka Waiānae for \$4,200 annual lease rent • 0.586 acres Kamehameha Schools-Education at Ka Waiānae for \$27,552 annual lease rent • 0.342 acres Ka Waiānae O Ka Hā‘e‘e Charter School-Education for \$0 Gratic; educational services, SOH Charter School • 1.227 acres Kamehameha Schools-Ho‘aloa Drake Preschool in Princess Kahuna Estates for \$0 Gratic • 7 Acres House of Salvation Church-Church (Pastor Kevin Kwan) at Ka Waiānae for \$4,080 annual lease rent • 1.021 acres Boy & Girl Club of Hawaii-Public Service for 1,000 annual lease rent • 1.05 acres Nānākuli Protestant Church-Church for \$220 annual lease rent • 0.86 acres St. Rita's Catholic Church-Church for \$187 annual lease rent • 1.49 acres Nanakuli Our Faith Mission Church for \$325 annual lease rent • 97.764 acres Kaala Farm Inc.-Community/Cultural for \$0 Gratic; Curatorship, conservation and operation of the Cultural Learning Center at Kaala • 0.011 acres T-Makale West Corp.-Telecommunication for \$23,805 annual lease rent • 0.148 acres Verizon Wireless-Telecommunication for \$18,295 annual lease rent • 0.488 acres C&C of Honolulu Nanakuli Fire Department for \$10,000 annual lease rent • Various City, State, Federal for utilities, parks, transportation, etc. \$0 Gratic

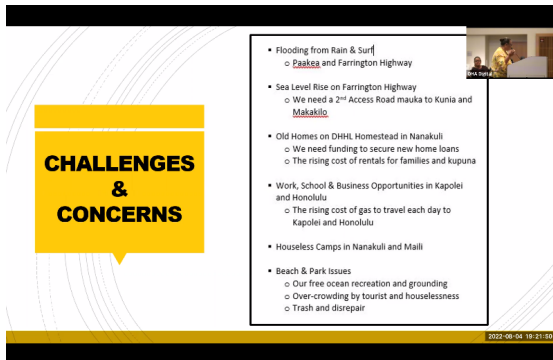
I want to share with you next is the DHHL land for other uses. As a business owner, you need land. DHHL has issued Right of Entry (ROE) permits for DHHL lands in Nānākuli and Mā‘ili specifically to these organizations, companies, or individuals. I have included the acreage for each one and the annual lease rent. For example, Nānākuli Ranch is a pastoral lease or ROE, 438 acres for \$11,200 annual lease rent. This is less than a \$1,000 a month. Lyman Ranch, 1,126 acres for \$14,304 annual rent which is a little over a \$1000. I listed these for you to take into consideration that maybe there are opportunities for Hawaiians, like parks or other uses as well that can serve our community.

Finally, general leases, Nānākuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association was given a two acres parcel. They built Hale-Makana for an annual lease rent of \$1. Then 9.8 acres of was given to Nānākuli Hawaiian Community Association for Nānākuli Village which they are charged \$110,000 annual lease rent. We also have Kamehameha Schools, they have a learning center on 2.6 acres with an annual rent of \$41,600. When the mission of DHHL is to rehabilitate native Hawaiians and award residential, agriculture, and pastoral leases, why is a general lease given to a non-Hawaiian for eleven acres, for agriculture, on Wai‘anae Valley road for \$7,920 annual lease. Couldn't that go to a Hawaiian to serve his or her family? These are the kind of things I look at because I want opportunities for Native Hawaiian families in my community.

I also have a concern that my Association in Nānākuli is charged \$110,000, which is less than \$10,000 a month, but they charge a Native Hawaiian business owner for a small store front \$6,000 a month which comes out to \$72,000 a year. That is concerning to me. Take the money from Longs Drugs, Wendy's, or Starbucks, but a native Hawaiian lessee, beneficiary, graduated from Nānākuli High School went and got a loan, created a storefront, and are selling goods at affordable prices but being charged \$6,000 a month. It really hurts my heart. These are the concerns I will be expressing to DHHL. I am sharing with you so that you can understand some of the challenges that we face in our community as Native Hawaiians.

This last piece are concerns and challenges – Flooding from rain and surf. Just recently, Pa‘akea residence were stuck in their homes for days from the rain flooding out the road and they could not get out of their properties. These are farm lots at the top of Hakimo Road. We also had, across the McDonald's of Nānākuli, high surf that flooded Farrington Highway. These are some obstacles that we share with many other community members. We need a second access road, we are worried about sea level rise.

Old homes on DHHL in Nānākuli, we need funding to secure new home loans. The rising cost of rentals for families and kūpuna are also a concern.



Other issues are the houseless camps in Nānākuli and Mā‘ili. Our free and ocean recreation is overcrowded by tourist and homelessness. There is a lot of trash and disrepair. Recently, I read an email to Chair by community members that there was 12 tons of trash that had to be taken away from the park. These are all of the concerns shared by our community. Ke Akua Pū, God bless all of you.

Patty Kahanamoku Teruya Mahalo nui for having us. *Inaudible* the Charter was created under the City and County back in 1983 to provide neighborhoods to be a grass roots entity to our elected officials. We are an advisory board and we are covered under Robert’s Rules. We have 36 neighborhood boards accross O‘ahu and we are #36. We are serving our community and finding ways to make life better for our community. This can be transportation, housing and so much more. I want to express that Nānākuli Neighborhood Board has a Hawaiian Affairs Committee, and we established that Committee because we wanted to network with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, with Trustees, with the Department of Hawaiian Homes to bring out these issues for our Native Hawaiians, this way we can network and collaborate together. We try to educate our community on what OHA does so that we can support these budgets. I just want to thank you again for having us here and I appreciate all of you here.

Douglas Harrison – Testifier re: Dept of Hawaiian Homelands

He shares that he looked over many documents regarding Mauna Kea and the income being collected. He is concerned that OHA is not getting their fair share of money.

Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL)

Tyler Gomes Mahalo nui to all of you for the opportunity to come and address you folks. We do have a share of beneficiaries; all of our beneficiaries are your beneficiaries and we appreciate any opportunity for us to come and update you. I will update everyone on the \$600 million; a strategic plan is due to the legislature in December. The Commission has approved a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) which has begun discussions. At the July Commission hearing, they presented a preliminary approach to the strategic plan. A quick highlight which is tentative, an additional 572 lots in Maui County, additional 1,500 lots in Honolulu County, 190 in Kaua‘i County, and 440 on Moku o Keawe. You are familiar with the budgeting process so we are dependant on phased funding with the \$600 million infusion. We are hoping to do development agreements which is something untested for the Department but would allow us to do design, construction, and planning all in one contract. The funding would also be used and considered for rental opportunities; you are aware of our development in Mō‘ili‘ili with Stanford Carr. We also have an additional property that we aquired across the street from KS. If the Stanford Carr property turns out to be a success, then we have other opportunities to continue developing in the urban core. O‘ahu has the longest waitlist out of all the islands and has the least available amount of lands. The other point I want to point out is the desire to aquire property, we are allowed with that money to aquire undeveloped or developed property. We can aquire new units, so not only is it very appealing, it might help us to spend the money faster. We only have two years to spend it thanks to a technical issue with the bill. Also, it would expedite the timeline. We have had a number of offers come in the last few weeks for various properties across the State and we are considering all of them. With that, if the Office of

Hawaiian Affairs had land anywhere and wanted to talk to DHHL about it, we would be remiss not to consider the opportunity.

Community Concerns and Celebrations

Germaine Meyers Aloha Trustees, I wanted to share with you this evening the similarities of our neighborhood boards. We are a nine member board; not one of us can move mountains, it is a collaborative effort. It takes five people to vote to move mountains or to take action on proposals. I started coming to OHA back in 2016 and I can't believe how fast time has gone by. I came at the cusp of an OHA audit; that OHA audit forced OHA to review their bylaws and to review their policies. We are also allowed to have PIGs and it is not just one person, it is a collaborative effort. Trustee Akaka, you remind me of your grandfather, the late Senator Daniel Akaka; you make everyone feel important and they are being heard but also the members of the community. I also want to say mahalo to Chair Hulu for starting these multiple meetings on O'ahu; we never had that. I just want you to know how important it is for us. I appreciate that some of you know that you will never get 100% of the votes and sometimes you make concessions for the greater good of all; you relinquish your vote to take it over the finish line so that action can be taken. I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

Andre Perez Aloha mai kākou, I have a couple issues to bring up. Thank you Trustees for hearing us. First issue I want to talk about is iwi kūpuna repatriation. There is an issue that we are helping with, me and my non-profit; we are helping Iwi Kuamo'o led by Halealoha Ayau and others. I respect them as the most experienced, knowledgeable practitioners when it comes to iwi kūpuna repatriation. This is in the process, ceremonies, the hana nui, and the work. They have over fifty years of experience of iwi kūpuna repatriations. Some of these repatriations were thirty years in the making, some are twenty years, and some are fifteen years. There are seven pending cases in the horizon right now across Europe. I am expressing my concern right now that OHA is not putting enough priority and perhaps hindering the process of these iwi kūpuna coming home. As you folks know, OHA is the claimant because OHA is a government agency, but OHA is not providing any funding support to bring these iwi kūpuna home. Earlier this year, many of us have seen either publications or social media websites that OHA has gotten a lot of fan fair and taken a lot of credit for the iwi kūpuna repatriations that have happen this year. 65 sets of iwi kūpuna came home this year. There is another trip coming up to bring more iwi kūpuna home, but OHA is not providing any funding support; we know that and you know that. At the last OHA meeting on Kaua'i, I told you folks that I was helping to fundraise and I have asked the Native American organization who I have relationships with called NDN Collectives. They have committed to fund all the money we need for the seven pending iwi kūpuna repatriations. It is important that whatever the personality issues we have, the iwi kūpuna coming home from Europe after decades are priority. I am here to implore OHA to please be proactive and supportive in making it happen. OHA does not do the heavy lifting, the negotiations, tracking down the iwi, finding the locations, and the decades of work. The emotional and psychological burden and trauma of that work is immense. I would not want to be Halealoha Ayau. The kaumaha is painful. I feel hilahila, shame, that we have to go to Native American organizations and ask them for money; this should be OHA's kuleana to provide funding. OHA has not provided any funding for any of the repatriations, that is shame on us especially, when you are promoting the return of iwi kūpuna and taking credit. I am going to keep coming back. I am hurt and shame that we need to find funding outside of Hawai'i to bring our people home. It is a basic fundamental Hawaiian value to be buried in our homeland. It is codified in mele, oli, and pule. I am here to implore you to please take away the restrictions, the barriers, the personality differences, the obstructions, and help get our kūpuna home.

My second concern is Pohakuloa Training Area. There is an issue that is not getting any media coverage. Firefighters that are stationed at Pohakuloa Training Area, which is a federal fire department. The federal fire department is in charge of air crash rescue and runways, that is their kuleana. Some of the firefighters, who are

Hawaiian and from the surrounding area, reached out to me about four months ago expressing concern; their concern is that the army wanted to do a large scale, control burn. The firefighters have been telling the army that it is not a good idea to do this in that area. One, they are not trained for that, they deal with air crashes; two, they do not have capacity. Pohakuloa Fire Department has a normal, daily staffing of thirteen firefighters; they have been operating with six firefighters for years. They also have ten wild land fire fighting vehicles, nine of them are broken. This past month was RIMPAC and due to live fire training, a fire was started about two weeks ago. The firefighters have advised the army that they wanted to put it out while it was still containable, 400 acres was on fire. They requested support from Wheeler Army Airfield and the Army denied that support. That fire has burned out of control, 3,500 acres of critical and endangered habitat area around Pohakuloa. There is a biologist that has stated that if the fire gets out of control, it will be an extinction event. The area is known as an area 22 with native plants. Twelve federal firefighters have submitted statements and complaints against this decision. Those statements have been stonewalled by the Army. The military live fire training continued while this burning was going on. The last that I heard was the fire made its way to the old grove 'ōhi'a on Pohakuloa. I've reached out to other people and media, and I haven't seen any traction but I am hoping that you folks can follow up and get some information. A person to contact is the President of the Firefighters Union, Ka'anapu Jacobs. He is trying to get help and attention for this issue. It was just last month where the Army lost control of another fire up at Pohakuloa Girls Scout Camp. I just want to put this on your radar. Mahalo for your time.

Douglas Harrison I have published every article from July 15th to date, articles on HB2024. *Inaudible* He shares the different amounts of money the government has given out over the years for various reasons, such as COVID monies. He speaks on the inflation and how it will spiral. He is an advocate for putting Hawaiian lands into Hawaiian hands. He would like to see this started with the lands of Mauna Kea. He wants to see OHA and DHHL get their fair share of the money.

Announcements

Trustee Akaka One happy announcement in the news yesterday was Miloli'i, the community on Hawai'i Island is now designated as a Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area. We are very proud that OHA supported this measure.

Adjournment

Trustee Hulu Lindsey Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Akina Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA						X
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA		X	X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
MILILANI	TRASK						X
JOHN	WAIHE'E						X

CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X		X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				6			

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on January 26, 2023.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Excused Memo – Trustee Ahuna
2. Excused Memo – Trustee Trask
3. Excused Memo – Trustee Waihe‘e
4. Action Item BOT #22-11: Approval of an OHA Board of Trustees’ Honorary Resolution Honoring the Contributions of Betty Kawohiokalani Ellis Jenkins to the Native Hawaiian Community and the State of Hawaii
5. PP - ‘Ulu‘ulu
6. PP – Kawaiha‘o Reburial Grant Presentation
7. PP – Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawai‘i
8. PP – Neighborhood Board #36

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Minutes of the
LĀNAʻI ISLAND COMMUNITY MEETING
MINUTES
August 18, 2022
5:00pm

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Leinaʻala Ahu Isa
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keliʻi Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻāina Lee
Trustee John Waiheʻe, IV

BOT STAFF:

Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary

GUEST:

Kehaulani Lum
Sam Chung, Board Financial Advisor

ADMINISTRATION:

Sylvia Hussey, CEO
Casey Brown, COO
Ramona Hinck, CFO
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel
Nietzsche Ozawa, Interim Sr. Legal Counsel
Capsun Poe, Community Engagement Director
Michelle McCoy, Public Policy Advocate
Erin Nakamura, IT Support
Kevin Chak, IT Support

Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	LEINA‘ALA	AHU ISA	X	
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI‘I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI‘ĀINA	LEE		Joins mtg at 5:01 pm
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	TRASK		excused
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE‘E		Joins mtg at 5:04 pm
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
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At the Call to Order, **six (6)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Aloha kākou, welcome and thank you for being here with us this evening. Tonight’s meeting can be viewed by livestream on OHA’s website, www.oha.org/livestream. We are also hosting this meeting on Zoom. For those of you on Zoom, we ask that you keep your cameras on and your mics muted when not speaking.

Before we begin, I would like to announce that I will be taking the agenda out of order. Under new business, I will take item IV.2 first, then followed by IV.1. At this time, I would like to ask each Trustee to introduce themselves.

Introductions

Trustee Ahu Isa Aloha mai kākou, I am so sorry we can’t be there on Lāna‘i. I love that island, and everyone knows everybody. I am Lei Ahu Isa, your At-Large Trustee. Mahalo for being here with us.

Trustee Ahuna Aloha mai kākou to everyone on Lāna‘i, thank you for having us. With me today are my two Aides, Claudine Calpito and Anuheia Diamond. I just want to say I am looking forward to the beneficiaries from Lāna‘i, thank you.

Trustee Akaka Aloha Pumehana kākou, we are so happy to be with all of you this evening. I am looking forward to hearing your mana‘o and your concerns. Joining me this evening are my Aides, Brandon Mitsuda and Mark Watanabe. Again, I mahalo our community for welcoming us.

Trustee Akina Aloha kākou everyone, I am Trustee At-Large, Trustee Keli‘i Akina. I am so glad you are joining us tonight. I am joined this evening by my two Trustee Aides that are here online, Ruben Sierra and Evalani Canto.

Trustee Lee Aloha Chair and aloha to everyone from Lāna‘i whose online. Joining me this evening are my two Aides, LeiAnn Durant and Dayna Pa. I look forward to hearing from our beneficiaries from Lāna‘i. I am looking forward to hearing from all of you.

Trustee Alapa Aloha everyone, my name is Luana Alapa. I am sorry that I am not in the islands, but away on a trip. I want to say aloha to everyone who is able to be online. I also had the privilege to visit Lāna‘i a couple weeks ago. What an amazing moment for me to meet with some of the people there. I am looking forward to hosting some of my talk story sessions there on the island. I would also like to introduce my Aide, Pohai Ryan.

Trustee Waihe‘e Aloha everyone, I am Trustee Waihe‘e IV, Trustee At-Large. I am very honored to be here and hear the concerns of our beneficiaries. I hope that eventually we can be there in the future, I love Lāna‘i. I am thankful to be here virtually to listen to all of you, thank you.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Aloha mai kākou, my name is Carmen Hulu Lindsey, and I am the Maui Trustee and serve as Chair of the Baord. My staff here is Lehua Itokazu-Board Secretary, Kanani Iaea and Amber Kalua-my Aides. We welcome all of you that are zooming in with us this evening. Mahalo for taking the time and coming to our meeting. We look forward to hearing from all of you. We also have our CEO, Sylvia Hussey. Sylvia, will you introduce yourself and your staff.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO Aloha Lāna‘i ‘ohana, we have of COO-Casey Brown, CFO-Ramona Hinck, Interim General Counsel-Everett Ohta, Interim Sr. Legal Counsel-Nietzsche Ozawa, Capsun Poe-Community Engagement Director, Michelle McCoy-Public Policy Advocate, and as always, we are supported by our IT staff-Erin and Kevin.

Chair Hulu Lindsey A quick note, the new Sunshine Law under Act 264 is that the OHA BOT and Committees may no longer take oral testimony only at the beginning of a Board’s agenda or meeting. This means I will call on testifiers for each item on the agenda.

In order to allow time for all of our beneficiaries to testify, you will be given five (5) minutes to share your mana‘o. Your name will be called, and your microphone will be unmuted when it is your turn to testify. If you are not audible, you will be muted, and the next testifier will be called.

At this time, I would like to move on to the approval of the minutes.

Approval of Minutes

Site Visit Waihe‘e Summary – May 25, 2022
Site Visit Ka‘ehu Summary – May 25, 2022

Trustee Ahuna Moves to approve the summary of minutes for site visit 1 and 2 dated May 25, 2022

Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.

Trustee Ahuna Moves

Site Visit Waihe‘e Summary – May 25, 2022
Site Visit Ka‘ehu Summary – May 25, 2022

Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.

	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA		X	X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK						X
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			1
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and One (1) Excused.						

May 25, 2022
And May 26, 2022 Minutes

Trustee Akaka moves to approve the minutes.

Trustee Alapa Seconds the motion.

Trustee Akaka Moves						
Minutes: May 25, 2022 and May 26, 2022						
Trustee Alapa Seconds the motion.						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA		X	X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK						X
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			1
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						

Motion passes with eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and One (1) Excused.

Status of OHA Activities

Sylvia Hussey, CEO The Island Report for Lānaʻi was distributed and it will be posted along with other items on our oha.org website. The current issues on Lānaʻi are the Kuahiwi a Kai, Lānaʻi Watershed Conservation Program. Lānaʻi naturally experiences a natural erosion due to years of over grazing and the mismanagement of introduced ungulates. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in partnership with Pūlama Lānaʻi and many other organizations, developed the Watershed Conservation Program, and so our Compliance and Community Engagement efforts continue to monitor the progress of that for the island. Overall current grantees, there are no specific grantees on Lānaʻi. There are organizations that serve statewide, which would include Lānaʻi. There are two revolving loan funds here, totaling \$41,000.

New Business

There are no testifiers for this next item on the agenda.

IV. 2. Action Item BOT #22-14: Accept and Implement the Report of the Permitted Interaction Group to Investigate the Activation of Kakaʻako Makai Site E, 919 Ala Moana Blvd*

Casey Brown, COO Aloha Lānaʻi and aloha to the Board, we are going to go over the PIG report. This report was distributed on July 26, 2022. I would like to go over page 4, section III with all of you. This is the heart of the recommendation of the report. As a reminder, this PIG focused on and was activated to investigate Lot E, and activation to related activities to Lot E. One thing that we know and that we have heard about these two sites, A and E, are that they are the gateway to Kakaʻako Makai (KM) ʻāina. The other thing about these two sites are that they are not seeing any action. All of this is really focused on how do we temporarily activate on these lands and get some life on them and, at the same time, maybe get generate some return. This report is focused on activation of site E. Working with our in-house development consultant, recommendations were produced based on these three findings:

1. Any long-term reletting strategy of site E, this would be anything beyond 5-7 years, will require significant investment. The projected figures for that investment is over \$15 million.
2. Repositioning this building, this site with a preferred mix uses including retail and restaurants; this would like trigger a public review process and could last two or more years.
3. We have a master plan effort going on and part of that effort is to do due diligence on each parcel. We recommend not to take a position that sinks money in for a long-term, and more so does not produce enough returns if that money is sunk into it.

We want to see and tie into the learnings of the master plan, based on those three findings. The recommendations from this PIG is to pursue an activation strategy of site E that requires minimum investment and relies on whatever permitted uses OHA has on that site.

Trustee Lee Thank you, Casey, what is the definition of minimum. When I looked over the report, it was not talking minimum. The budgets laid out on the attachments talked about \$15 million dollars with a return of 8%.

Casey Brown, COO It was written to be a generic term. The minimum amount can mean different things to different people once you get into the seven figure range, a million dollars or higher. When we looked at the proposed mixed use plans for this site E and the initial ones based on the plans of mixed retail in there, everything that we talked about with mixed vendors, it was hard to cut it and build or land on any kind of

estimate that wasn't in the eight figure range. Now, we are talking in the eight figure range and once you get there, that's a sizeable investment. I would say the minimum investment can vary, but nothing like eight figures.

Trustee Lee Okay, that is not being articulated in this report that we are being asked to approve and activate. When we look at this report that we're being asked to approve, it appears that it's asking for approval of a \$15 million budget with an 8% return on investment, which is actually a really good return except the fact that that's going to take nearly 15 years to recoup.

Casey Brown, COO Thanks for making that point Trustee. The figures you see are trying to prove the case that the \$15 million is high in the opinion of the PIG members and the consultants. Sorry it is not clear enough.

Trustee Lee It is not clear at all, it does not say that at all. Again, if we are being asked to approve this, the way it's written is that we are being asked to approve a \$15 million dollar budget with an 8% return. I find it hard to believe that the Board would want a fifteen year project of the current building that's standing there.

Casey Brown, COO I am very sorry that it is not clear and that it doesn't say it at all, but the recommendation is to activate these lands with a small investment. The financials provided is not the investment we are talking about; we provided that investment to say that those numbers are too high.

Chair Hulu Lindsey I agree with Trustee Lee that it's not there. Maybe we need to go back to the PIG and clarify those concerns.

Trustee Lee Madame Chair, I have two concerns: one, you are the Chair of the PIG and two, the PIG cannot go back. We have established that OIP ruled in the past that once a PIG presents its report, then that PIG is now concluded. If the PIG went back and re-opens, then the OIP would consider that a committee which would require quorum. Either at some future date, the RM committee is going to try and come back to create a new PIG, or we don't waste our time again and take this matter up in the RM committee. I don't think we would have landed here today if all nine trustees had input on this.

Chair Hulu Lindsey The recommendation of the PIG stands.

Trustee Akina Casey, are you saying the financials in the report are not necessarily being recommended? What will we be approving as a cap or a lid on the amount of the investment that we feel comfortable in allowing us to go forward with? Is there anything in the PIG report that you can point to, to substantiate that?

Casey Brown, COO I wouldn't recommend coming here with a dollar amount or a cap amount. I would recommend that we come back and recommend a use of that building that looks at the variable in front of it. A big variable in front of it is time, the amount of time you want to lease this space. You would want to keep it on a shorter timeframe than something that is more market tenant seeking which is 7–10-year range; we really want to look at this on a shorter timeframe. We would rather come back with a recommendation on a number of factors, which would include money, length of time of use, and the type of use. It is difficult to pin down an exact dollar figure.

Trustee Akina If we are not approving a dollar figure or timeframe and we are not specifying a limit to the dollar amount or a timeframe, then we are just approving a concept. Budget and timeframe are excluded from that today, is that a correct understanding?

Casey Brown, COO Right now, the recommendation says to rely on existing permitted uses.

Trustee Akina So this is a conceptual recommendation, it doesn't include budget or timetable?

Casey Brown, COO Right.

Trustee Akina Now I can feel more comfortable in approving it because I am going to presume the RM Committee, or whatever process as we move forward, will come back to us with a timetable and with a budget, and that will be a separate approval.

Casey Brown, COO What we are trying to say is to look at using the building as is, try to put as minimum investment into it, and find tenants that will accept the short-term lease who would want to rent it and give OHA temporary income from that space. Get it activated and get people on the premises and try not to go into any major renovations or permitted uses. We are saying lease it.

Trustee Akina This sounds more like an urging of direction, we go that direction and see how it works. It does not preclude you coming back to us with a plan.

Casey Brown, COO Correct, the real focus is to get a return coming in and people on our lands. Everything is temporary because the broader focus is learning what we want to do for a long-term project here. We just want to activate these lands and get some income generated, then we can plan what the larger project can be.

Trustee Lee I want to comment on what Trustee Akina's question was, and about further processing and coming back to the Board with a budget and/or other plans; none of that is specified in these recommendations. The recommendation is to use what the building is currently permitted for, and to put as little money as possible. Should that be approved? Because it doesn't say it in the recommendations the Board is approving today, they don't have to come back to the Board for anything as long as it stays in that broad scope of that language and numbers; letter C under III states they are under no obligation to come back to the Board. I don't believe they are going to do that, and they can say they are not going to do that, but there is absolutely nothing in the future that the Board can hold them to that says they have to come back to the Board. If this is approved the way it is written, then they can do what ever they want. As Casey stated, they do not have a number of what the minimum is other than it's less than eight figures; that is what today's minutes will reflect. This will be the only palapala that Trustees in the future will have to hold as evidence on what was approved. If it is their recommendation that we move forward on a temporary basis and the longer term is going to be based on the master plan, then all of that should have been laid out for us today; then it would be a clearer picture of what we are approving. There is no assurance to the Trustees that they're going to have another say in the future.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Casey, did we approve a budget for site E?

Casey Brown, COO No, what we would do is the same thing as site A. Once we choose a concept or a use for the site, then we will come back with that budget.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Okay, there is no money to be expended Trustee Lee and Trustee Akina because there is no approval from the Board.

Trustee Lee But this action is saying we do not need to approve a budget.

Chair Hulu Lindsey You have to because we are not asking for anything. It says minimum investment, but it doesn't say how much. Nothing is left up in the air at OHA.

Trustee Lee But if it is approved based on the language that is there, it can and that is my concern because it does not say that we have to approve a budget later, and it says that we are approving a strategy requiring minimum investment; there is nothing that says they have to come back, that is my concern.

Chair Hulu Lindsey I disagree, I don't think they can do anything without coming back to the Board and asking for a budget and approval just like they did for lot A.

Trustee Lee They haven't come back for a budget on lot A.

Chair Hulu Lindsey We did.

Trustee Lee We did not have a PIG for lot A.

Trustee Waihe'e My understanding of the PIG report was that it was going to say we were going to make a minimum investment relying on the existing permitted uses; the reason why, was doing otherwise would amount in the excess of \$50 million dollars or higher. Is the concern that it's not articulated in this report? Or is there a concern that it's not articulated in that way that the \$15 million dollar example could be viewed as the amount we are approving?

Sylvia Hussey, CEO Trustees, I just want to remind you of the process of a PIG and the action that's being asked of the Board is the PIGs recommendation. The Administration still needs to bring this back; we have budget policies that guide coming back. Administration cannot pursue any kind of action without a budget. The guardrail is that, based on the budget policy, Administration will come back and at that time, we would address what the minimum investment looks like. We would address what the permitted uses are. This recommendation by the PIG to the Board is just that, to pursue that activation. The actual budget needs to come back by Administration to the Board for approval which is consistent with five previous PIGs.

Trustee Akina Thank you Sylvia for your clarification, III.C. says basically what you just shared with us; we would approve, the Administration to go forth and pursue a strategy. As you pursue that strategy for minimal investment and use of existing entitlements, you would have to come to the Board with options to go forward. The control would rest there when the Board considers those options and approves which direction to go forward. This PIG frames the recommendation that's broad enough to allow the Administration to begin to strategize, but the control of the Board is going to be in the approval of whatever options are brought to the Board by the Administration; that is my understanding. Is that what you are saying?

Sylvia Hussey, CEO That is correct.

Trustee Lee I appreciate as well, Ka Pouhana's comments, that puts me at ease. Chair, based on the recent conversations that have been going on about transparency, that language built into the recommendation, that those guardrails are there without us having to come and ask about all of this probably would have avoided all of this. Without seeing it in writing gives us pause, had that been written in the recommendation, we probably would not have had any of this discussion. I appreciate what Ka Pouhana said.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you.

Trustee Waihe'e Madame Chair I would like to

Accept and implement the report of the Permitted Interaction Group to investigate the activation of Kaka ako Makai Site E, 919 Ala Moana Blvd, including the recommendation to pursue an activation strategy requiring minimum investment and relying on existing permitted uses for Kaka ako Site E, 919 Ala Moana Blvd., as attached.

Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.

Trustee Lee I would like to speak in favor of the motion with the caveat that Administration made it clear by using the budget guardrails; any further action for lot E will come back to the Board of Trustees through the RM Committee or to the Board itself for future action as far as what the minimum budget number would be, and what concepts and items that would include for lot E. Thank you.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you, roll call vote.

Trustee Waihe'e Moves						
Accept and implement the report of the Permitted Interaction Group to investigate the activation of Kaka ako Makai Site E, 919 Ala Moana Blvd, including the recommendation to pursue an activation strategy requiring minimum investment and relying on existing permitted uses for Kaka ako Site E, 919 Ala Moana Blvd., as attached.						
Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion						
	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA		X	X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK						X
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			1
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and One (1) Excused.						

IV. 1. Action Item BOT #22-12: A Resolution Recognizing the Sacred ‘Āina of Kalaupapa National Historical Park and Kalawao County by Honoring the Kalaupapa Community Memorial and the Unwavering Efforts of Ka ‘Ohana ‘O Kalaupapa*

Chair Hulu Lindsey Do we have any testimony for this item?

Kehaulani Lum Aloha mai kākou, mahalo for the opporunity to speak in support of this resolution. As a member of the Board of Ka ‘Ohana ‘O Kalaupapa, my heart is filed with deep grattitude to all of you for

shining light on this heroic story of how our Native Hawaiian ancestors and their families sacrificed their freedom so that the community would survive an epidemic of leprosy. I am the grandniece of four young members of the Helelanala'ielua 'ohana of Hilo, Hawai'i, who nearly a century ago were diagnosed with a disease by a district school nurse and within days, without appeal, were taken into custody for the remainder of their lives. They were children: Christina 16, Evelyn 9, Henry 10, and Joseph 8; all but one perished without ever seeing their parents, grandparents or siblings again, and neither receiving the gratitude of their nation. Mahalo nui for this resolution on behalf of my ancestors and also on behalf of Auntie Pi'olani Mota, the hānai daughter of Auntie Lena Machado. Auntie Pi'o descended from the people of 'Āwini in Kohala and her ancestors cared for the newborn, Kamehameha, until it was safe for him to emerge, only to have their own descendants, decades later, whisked away with no trace. A founding member of Ka 'Ohana 'O Kalaupapa and the Memorial Committee, Auntie Pi'o championed this project for over two decades after she learned the faith of her kūpuna while caring for Kalaupapa residents with a group of Sacred Hearts sisters. Her grandmother, Becky Perry, was exiled to Kalaupapa from 'Āwini in 1898 as a child, and she died there. Becky's daughter, Rose Alana Perry Kulaia, with ties to Kaua'i, was born at Kalaupapa and taken away at birth to be raised by the sisters of Charity at Kapi'olani Home. Her trauma was deep, she never spoke of them to anyone. When Auntie asked her mother if the story was true, her response was why? Who is asking? No one ever came to look for me. It was Auntie's aim to learn more about her family, to break the cycle of separation, stigma and silence through honor, forgiveness, and love. In 2005, she traveled to Washington DC alone to deliver testimony from Kalaupapa residents to the US Congress. Seeking authorization for Ka 'Ohana to establish a memorial in Kalaupapa, a bill introduced, subsequently by Senator Dan Akaka, furthered their request. This monument he wrote, is to provide a closure and a sense of belonging to many family members who have no knowledge of their ancestors whereabouts. Through this monument, more than 8,000 Hansen's disease patients will forever be memorialized as having been a part of the history of Kalaupapa. It also allows the world to recognize and learn from the tragedy that took place on Kalaupapa where mothers were taken from their children, husbands from their wives, and children from their parents. On March 30, 2009, only four years after Auntie Pi'o testified, another son of Hawai'i, President Barack Obama, signed the Kalaupapa Memorial legislation into law. In her last appearance before the land board, before she passed two years ago, Auntie said, I am a direct descendant of six family members buried somewhere in Kalaupapa. My grandmother was 14 from the 'Āwini mountains of Kohala from a family of 11 children, she was number three in line; where in the world would you find someone in 'Āwini way in Kohala, one of 11 children, to be picked up to come here to Kalaupapa because there was no record of where they were buried or when they died; this monument will be my only contact with my 'ohana, just as it would be for countless others in my situation. My standing commitment is to see the 8,000 residents are never forgotten. We must listen to their voices, they needed to be heard, and they must know that someone cares. OHA has brought powerful medicine to the 'ohana from its very conception, all the way through this past legislative session in which \$5 million was successfully appropriated for the memorial, the Governor recently signed it. This work that you have before you today is poetic healing and is lifting us all. We pray that the State Department of Health will release the funds that were unanimously approved before the last resident leaves us. Our stories of resilience and aloha abound, these are but a few; there are 7,994 more to be released, perhaps even in your own 'ohana. Mahalo nui loa for helping to bring them forward in this resolution, mahalo.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO *reads the resolution.*

A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
RECOGNIZING THE SACRED 'ĀINA OF KALAUPAPA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
AND KALAWAO COUNTY BY HONORING THE KALAUPAPA MEMORIAL AND THE
UNWAVERING EFFORTS OF KA 'OHANA O KALAUPAPA

WHEREAS, the Kalawao County has great natural beauty with rare endemic plants and animals along with ancient cultural and archaeology sites;

WHEREAS, the peninsula was once known for Kumanomano and 'Ahapi'i types of kapa, and Kalaupapa was also known for its fine grained white salt and fishing areas;

WHEREAS, because of Kalaupapa's isolation, 'āina ka'awalei, it also became known as the 'āina of kaumaha noho'i and pilikia, land of deep sorrow, misery and hardship;

WHEREAS, on January 6, 1866, the first twelve of an estimated eight thousand leprosy patients arrived in Kalaupapa. They were taken from their families and forced into isolation;

WHEREAS, the original inhabitants of Kalaupapa played a critical role in helping these patients, who were abandoned with no support or supplies. The settlement grew and became overcrowded, the original inhabitants were ordered to leave the land they had occupied for generations;

WHEREAS, the last of the original people living in Kalaupapa were evicted in January 1895. Kalaupapa became the home and final resting place for many of the patient residents who remained;

WHEREAS, the naming process and the giving of a Hawaiian name is an important and sacred component of Hawaiian culture;

WHEREAS, names carry significant mana (spiritual power), and they are part of a person, just like an arm or a leg;

WHEREAS, a person's name was one of the most precious possessions, unique to the individual, and, moreover, the name of the person who was the first to settle on the peninsula was the name of the first elder (elderly person) who was the first to settle on the peninsula.

WHEREAS, it was the responsibility of the bearer of the name to carry its weight. Therefore, it is important to remember people by their names at their final resting place;

WHEREAS, in 1980, Federal Public Law 96-565 established Kalaupapa National Historical Park to assist and support the community;

WHEREAS, in 2009, President Barack Obama signed the Kalaupapa Memorial Act, into law, as Public Law 111-11, directing the Secretary of the Interior to authorize Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, a non-profit organization consisting of patient residents at Kalaupapa National Historical Park, and their family members and friends, to establish a Memorial which would display the names of the estimated 8,000 people sent to the peninsula because of government separation policies regarding leprosy;

WHEREAS, the Kalaupapa Memorial will list the names of each individual to illustrate and show the sheer enormity of the lives and families affected by the separation and to honor the individual identities of those sent to Kalaupapa who were often only referred to as a collective group of "patients" or identified in records by the number assigned to them by the government;

WHEREAS, Ka 'Ohana has reconnected nearly 900 families with their Kalaupapa 'ohana through their extremely successful program of "Restoration of Family Ties";

WHEREAS, Ka 'Ohana's efforts in establishing Kalaupapa's important historic Memorial is an important step toward recognizing and healing the tragic harms of the past;

WHEREAS, many Native Hawaiian 'ohana had members exiled to Kalaupapa. Of the estimated 8,000 Hawai'i citizens sent to Kalaupapa, 90% were Native Hawaiian;

WHEREAS, because many early residents were buried in unmarked graves and other markers have deteriorated over time or were washed out by the 1946 tsunami, only approximately 1,000 of the 8,000 buried at Kalaupapa have a grave that can be identified;

WHEREAS, the Memorial will have all 8,000 names inscribed for future generations to see and reconnect with their Kalaupapa 'ohana;

WHEREAS, Bernard K. Punikai'a, who was sent to Kalaupapa in 1942 stated: You have to hear the voices to feel the people. You know their names. If you don't say the names, it's like something has been lost;

WHEREAS, the late Clarence "Boogie" Kahilihiwa, a patient resident at Kalaupapa and past President of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa said, "When you see all the names on the Memorial, it will be like everyone from Kalawao and Kalaupapa is standing right there in front of you.";

WHEREAS, the Kalaupapa Memorial will be located in the Kalawao Settlement area on the peninsula within the site of the former Baldwin Boys Home, which is where patient residents had intended it to be established;

WHEREAS, Ka 'Ohana has received six historic preservation awards from Historic Hawai'i Foundation for its preservation work at Kalaupapa;

WHEREAS, at a meeting on October 16, 2015, the State Land Use Commission officially approved a declaration attesting to the fact that the establishment of the Memorial is a permitted use on the State-owned Baldwin Boys Home land because it considers the establishment of the Memorial to be "an improvement to a site of historic or scenic interest," as provided for under the law "HRS § 205-4.5(a)(8)";

WHEREAS, the Memorial location is on ceded lands that provide the Office of Hawaiian Affairs a stakeholder interest in the land, and, as such, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs supports the Memorial and its design and deems it an appropriate use of this ceded land;

WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs supports and honors Ka 'Ohana and the patients, especially, in providing the wisdom for the way we shall commemorate those whose names will rest on the Memorial;

WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs recognizes the importance of the relationships, and that emotional ties between past and present patients and generations of 'ohana members are deeply sensitive matters; and,

WHEREAS, it is Hawaiian custom to look up to kūpuna, our elders, for guidance and instruction because of the wisdom they possess. Ka 'Ohana has fulfilled that role.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the undersigned duly recognized as the board chair and trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, on the 18th day of August 2022, do set forth their hand to recognize the sacred 'āina of Kalaupapa National Historical Park and Kalawao County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs recognizes the unwavering commitment, mālama and 'ike of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa for the many projects helping the people of Kalaupapa, especially the Native Hawaiian Community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs recognizes how the commitment of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa has touched the lives of many and provided a path toward healing for the people of Kalaupapa, throughout the lāhui, in the State of Hawai'i and beyond;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs recognizes Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa's vision, planning, funding and advocacy efforts will come to fruition upon the completion of the Kalaupapa Memorial within the Kalaupapa National Historical Park; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa; United States Secretary of the Interior; Director of National Park Service; Hawai'i's U.S. Congressional Delegation; Chairperson of the State of Hawaii Board of Land and

Natural Resources; Governor of the State of Hawaii; President of the Senate, State of Hawaii; Speaker of the House, State of Hawaii; Chair of the State Senate subject matter committee on Hawaiian Affairs; Chair of the State House subject matter committee on Hawaiian Affairs; State Senator for the Island of Moloka'i; State Representative for the Island of Moloka'i; Chair of the Maui County Council, and all County Mayors.

ADOPTED, this 18th day of August 2022, island of O'ahu, State of Hawai'i, by the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in its regular meeting assembled.

Trustee Akaka Madame Chair, I

Move to approve an honorary resolution recognizing the sacred 'āina of Kalaupapa National Historical Park and Kalawao County by honoring the Kalaupapa Community Memorial and the unwavering efforts of Ka 'Ohana 'O Kalaupapa, at Attachment A.

Trustee Alapa Seconds the motion.

Trustee Akaka Moves						
Move to approve an honorary resolution recognizing the sacred 'āina of Kalaupapa National Historical Park and Kalawao County by honoring the Kalaupapa Community Memorial and the unwavering efforts of Ka 'Ohana 'O Kalaupapa, at Attachment A.						
Trustee Alapa Seconds the motion						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OL E (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA		X	X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK						X
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			1
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with eight (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and One (1) Excused.						

There are no testifiers for this next item on the agenda.

V.1. Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL)

Tyler Gomes, Deputy Director Aloha kākou, mahalo for the opportunity to join you this evening. This will be a brief update largely because you are aware that Lāna‘i is our smallest island of landholdings. I will do a brief update on land development and homestead leases. We did an older development beginning in 2004 with, 45 lots; the remainder of those lots, I think 16 awards were made in 2019 shortly before the pandemic; those are all vacant lot awards, which means owner/builder, so the lessees have the opportunity to build to their need, that closes out that project. We have an additional site where we could develop up to 79 new lots. The challenge there is it requires significant investment in onsite and offsite infrastructure resources, including water source development and storage. In 2018, and I think we prepared an estimate, it's old now so we'd have to redo it. At the time, I think the estimate was approximately \$33 million to do the infrastructural improvements, it's going to be a little higher than that now; however, the \$600 million proposal currently includes, for consideration to the Committee, procuring a consultant to start the offsite infrastructure planning and design. We'd like to kick that off, I don't have an estimate when those 79 units could come online, but we are moving forward with that project.

As you folks might be aware as a part of the Act 14 settlement arising out of the 1995 legislation, the State of Hawai‘i owed the Department land. I believe DLNR agreed to transfer two parcels to DHHL, one 10-acre parcel and one 15-acre parcel. They are commercial and industrial respectively. In order for that land transfer to be completed, the Department has to proceed with a subdivision of those units, that's currently pending before the County of Maui; that requires neighboring landowners to submit their testimony and whether or not they believe there are impacts. Once the subdivisions complete the transfer, they can go through, and then we have two additional opportunities for revenue generation, and/or beneficiaries become tenants in the commercial/industrial capacities. Happy to announce that part of the \$600 million dollars deliberations, they will consider infrastructure developments there. I am happy to answer any questions you folks have.

Announcements

Chair Hulu Lindsey Our next ‘Oahu Island Community Meeting will be held on September 1st at 5:30 pm at the University of Hawai‘i, UH Mānoa campus.

We want to say mahalo to our Lāna‘i people and to everyone who joined us.

Adjournment

Trustee Akaka Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Ahuna Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA‘ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA		X	X			

KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	X		X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
MILILANI	TRASK						X
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				8			1

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on January 26, 2023.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Excused Memo – Trustee Trask
2. Action Item BOT #22-12
3. Action Item BOT #22-14

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(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)

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Minutes of the
O'AHU ISLAND COMMUNITY MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday, September 1, 2022
5:30pm

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keli'i Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee
Trustee Mililani Trask

ADMINISTRATION:

Casey Brown, COO
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel
Capsun Poe, Director of Community Engagement
Lei-Ming Ayat-Verdadero, BSA Mngr.
Tiger Li, IT Mngr.
Alice Silbanuz, Director of Communications
Erin Nakano, IT Support
Kamakana Ferreira, Lead Comp. Specialist
Joshua Koh, MM Designer
Jason Lee, MM Designer
Kaimo Muhlestein, BSA
Starr Kalilikane, BSA
Luci Meyers, BSA

BOT STAFF:

Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide
Kauikeaolani Wailehua, Trustee Aide
Brandon Mitsuda, Trustee Aide
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide
Dayna Pa, Trustee Aide
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide
Evalani Canto, Trustee Aide
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Professor Konia Freitas
Tina Tagad
Kahu Roddy Akau
Lehua Kinilau-Cano
Mark Crowe

Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA	excused	
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA		Arrived at 5:33pm
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE	X	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	TRASK	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	excused	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
			6	

At the Call to Order, **six (6)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Aloha kākou and welcome to our third O'ahu Island Community Meeting this year. We are focusing on our Papakōlea community. Tonight's meeting can be viewed by livestream on OHA's website, 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 Alapa Aloha, I am Luana Alapa; I am the Trustee for Moloka'i/ Lāna'i. I am here tonight with my Aide, Pohai Ryan. Thank you.

Trustee Trask Aloha, I am Mililani Trask, the Trustee for Hawai'i Island, and my Aide here on O'ahu is Kauai Wailehua.

Trustee Akina Aloha kākou everyone, I am Trustee At-Large, Trustee Keli'i Akina, and I am here with my Aide, Evalani Canto. I want to thank you so much for caring for our people and our 'āina. This place is special to me because I've seen this place before when it was a quarry and we are just blessed by all that has happened on this premises. I have two of my degrees from University of Hawai'i so I feel at home here. I grew up here on O'ahu and I feel like I can do a good job along with my fellow Trustees hearing your concerns tonight, aloha.

Trustee Akaka Aloha pumehana, I am Kalei Akaka and I am honored to serve as your OHA O'ahu Trustee, as well as the OHA Chair of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment. Joining me today is my staff, Brandon Mitsuda and Mark Watanabe. I also have my 'ohana, my husband Tyler and our baby Āiwaiwa. Mahalo for joining us this evening, we are looking forward to hearing your mana'o, your presentations and seeing how we can further collaborate together. Mahalo nui.

Trustee Ahuna Aloha mai kākou, I am Dan Ahuna and I represent the island Kaua'i and Ni'ihau. I am originally from Papakōlea but now reside on Kaua'i; with me today is my Aide Anuheia Diamond.

Trustee Lee Aloha mai kākou, I am Brendon Lee; I am the At-Large Trustee for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Joining me this evening is my Aide, Dayna Pa, mahalo.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Aloha again, my name is Carmen Hulu Lindsey, and I am the Maui Trustee and serve as Chair of the Board. My staff here is Lehua Itokazu-Board Secretary, Kanani Iaea and Amber Kalua-my Aides. Thank you again to all of you coming this evening. I would like to turn the time over to Trustee Akaka as this is her community meeting.

Trustee Akaka Mahalo Chair Hulu Lindsey. We will now continue with the status of OHA, Lehua do we have anyone signed up for this item?

Board Secretary No one is signed up to speak on this item.

Trustee Akaka I will call on Casey Brown.

Status of OHA Activities

Casey Brown, COO Mahalo, if it is okay, I will take a quick moment to introduce our staff with us this evening. We have our BSA staff: Starr Kalilikane, Kaimo Muhlestein, and Luci Meyers. Our Beneficiary Services Manager – LeiMing Ayat – Verdadero, Communication Director – Alice Silbanuz, Interim-General Counsel – Everett Ohta, Community Engagement Director – Capsun Poe, IT Mngr – Tiger Li, and Multi-Media Designers – Joshua Koh and Jason Lee, and one more person supporting us online Erin Nakama, our IT support. There is no status updates.

Community Presenters

1. Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge

Professor Konia Freitas Welcomes everyone to Kamakakūokalani Center, she is a specialty faculty member at the school and a former Director of the Center. She shares that the Board meeting is taking place in Hālau o Haumea. Childbirth and fertility are probably Haumea’s most famous traits. She shares that it is in the honor of fertility that they invite people to come to hālau with the understanding that it is the fertility of ideas, bringing debate, and decision making by doing all of this with the inspiration of Haumea. She expresses that it is their honor to host everyone.

2. Papakōlea Community Development Corporation – Lilia Kapuniai, Executive Director

Trustee Akaka Announces that Papakōlea Community Development Corporation is unable to join tonight’s meeting.

3. Hālau o Huluena project – Tina Tagad, Executive Director and Roddy Akau, Kahuna Lā‘au Lapa‘au

Tina Tagad She introduces herself and Kahu Roddy Akau, and thanks the Trustees for providing a space for them to share their program and how grateful they are to OHA. She shares that opportunities like the one given to them allows projects like theirs to stand up where they may not have had the opportunity. The intention of their program was preservation and perpetuation of authentic lā‘au lapa‘au. Kahu Roddy Akau comes from long

line of lineal descendants where it started in Kamananui Valley. The program is amazing and a blessing, and I will have Kahu Roddy Akau share with you.

Kahu Roddy Akau He shares the last time he spoke in front of the Trustees was in 2008 at Kaka‘ako Makai. He shares that studying with Papa Henry Auwae strengthened his spiritual foundation and helped sustained him through his students so that he can continue to do this work and protect it. He honored his calling. Once you take on the spiritual vow, things start coming. With this spiritual foundation, Papa Auwae set the course for me. His students have helped him get through this because there is no way he could get through it himself. They spend a lot of time in Kamananui Valley. He shares stories of Moanalua Gardens and where his family is buried. He thanks the Trustees for helping Hālau Huluena this past year; the assistance will allow him to start his third cohort.

4. Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) – Nicole Lehua Kinilau-Cano, NAHASDA Government Relations Programs Mgr.

Lehua Kinilau-Cano She shares that she is thankful to be here tonight and that she is a graduate of the Center of Hawaiian studies. She gives honor to Dr. Haunani K. Trask and shares that the building we are holding our meeting in would not exist if it was not for her. She shares that the focus for the month of July on the Hawaiian Homes Commission website is Papakōlea. This is where you can find the most updated information. In Papakōlea, slope stabilization and sewer improvements are what has been the primary focus and what the Department has been working on. These are very old homestead communities, phase I was \$13 million dollars and phase II is \$45 million dollars.

She explains the \$600 million dollars is to address those on the waitlist. The older existing homesteads need to look for other funding sources, and they will have to go back to the legislature to ask for funding for the existing homestead communities. The Commission also approved the regional plan for Papakōlea in July of 2020. The priority projects identified by the Papakōlea, Kalawahine, and Kewalo communities are the Native Hawaiian Education and Cultural Community Center, as well as the Hawaiian Homestead Kūpuna Supportive Living Center. They want to build a new community center, a carehome for kūpuna, and a traffic safety program. Traffic safety is something you will see more of across the homestead communities. She shares that beyond Papakōlea, they have the Isenberg development that went out for an RFP (Request for Proposal); Stanford Carr was selected as the developer to provide rental housing to their Native Hawaiian beneficiaries.

She also states that on August 25th, the Hawaiian Homes Commission approved the preliminary strategic plan approach for the \$600 million dollars, as well as the budget that they will approve annually. The Commission plans to move forward in order to expend those funds; they will continue to provide that information and keep the community as informed as they can. They are using their 2020 beneficiary study to inform where their applicants are most interested in housing for location and what type of housing they are interested in. Majority of the people on their list are interested in single family homes or lots, and very little interested in rentals. There is also interest in multi-family, and she shares that they can do some but that is not where the greatest demand is. She is open to answer any questions by the Trustees.

Trustee Akina Thank you for all the good work you are doing with DHHL. Throughout the years, OHA and DHHL had varying levels of communication and working together. What do you think are ways we, as an OHA Board, could be of benefit to our beneficiaries in DHHL?

Lehua Kinilau-Cano We definitely share the same beneficiaries. OHA serves the larger Native Hawaiian but within that, is the subset group that DHHL serves. She shares that she recently attended an Alaska Housing Innovative Summit and was impressed on how they collaborated. The coordination with resources is on a timeline because they have few months of summer; they serve communities in rural and remote locations where maybe only one barge comes in for the entire year. She would like to see, to some degree, an increase to that type of collaboration amongst Hawaiian organizations or within government. While she was there, she met with the Alaska Finance Housing Program and learned how closely they work with the American Indian Tribes. The example she shares is the Emergency Relief Funding that the State of Alaska received; instead of each tribe doing their own disbursement of funds, they did "One Alaska" so the State of Alaska disbursed all the assistance funds to the tribal communities. They gave the tribes the options: we disburse the money for you or we can send them to you to disburse. Most opted to have the state disburse the funds to reduce the amount of administration cost; none of the tribes were charged any administrative fees. This is just one basic example. When I look at DHHL and how we got our rental assistance funds out, I think to myself if we could have done a better job by collaborating. For many of us, we are trying to get the money out of the door. It is easier said than done, I understand that.

Trustee Alapa I want to know the various things I see online regarding the tiny homes and the prefab homes, the cost for it is much less than the traditional homes. Do you see a possibility of these prefab homes as a way to get more of our Hawaiian families off the list?

Lehua Kinilau-Cano I see the City and County of Honolulu is more familiar with that than other counties. I am not familiar with that myself, but I know it can be done. Unfortunately, DHHL has not done too much in that arena. As you know, we deal with a State that is very strong with unions and supporting labor forces; it is a difficult conversation to have but whatever we can do to help our families get their homes as quick as possible. The Department went from doing turnkey homes and then some of the response was it is too expensive. Then we went to vacant lots and that process is not easy to navigate through. Anything that we can do to help speed the process up and having conversations with the County by stating you need to put DHHL projects on the top of the pile and process those permits. I think these are the tough but straight conversations we need to have.

Trustee Trask Thank you for returning our calls. Some years ago, I help kūpuna do some repairs on their home. The \$600 million that came down last legislation, is there any chance we can go in for an amendment? Maybe get a few million, it is for kūpuna repair for their homes. It does not make sense to me that we are going to focus on new houses and at the same time, have kūpuna that have their floors falling apart. If a landlord privately owned these houses and the Department of Health went there, they would shut them down and leave the person from that house homeless. Shouldn't we just repair the kūpuna housing? I want to access available funding. If you look at the kūpuna, many of them are on a low budget. We need to help our kūpuna.

Lehua Kinilau-Cano What I would encourage is instead of the \$600 million, we do have Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act funds (NAHASDA). Our NAHASDA allocation was \$2 million a year but, thank you to Senator Schatz, that amount has been increased to \$22 million. We have identified the oldest homesteads, including those in Keaukaha, Kaua'i, Moloka'i, Honoka'a, Waimānalo, and Papakōlea. We have already done some home assistance projects. We give up to \$100,000 in a grant form to the family and anything over the \$100,000 is a 1% interest loan. We have helped a number of families. I must say that NAHASDA is fantastic; some of the challenges is we have to do our environmental review and that process can be lengthy. Recently, we have partnered with Habitat for Humanity on O'ahu. I did not get back to you yet about the last one, but I'll be more than happy to speak to you. I am not too happy about jumping on those small airplanes to Moloka'i.

Trustee Trask Did you just say that you are going to accept our request that you will do the workshop with us?

Lehua Kinilau-Cano Yes.

Trustee Trask Mahalo, I will call you to follow up.

Trustee Hulu Lindsey I am curious if you have active building permits that are not approved in the County?

Lehua Kinilau-Cano I believe we have a number of them. As an example, in Honolulu, the process can take up to a year; my understanding is that Kaua'i is a little quicker and every County is different. We are trying to work with the Mayors and asking them if they can fast track.

Trustee Ahuna Besides fixing the houses, can you folks help kūpuna fix their steps? They need their steps to get to their houses; they don't have permits, but they just need the stairs.

Lehua Kinilau-Cano If you don't have to pull a permit, then we can go forward with those types of improvements.

Announcements

Trustee Akaka Mahalo nui for everyone coming out this evening. Mahalo nui to UH Mānoa for hosting us this evening.

Adjournment

Trustee Ahuna Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Hulu Lindsey Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA						X
DAN	AHUNA	X		X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E						X
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY		X	X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				7			

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on January 26, 2023.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Excused Memo – Trustee Ahu Isa
2. Excused Memo – Trustee Waihe‘e

Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 26, 2023
10:00 A.M.

III. New Business

A. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

1. Action Item BAE #23-01: Approval of the First Term of Juanita Kanehailua Wolfgramm and Second Term of Liane Khim as the O‘ahu Island Representatives for the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund (NHRLF), Board of Directors (BOD)†

- A Committee Report for the above Action Item will be forwarded to the Board following its approval at the BAE Committee Meeting.

Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 26, 2023
10:00 A.M.

III. New Business

B. Committee on resource Management

1. Action Item RM #23-01: OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Periods 2021-2022 (FY 22) and 2022-2023 (FY 23) - Realignment #6 – Non-Core and Core Realignments†

2. Action Item RM #23-02: OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Periods 2021-2022 (FY 22) and 2022-2023 (FY 23) - Realignment #7 – Designation of the Unencumbered Balance of the Fiscal Year 22 General Funds Appropriation of \$200,000 in Program ID 175 Beneficiary Advocacy in Act 29 (21), HB204 SD2 CD1†

- A Committee Report for the above Action Item will be forwarded to the Board following its approval at the RM Committee Meeting.