

STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
560 N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY, SUITE 200
(In-Person Meeting)

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Minutes of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES
March 19, 2026
9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Kaiali'i Kahele
Vice Chair Keoni Souza
Chair Emerita Lindsey
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keli'i Akina
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria
Trustee John Waihe'e

BOT STAFF:

Aleena Auyoung, Interim COS
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary
Carina Lee, Trustee Aide
Remy Keliihoomalu, Trustee Aide
LeiAnn Durrant, Trustee Aide
Pohailani Kealoha, Trustee Aide
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide
Anuhea Diamond, Trustee Aide
Yvonne Mahelon, Trustee Aide

ADMINISTRATION:

Summer Sylva, Interim Administrator
K.Sean Kekina, COO
Everett Ohta, General Counsel
Kaponi Kiakona, Counsel
Bill Brenan, Dir. of Communications
Ryan Lee, Dir. Resource Mgmt – Financial Assets CFO
Sandi Stancil, Executive Assistant
Corey Nakamoto, Human Resource Director
Hailama Farden
Leina'ala Ley, Dir. of Advocacy
Arlene Aguinaldo, IT Specialist

GUEST:

Amanda Wittig
Kristina Martel
Jason Horay
Rebecca Vandaele
Laura Rodriguez

Call to Order (1:01 | 9:03 am)

Chair Kaiali'i Kahele Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 9:06 a.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	X	
TRUSTEE	CARMEN "HULU"	LINDSEY	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	SOUZA		Joins meeting at 9:12 am
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	KAIALI'I	KAHELE	X	
			8	

At the Call to Order, **EIGHT (8)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

Chair Kahele **Chair Kahele** *summarized*. This meeting can be viewed on OHA's website at www.oha.org/livestream. The meeting will be livestreamed at www.oha.org/livestream and on 'Ōlelo TV Channel 49. Members of the public joining via Zoom will participate through a webinar format and may testify on agenda items by using the "raise hand" feature; when recognized, attendees will be promoted to panelist status to provide testimony and then returned to attendee status, consistent with HRS §92-9. All participants are respectfully asked to silence their cell phones.

K.Sean Kekina, COO recognizes staff attending the Board meeting.

(9:29 | 9:10 am)

New Business

A. Informational Briefing by the American Cancer Society: Rebecca Vandaele, Assoc. Director, Development and Laura Rodriguez, Executive Director - Hawai'i/ Guam



Providing Hope for our Native Hawaiian Community

Thursday
March 19, 2026

American Cancer Society

Voice of Hope: Dawn Turner

Three Generations of Native Hawaiian Women. One disease. A shared journey of hope finding them in strength, resilience, and love.



American Cancer Society

Direct Impact for our Native Hawaiian Community

10,890 free ACS programs and services providing direct support to Native Hawaiians between 2019-2025. Hope Lodge, Right Program, Road to Recovery, 24/7 Call Center, and more!	4,567 Free nights provided at Hope Lodge® locations to Native Hawaiian guests between 2019-2025.	\$516,071 Saved in lodging costs at Hope Lodge® locations to Native Hawaiian patients & their caregivers between 2019-2025.
1,818 people identifying as Native Hawaiian directly supported through free ACS programs and services between 2019-2025.	24 Average night stay at Hope Lodge® locations for Native Hawaiians staying at Hope Lodge® between 2019-2025.	1,614 Free rides provided to and from treatment for Native Hawaiians staying at Hope Lodge® locations between 2019-2025.

Dawn Marie Turner *summarized*. The speaker shared that although she was raised in Hilo, Hōnaunau on Hawai'i Island feels most like home, and she described the American Cancer Society's Health Equity

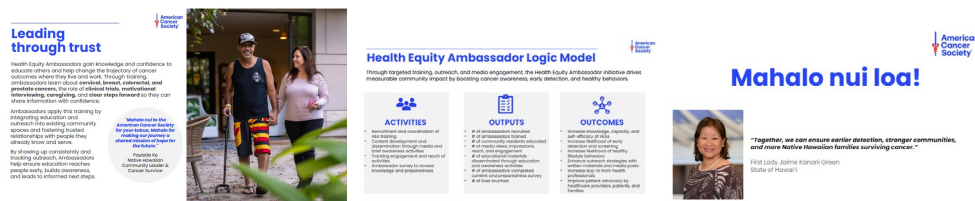
Ambassador Program as a way to empower trusted local leaders to promote cancer prevention and early detection.

She explained that Native Hawaiian communities continue to face barriers to timely cancer screening, including cost, distance, fear, and mistrust, and emphasized that delayed screening can cost families precious time. The speaker shared her family's experience with breast cancer, including her own diagnosis in August 2023, her mother's diagnosis in 2015, and her grandmother's diagnosis at age 81, highlighting the importance of culturally respectful screening, treatment, and support for kūpuna and 'ohana. She expressed gratitude for the American Cancer Society, Hope Lodge, OHA, and her 'ohana, stating that their support helped her family feel less alone and strengthened her belief that together the community can improve outcomes and bring hope in the fight against cancer.

Laura Rodriguez summarized. The speaker described the American Cancer Society's mission to end cancer and ease the journey for patients and families through services such as Hope Lodge, free rides to treatment, and a 1-800 support line. The speaker emphasized the need for more education, prevention, early detection, and trusted Native Hawaiian community ambassadors to share cancer awareness and resources.



Kristina Martel summarized. The speaker, the American Cancer Society's Strategic Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, stated that cancer affects everyone but not equally, noting that Native Hawaiian communities face higher risks of death from cervical, stomach, and other preventable cancers due in part to barriers in access to care and early detection education. The speaker described the Health Equity Ambassador Program as a culturally grounded effort that uses storytelling, trusted relationships, and community leaders to share cancer prevention education, create safe learning spaces, and help close gaps in care. Since 2021, the program has reached 1.1 million people, trained 7,000 ambassadors, and recently trained 100 ambassadors in Indigenous communities, including Native Hawaiian representatives.



Jason Horay summarized. The speaker stated that the American Cancer Society's Health Equity Ambassador Program addresses cancer disparities by partnering with trusted community-based organizations rooted in under resourced communities. These organizations help recruit and support local ambassadors, including caregivers and survivors, who provide culturally relevant education, share prevention and screening resources, and build trust in the places where community members live, work, and gather. The speaker emphasized that the program's core purpose is to empower communities to lead efforts to improve their own health outcomes.

The speaker stated that the American Cancer Society seeks to extend the trust and support experienced at Hope Lodge into community settings by educating trusted and influential community members to share cancer prevention and early detection information. The speaker explained that health equity occurs in everyday spaces where people live, gather, and connect, including community events, advocacy-focused cancer action events, and one-on-one conversations supported by tools such as Cancer Risk 360. The speaker noted that program impact is measured through ambassadors trained, community members engaged, lives touched, and increased ambassador knowledge and confidence, with the goal of moving from awareness to action and improving health outcomes through trust, Native Hawaiian investment, and community-led efforts.

Rebecca Vandaele *summarized.* The speaker stated that cancer affects many families and expressed the American Cancer Society's interest in partnering with OHA to launch the inaugural Health Equity Ambassador Program in Hawai'i. The speaker noted that the program aligns with First Lady Jaime Green's focus on Native Hawaiian health and could support earlier detection, stronger communities, and improved cancer survival outcomes for Native Hawaiian families.

9:55 am Recess is taken

9:58 am Board Reconvenes

Chair request to take the agenda out of order – no one objects, there is unanimous consent.

(59:32 | 9:59 am)

C. Action Item BOT #26-03: Approval of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Board of Trustees' Honoring The Lifetime Service, Cultural Leadership, and Legacy of Kumu Hula Robert Uluwehionāpuaikawēkiuokalani Cazimero.

(1:00:58 video)

Testimony

Kapulani Landgraph *summarized.* The speaker requested a proclamation recognizing Robert Cazimero for his lifetime of contributions to the lāhui through mele, hula, and cultural leadership. The speaker stated that Robert Cazimero has dedicated decades to preserving and elevating Hawaiian traditions, including through Hālau Nā Kamalei o Līlīlehua, which is celebrating its 50th year. The speaker described his work as foundational and intergenerational, carrying cultural knowledge forward with discipline, integrity, and aloha.

Vice Chair reads the following motion:

Approve a resolution honoring The Lifetime Service, Cultural Leadership, and Legacy of Kumu Hula Robert Uluwehionāpuaikawēkiuokalani Cazimero.

Approve a resolution honoring The Lifetime Service, Cultural Leadership, and Legacy of Kumu Hula Robert Uluwehionāpuaikawēkiuokalani Cazimero.

MOTION: ☐ UNANIMOUS ☒ PASSED ☐ DEFERRED ☐ FAILED

Motion passes with a EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Excused vote.

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(1:03:40 | 10:02 am)

D. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment – March 18, 2026

1. 2026 OHA State Legislative Bill Package – Matrix 1

Trustee Galuteria announces that there is no action required for Matrix 1.

(1:04:00 | 10:03 am)

2. 2026 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Naming OHA - Matrix 2

Trustee Galuteria reads the following motion:

To Approve OHA's staff positions for bills and measures naming OHA as presented in Matrix 2 except for

- **HP 2046 Support w/ Amendments > Support**

10:03 am Trustee Galuteria reads the following motion:						
To Approve OHA's staff positions for bills and measures naming OHA as presented in Matrix 2 except for						
• HP 2046 Support w/ Amendments > Support						
10:04 am Vote Taken	1	2	‘AE	A‘OLE	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA	X		X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIRPERSON KAI KAHELE						Chair Kahele is not present at the time of vote.
			8			
MOTION: ☐ UNANIMOUS ☒ PASSED ☐ DEFERRED ☐ FAILED						
Motion passes with a EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Excused vote.						

(1:04:51 | 10:04 am)

3. 2026 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting the Public Land Trust - Matrix 3

Trustee Galuteria reads the following motion:

Move to Approve recommendations for bills and measures affecting the Public Land Trust as Presented in Matrix 3 except for

- **SB 2599 Comment > Monitor**

10:04 am Trustee Galuteria reads the following motion:						
Move to Approve recommendations for bills and measures affecting the Public Land Trust as Presented in Matrix 3 except for						
• SB 2599 Comment > Monitor						
10:04 am Vote Taken	1	2	‘AE	A‘OLE	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA	X		X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIRPERSON KAI KAHELE						Chair Kahele is not present at the time of vote.
			8			
MOTION: ☐ UNANIMOUS ☒ PASSED ☐ DEFERRED ☐ FAILED						
Motion passes with a EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Excused vote.						

(1:05:34 | 10:04 am)

4. 2026 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Natural Resources and Native Hawaiian Traditional & Customary Practices - Matrix 4

Trustee Galuteria reads the following motion:

Moves to approve the recommendations for bills affecting Natural Resources and Native Hawaiian Traditional and Customary Practices as presented in Matrix 4.

10:04 am Trustee Galuteria reads the following motion:						
Moves to approve the recommendations for bills affecting Natural Resources and Native Hawaiian Traditional and Customary Practices as presented in Matrix 4.						
10:05 am Vote Taken	1	2	‘AE	A’OLE	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI’I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA	X		X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIRPERSON KAI KAHELE						Chair Kahele is not present at the time of vote.
			8			
MOTION: ☐ UNANIMOUS ☒ PASSED ☐ DEFERRED ☐ FAILED						
Motion passes with a EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Excused vote.						

(1:06:30 | 10:05 am)

5. 2026 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Housing – Matrix 5

Trustee Galuteria reads the following:

Move to approve uh staff position recommendations for bills affecting Native Hawaiian housing as presented in Matrix 5

10:05 am Trustee Galuteria reads the following motion:						
Move to approve uh staff position recommendations for bills affecting Native Hawaiian housing as presented in Matrix 5						
10:06 am Vote Taken	1	2	‘AE	A‘OLE	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA	X		X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIRPERSON KAI KAHELE						Chair Kahele is not present at the time of vote.
			8			
MOTION: ☐ UNANIMOUS ☒ PASSED ☐ DEFERRED ☐ FAILED						
Motion passes with a EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Excused vote.						

(1:07:15 | 10:06 am)

6. 2026 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Health - Matrix 6

Trustee Galuteria reads the following:

Move to approve recommendations for bills affecting Native Hawaiian Health as presented in Matrix 6.

10:06 am Trustee Galuteria reads the following motion:						
Move to approve recommendations for bills affecting Native Hawaiian Health as presented in Matrix 6.						
10:06 am Vote Taken	1	2	‘AE	A‘OLE	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA	X		X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIRPERSON KAI KAHELE						Chair Kahele is not present at the time of vote.
			8			
MOTION: ☐ UNANIMOUS ☒ PASSED ☐ DEFERRED ☐ FAILED						
Motion passes with a EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Excused vote.						

(1:07:58 | 10:07 am)

7. 2026 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Education - Matrix 7

Trustee Galuteria reads the following:

Move to approve recommendations for bills affecting Native Hawaiian Education as presented in Matrix 7.

10:07 am Trustee Galuteria reads the following motion:						
Move to approve recommendations for bills affecting Native Hawaiian Education as presented in Matrix 7.						
10:08 am Vote Taken	1	2	‘AE	A‘OLE	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA	X		X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIRPERSON KAI KAHELE						Chair Kahele is not present at the time of vote.
			8			
MOTION: ☐ UNANIMOUS ☒ PASSED ☐ DEFERRED ☐ FAILED						
Motion passes with a EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Excused vote.						

(1:08:43 | 10:08 am)

8. 2026 Legislature: OHA Position on Bills Affecting Native Hawaiian Economic Stability – Matrix 8

Trustee Galuteria reads the following:

Moves to approve recommendations for bills and measures affecting Native Hawaiian Economic Stability as presented in Matrix 8.

10:08 am Trustee Galuteria reads the following motion:						
Moves to approve recommendations for bills and measures affecting Native Hawaiian Economic Stability as presented in Matrix 8.						
10:08 am Vote Taken	1	2	‘AE	A‘OLE	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA	X		X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIRPERSON KAI KAHELE						
			8			
MOTION: ☐ UNANIMOUS ☒ PASSED ☐ DEFERRED ☐ FAILED						
Motion passes with a EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Excused vote.						

(1:09:30 | 10:08 am)

9. 2026 OHA Position on Bills Affecting Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Chapter 6E (Iwi kupuna and historic preservation) - Matrix 9

Trustee Galuteria reads the following:

To Approve the recommendations affecting Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 6 Iwi Kupuna and Historical Preservation as presented in Matrix 9.

10:08 am Trustee Galuteria reads the following motion:						
To Approve the recommendations affecting Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 6 Iwi Kupuna and Historical Preservation as presented in Matrix 9.						
10:09 am Vote Taken	1	2	‘AE	A‘OLE	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA					X	
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA	X		X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIRPERSON KAI KAHELE						
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MOTION: ☐ UNANIMOUS ☒ PASSED ☐ DEFERRED ☐ FAILED						
Motion passes with a SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and ONE (1) Abstention vote.						

(1:10:45 | 10:10 am)

E. Committee on Budget and Finance – March 4, 2026

1. Action Item BF #26-04: Approval of OHA funding for Ho‘ākoakoa Lāhui event sponsorship awards for the following organizations and events for Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026, Quarter 4 (Batch 2):

a. (1) Kāhuli Leo Le‘a – May Day 2026

b. (2) Conservation Council for Hawai‘i – Manu o Kū Festival

c. (3) Pakini Loan Fund – Wai‘anae Moku Made

d. (4) Ka Po‘e Lawai‘a – Manini & Me Holoholo Festival

e. (5) He Ho‘omaka Hou Ana O Puna – Ho‘ike o nā Wāhine – Hāumana KūkāKūkā Program Completion and Kīhei Tying Ceremony

f. (6) Ho‘okāko'o Corporation – Waimea Middle Public Conversion Charter School's May Day Program – SY 2025-26 – Sense of Place, Sense of Belonging

g. (7) was removed and will be voted on next.

h. (8) Recycle Hawaii – Hawai‘i Zero Waste Youth Planning Convergence

i. (9) Symbrosia Foundation – Kona Kai Festival

j. (10) North Kohala Community Resource Center – Kohala Kamehameha Day Celebration

k. (11) Papa Ola Lokahi – Pūpū ‘Umeke Kā‘eo ‘Ekolu: 3rd Annual Traditional Healers Gathering

l. (12) Festivals of Aloha – Na Kamehameha Commemorative Pā‘ū Parade & Ho‘olaule‘a

m. (13) Leeward Kai Canoe Club LLC – Lauhoe: Father's Day Regatta Festival

Trustee Waihe‘e reads the following:

Approve and authorize OHA funding for Ho‘ākoakoa Lāhui event sponsorship awards for the following organizations and events for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, Quarter 4 (Batch 2):

Items #1-6, #8-13

#	Organization Name	Event	Event Date(s)	Evaluation Scores (Out of 50 Points)	Award Amount Recommendation
1	Kāhuli Leo Le‘a	May Day 2026	May 1, 2026	Evaluator A: 41 points Evaluator B: 43 points	\$11,250
2	Conservation Council for Hawai‘i	Manu o Kū Festival	May 2, 2026	Evaluator A: 45 points Evaluator B: 47 points	\$2,500
3	Pakini Loan Fund	Wai‘anae Moku Made	May 2, 2026	Evaluator A: 45 points Evaluator B: 47 points	\$14,400
4	Ka Po‘e Lawai‘a	Manini & Me Holoholo Festival	May 2-3, 2026	Evaluator A: 45 points Evaluator B: 45 points	\$15,000
5	He Ho‘omaka Hou Ana O Puna	Ho‘ike o nā Wāhine – Hāumana KūkāKūkā Program Completion and Kīhei Tying Ceremony	May 9, 2026	Evaluator A: 44 points Evaluator B: 40 points	\$11,025
6	Ho‘okāko'o Corporation	Waimea Middle Public Conversion Charter School's May Day Program – SY 2025- 26 – Sense of Place, Sense of Belonging	May 21-22, 2026	Evaluator A: 40 points Evaluator B: 40 points	\$9,533

7	Acton Digital Inc (Kaulike Academy)	‘Ōpio Mākeke: Summer Kickoff Night Market	May 30, 2026	Evaluator A: 45 points Evaluator B: 50 points	\$10,500
8	Recycle Hawaii	Hawai‘i Zero Waste Youth Planning Convergence	June 1-5, 2026	Evaluator A: 45 points Evaluator B: 48 points	\$15,000
9	Symbrosia Foundation	Kona Kai Festival	June 5-6, 2026	Evaluator A: 48 points Evaluator B: 45 points	\$10,867
10	North Kohala Community Resource Center	Kohala Kamehameha Day Celebration	June 11, 2026	Evaluator A: 47 points Evaluator B: 45 points	\$12,800
11	Papa Ola Lokahi	Pūpū ‘Umeke Kā‘eo ‘Ekolu: 3rd Annual Traditional Healers Gathering	June 19-20, 2026	Evaluator A: 46 points Evaluator B: 48 points	\$15,000
12	Festivals of Aloha	Na Kamehameha Commemorative Pā‘ū Parade & Ho‘olaule‘a	June 20, 2026	Evaluator A: 46 points Evaluator B: 45 points	\$15,000
13	Leeward Kai Canoe Club LLC	Lauhoe: Father's Day Regatta Festival	June 20-21, 2026	Evaluator A: 48 points Evaluator B: 46 points	\$15,000
			TOTAL		\$147,375

10:10 am Trustee Waihe‘e reads the following motion:						
Approve and authorize OHA funding for Ho‘ākoakoa Lāhui event sponsorship awards for the following organizations and events for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, Quarter 4 (Batch 2):						
Items #1-6, #8-13						
10:11 am Vote Taken	1	2	‘AE	A‘OLE	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON KAI KAHELE			X			
			9			

MOTION: ☐ UNANIMOUS ☒ PASSED ☐ DEFERRED ☐ FAILED

Motion passes with a NINE (9) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Excuse.

(1:12:35 | 10:13 am)

g. Acton Digital Inc (Kaulike Academy) – ‘Ōpio Mākeke: Summer Kickoff Night Market

Trustee Waihe‘e reads the following:

Approve and authorize OHA funding for Ho‘ākoakoa Lāhui event sponsorship awards for the following organizations and events for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, Quarter 4 (Batch 2): Item #7

#	Organization Name	Event	Event Date(s)	Evaluation Scores (Out of 50 Points)	Award Amount Recommendation
7	Acton Digital Inc (Kaulike Academy)	‘Ōpio Mākeke: Summer Kickoff Night Market	May 30, 2026	Evaluator A: 45 points Evaluator B: 50 points	\$10,500
			TOTAL		\$10,500

10:13 am Trustee Waihe‘e reads the following motion:

Approve and authorize OHA funding for Ho‘ākoakoa Lāhui event sponsorship awards for the following organizations and events for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, Quarter 4 (Batch 2): Item #7

10:14 am Vote Taken	1	2	‘AE	A‘OLE	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA					X	
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON KAI KAHELE			X			
			8		1	

MOTION: ☐ UNANIMOUS ☒ PASSED ☐ DEFERRED ☐ FAILED

Motion passes with a EIGHT (8) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and ONE (1) Abstention vote.

(1:15:07 | 10:15 am)

2. Action Item BF #26-05: Approval of the report of independent third-party auditors, N&K CPAs, regarding the annual financial statements of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Report and the Single Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2025, conducted in accordance with government audit standards and uniform guidance.

Trustee Waihe'e reads the following motion:

- **Approve the report of independent third-party auditors, N&K CPAs, regarding the annual financial statements of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2025, conducted in accordance with government audit standards and uniform guidance, at Attachment A;**
- **Approve the report of independent third-party auditors, N&K CPAs, regarding the annual financial statements of the Single Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2025, conducted in accordance with government audit standards and uniform guidance, at Attachment B; and**
- **Authorize the Administrator or designee to take all other reasonable actions necessary and appropriate to complete, issue, file, and distribute the reports.**

10:15 am Trustee Waihe'e reads the following motion:

- **Approve the report of independent third-party auditors, N&K CPAs, regarding the annual financial statements of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2025, conducted in accordance with government audit standards and uniform guidance, at Attachment A;**
- **Approve the report of independent third-party auditors, N&K CPAs, regarding the annual financial statements of the Single Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2025, conducted in accordance with government audit standards and uniform guidance, at Attachment B; and**
- **Authorize the Administrator or designee to take all other reasonable actions necessary and appropriate to complete, issue, file, and distribute the reports.**

10:16 am Vote Taken	1	2	AE	OLE	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA	X		X			

TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIRPERSON KAI KAHELE			X			
			9			
MOTION: ☐ UNANIMOUS ☒ PASSED ☐ DEFERRED ☐ FAILED						
Motion passes with a NINE (9) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Abstention vote.						

(1:16:36 | 10:16 am)

3. Action Item BF #26-06: OHA Biennium Budget for Fiscal Biennium Periods 2025-2026 (FY26) and 2026-2027 (FY27) – Realignment #1: Approval of Core and Non-Core Budgetary Allocation.

Trustee Waihe'e reads the following motion:

- **Approve FY26 Budget Realignment #1 (BR1) to modernize OHA's fiscal framework by synchronizing personnel costs with actual onboarding dates, centralizing administrative travel for better oversight, updating the organizational structure to reflect current operational needs, and related amendments to program structures and resource allocations, as summarized in Attachments #1 and #2.**

And Amend OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Periods 2025-2026 (FY26) and 2026-2027 (FY27) - Realignment #1 – Approval of Core and Non-Core Budgetary Allocations for the proposed reallocation of funds under Option 1 and Option 2 to cover temporary staffing costs.

**Option 1 – Internal Reallocation (\$132,800) (sufficient to support 5 temporary staff)
Supports temporary staffing costs through August 2, 2026**

- **\$28,000 HR reimbursement (NHLRF temp staffing)**
- **\$44,800 – Beneficiary Services (4510) Contracts**
- **\$60,000 – Board Legal Counsel FY26 Personnel Surplus resulting from a hiring hold.**

**Option 2 – Supplemental Allocation (\$93,000) (sufficient to support 5 temporary staff)
Extends temporary staffing coverage through October 26, 2026**

- **\$93,000 - CFO FY26 Personnel Surplus, contingent having an anticipated May 1, 2026 start date.**

10:16 am Trustee Waihe'e reads the following motion: • Approve FY26 Budget Realignment #1 (BR1) to modernize OHA's fiscal framework by synchronizing personnel costs with actual onboarding dates, centralizing administrative travel for better oversight, updating the organizational structure to reflect current operational needs, and related amendments to program structures and resource allocations, as summarized in Attachments #1 and #2. And Amend OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Periods 2025-2026 (FY26) and 2026-2027 (FY27) - Realignment #1 – Approval of Core and Non-Core Budgetary Allocations for the proposed reallocation of funds under Option 1 and Option 2 to cover temporary staffing costs. Option 1 – Internal Reallocation (\$132,800) (sufficient to support 5 temporary staff) Supports temporary staffing costs through August 2, 2026 • \$28,000 HR reimbursement (NHLRF temp staffing) • \$44,800 – Beneficiary Services (4510) Contracts • \$60,000 – Board Legal Counsel FY26 Personnel Surplus resulting from a hiring hold. Option 2 – Supplemental Allocation (\$93,000) (sufficient to support 5 temporary staff) Extends temporary staffing coverage through October 26, 2026 • \$93,000 - CFO FY26 Personnel Surplus, contingent having an anticipated May 1, 2026 start date.						
10:17 am Vote Taken	1	2	‘AE	A‘OLE	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA	X		X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIRPERSON KAI KAHELE			X			
			9			
MOTION: ☐ UNANIMOUS ☒ PASSED ☐ DEFERRED ☐ FAILED Motion passes with a NINE (9) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Abstention vote.						

(1:18:10 | 10:17 am)

Executive Session§

Legal Matters. The Board anticipates convening in an executive meeting pursuant to HRS § 92- 5(a)(4)to receive updated information, consult with its legal counsel, and take any necessary action regarding the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities with respect to matters relating to the defense of Stacy Kealohalani Ferreira v. OHA, Civil No. 1CCV-25-0001822.

The Board anticipates convening in an executive meeting pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4) to consult with its legal counsel regarding the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities with respect to matters relating to its financial affairs, employees, and operations. The consultation will include a report on the executive summary resulting from an investigation concerning the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Administrator, Stacy K. Ferreira AND ISSUES RELATING TO MS. FERREIRA'SPERSONAL LEAVE

Motion to move into Executive Session is made by Trustee Waihe'e.

The Board recuses into Executive Session at 10:18 a.m.

Motion to recuse into executive session pursuant to HRS Section§92-5						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON KAI KAHELE			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			
MOTION: [X] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with a NINE (9) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Excused vote.						

Board returns to open session at 12:39 p.m

(3:41:00 | 12:40 pm)

Chair Kahele summarized. Reports out that the Board met in executive session and no action was taken. He also announces that the following items listed on the agenda will be deferred.

- Operations: Operations Manager, Royce Campbell
- Resource Management – Land Assets: Managing Director of Real Estate-Land Division, Daniel Sandomire, and Appropriate Support Staff

(3:41:43 | 12:41 pm)

Announcements

Trustee Akaka summarized. Shares that she and her Akaka team attended the 12th Annual Bioeconomy Implementation Forum for Hawai‘i with the Akaka team at the Hawai‘i State Capitol Auditorium, where legislators, businesses, and community members were present. A portion of the forum recognized former Governor George Ariyoshi’s 100th birthday and acknowledged his public service, including his role as Hawai‘i’s longest-serving governor, his administration’s support for the Hawai‘i State Plan, land reform, the 1978 Constitutional Convention, and the establishment of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The speaker also highlighted Governor Ariyoshi’s contributions to the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai‘i Authority and Hawai‘i’s international sister-state relationships, including ties with South Korea that supported cultural, educational, tourism, and emergency relief exchanges following the 2023 Maui wildfires. The speaker further reported that House Education Week was being observed at the Hawai‘i State Capitol to honor Hawai‘i teachers, faculty, students, and librarians through recognitions during daily House floor sessions.

Chair Kahele summarized.

- Our next Board meeting will be on Thursday, April 2, 2026.
- Over the next few weeks our standing committees will have paia budget briefings
- BSA traveling office will at Pahoia – Puna Kai’s Shopping center this Friday
- Alaka‘i Award nominations will be due on April 7th.
- OHA’s Aloha ‘Āina Web page is up – This is our Military Lease Land page.
- OHA will be present in Hilo for Merrie Monarch festivities and walking in the Parade.
- We will be in Maui and Kaua‘i in May for our Annual Community and Board Meeting.
- Applications are open for Ho‘ākoako Sponsorships.

(3:50:29 | 12:49 pm)

Adjournment

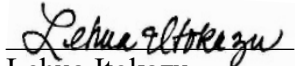
Vice Chair Souza moves to adjourn meeting.

Adjournment – vote taken at 12:50 pm							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA						Left meeting at 12:40 pm
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			

BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
KEONI	SOUZA	X		X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I	KAHELE			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				8			

Chair Kahele Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 11:19m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on July 30, 2026



Kaiali'i Kahele
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. American Cancer Society - Powerpoint
2. Action Item BOT #26-03: Approval of an OHA Board of Trustees' Resolution Honoring the Lifetime Service, Cultural Leadership, and Legacy of Kumu Hula Robert Uluwehionāpuaikawēkiuokalani Cazimero
3. Resolution - Robert Uluwehionāpuaikawēkiuokalani Cazimero



Providing Hope for our Native Hawaiian Community

Thursday
March 19, 2026

Direct Impact for our Native Hawaiian Community



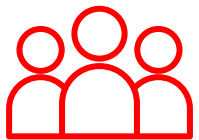
10,850 free ACS programs and services providing direct support to Native Hawaiians between 2022–2026: *Hope Lodge, Flight Program, Road To Recovery, 24/7 Call Center, and more!*

4,567

Free nights provided at Hope Lodge® locations to Native Hawaiian guests between 2019–2026.

\$516,071

Saved in lodging costs at Hope Lodge® locations to Native Hawaiian patients & their caregivers between 2019–2026.



1,515 people identifying as Native Hawaiian directly supported through free ACS programs and services between 2022–2026.

24

Average night stay at Hope Lodge® locations for Native Hawaiians **estimating \$5,424** per stay between 2019–2026.

1,614

Free rides provided to and from treatment for Native Hawaiians staying at Hope Lodge® locations between 2019–2026.

Cost of Cancer for Native Hawaiians

Cancer Facts & Figures 2024–2026



Native Hawaiians display **significantly low screening rates** compared to other individuals living across the Pacific.



Smoking prevalence among Native Hawaiians is nearly **twice as high (18%)** as that of White individuals (10%).



Obesity prevalence is **more than double among Native Hawaiians (44%)** compared to White individuals (19%).

2nd

Cancer is the 2nd leading cause of death in Native Hawaiian individuals.

2–3x

Native Hawaiians are 2–3x more likely to die from cervical, stomach, and endometrial cancers than White individuals.

75%

Native Hawaiians are 75% more likely to die from liver cancer compared to White individuals.

30%

Native Hawaiians experience a 30% higher death rate for breast cancer.



Health Equity Ambassador Program





Health Equity Ambassadors

Cancer disparities persist because access, information, and trust are not evenly distributed. The **American Cancer Society's Health Equity Ambassador (HEA) Program** empowers trusted local leaders to spark conversations, foster confidence, and help individuals take charge of their health through prevention and early detection.

The HEA Program integrates culturally-grounded knowledge, behavioral science, and community partnerships to:

- Increase knowledge around cancer prevention
- Advance prevention rooted in cultural knowledge, traditions, and lived experiences.
- Drive screening
- Boost clinical trial awareness
- Connect individuals to community health resources
- Culturally grounded prevention & early detection

Through collaborations with local organizations, Ambassadors **reach people where they live, learn, work, and gather**, turning trusted relationships into life-saving awareness.



Health Equity Ambassador Program



Health Equity Ambassador Program

The Health Equity Ambassador (HEA) program advances health equity by working through Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to address the unequal burden of cancer in historically underserved populations.

How it works:

- ACS partners with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) rooted in underserved areas to educate individuals about cancer screening, prevention, and clinical trials
- CBOs are trained to recruit, train, and support a local HEA network that mobilizes cancer education through existing meetings, events, and trusted settings.
- CBOs deliver culturally relevant cancer education that encourages early detection, prevention, and informed decision-making
- Health Equity Ambassadors engage individuals through trusted education and connections to local resources and next steps



Leading through trust

Health Equity Ambassadors gain knowledge and confidence to educate others and help change the trajectory of cancer outcomes where they live and work. Through training, ambassadors learn about **cervical, breast, colorectal, and prostate cancers**, the role of **clinical trials, motivational interviewing, caregiving**, and **clear steps forward** so they can share information with confidence.

Ambassadors apply this training by integrating education and outreach into existing community spaces and fostering trusted relationships with people they already know and serve.

By showing up consistently and tracking outreach, Ambassadors help ensure education reaches people early, builds awareness, and leads to informed next steps.

"Mahalo nui to the American Cancer Society for your kokua. Mahalo for making our journey a shared mission of hope for the future."

Paulette Ke
Native Hawaiian
Community Leader &
Cancer Survivor





Our Impact

To date, thousands of Ambassadors have helped reach over a million people through community-led engagement.

1.1M

Lives touched

7,400

Ambassadors
trained

We know impact is not just measured by how many are reached. Impact is measured by how close we are to the moments that matter through a conversation in a familiar space, a trusted voice encouraging a screening.

Where Ambassadors lean in

Health equity work happens in trusted, everyday spaces. These same spaces are where Ambassadors activate education and where new Ambassadors are often identified and invited to join the work.



Community Events

Ambassadors integrate cancer education into existing community events, from walks and fundraisers to local gatherings. These settings create natural opportunities to share information and to identify community members who are already leading and trusted by others.



Scan to find events in your community



Cancer Action Events

Ambassadors participate in advocacy-focused events that raise awareness and elevate community voices on cancer issues. These spaces bring together individuals who are motivated, informed, and ready to take action.



Scan to find events in your state



Everyday Conversations & Tools

Ambassadors use simple, accessible tools like CancerRisk360 to start conversations about cancer risk, prevention, and early detection in everyday settings. These one-to-one moments often reveal peers who are interested in learning more or stepping into an Ambassador role.



Scan to take your
CancerRisk360 assessment

Health Equity Ambassador Logic Model

Through targeted training, outreach, and media engagement, the Health Equity Ambassador initiative drives measurable community impact by boosting cancer awareness, early detection, and healthy behaviors.



ACTIVITIES

- Recruitment and coordination of HEA training
- Content development and dissemination through media and brief awareness activities
- Tracking engagement and reach of activities
- Ambassador survey to assess knowledge and preparedness



OUTPUTS

- # of ambassadors recruited
- # of ambassadors trained
- # of community residents educated
- # of media views, impressions, reach, and engagement
- # of educational materials disseminated through education and awareness activities
- # of ambassadors completed content and preparedness survey
- # of lives touched



OUTCOMES

- Increase knowledge, capacity, and self-efficacy of HEAs
- Increase likelihood of early detection and screening
- Increase likelihood of healthy lifestyle behaviors
- Enhance outreach strategies with written materials and media posts
- Increase buy-in from health professionals
- Improve patient advocacy by healthcare providers, patients, and families

Mahalo nui loa!



“Together, we can ensure earlier detection, stronger communities, and more Native Hawaiian families surviving cancer.”

First Lady Jaime Kanani Green
State of Hawai‘i

⁸ **Action Item BOT #26-03: Approval of an OHA Board of Trustees' Resolution Honoring the
Lifetime Service, Cultural Leadership, and Legacy of Kumu Hula Robert
Uluwehionāpuaikawēkiuokalani Cazimero**



**ACTION ITEM
Board of Trustees
March 19, 2026**

BOT #26-03

**Action Item Issue: Approval of an OHA Board of Trustees' Resolution Honoring the
Lifetime Service, Cultural Leadership, and Legacy of Kumu Hula Robert
Uluwehionāpuaikawēkiuokalani Cazimero**

Co-Prepared by:

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03/16/2026

Kaiali'i Kahele
Chairperson, Hawai'i Island Trustee, Board of Trustees

Date

Co-Prepared by:

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03/16/2026

Alena Auyoung
Interim Chief of Staff

Date

Reviewed by:

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03/15/2026

Summer Sylva
Ke Pouhana Kuikawa, Interim Administrator

Date

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I. Proposed Action

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Board of Trustees approves a resolution honoring the lifetime service, cultural leadership, and legacy of Kumu Hula Robert Uluwehionāpuaikawēkiuokalani Cazimero.

II. Issue

Whether the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (“OHA”), Board of Trustees (“BOT”) should approve the attached resolution honoring the lifetime service, cultural leadership, and legacy of Kumu Hula Robert Uluwehionāpuaikawēkiuokalani Cazimero.

III. Discussion

This resolution honors the extraordinary lifetime service and cultural leadership of Kumu Hula Robert Uluwehionāpuaikawēkiuokalani Cazimero, whose work has profoundly shaped the perpetuation of Hawaiian arts and traditions. Since completing the sacred ‘ūniki rites in 1973 under the guidance of Kumu Maiki Aiu Lake, he has dedicated his life to preserving and transmitting ‘ike Hawai‘i through hula, chant, music, and language. Through decades of disciplined practice and teaching, he has upheld the responsibilities of a kumu hula while serving as a respected cultural bearer whose influence has strengthened the living traditions of Hawai‘i.

In 1975, Kumu Robert Cazimero founded Hālau Nā Kamalei o Līlīlehua, an all-male hula hālau that transformed perceptions of male hula and cultivated generations of dancers grounded in excellence, cultural integrity, and commitment to tradition. Under his leadership, the hālau achieved numerous first-place honors at the King Kamehameha Hula Competition and the Merrie Monarch Festival, setting historic standards for artistic excellence while honoring the legacy of King David Kalākaua. Through the sacred process of ‘ūniki, he has graduated multiple generations of dancers, chanters, and kumu hula, ensuring the faithful transmission of hula lineages and establishing a lasting legacy of mentorship and cultural stewardship.

Beyond the hālau, Kumu Robert Cazimero’s contributions as a musician, composer, and cultural innovator have shaped Hawaiian music and performance for more than five decades. As a founding member of The Sunday Manoa, one-half of The Brothers Cazimero, and a celebrated solo artist, he has composed over one hundred mele and earned numerous accolades, including twenty-five Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards and induction into the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame. Through iconic cultural events such as the May Day Concert and the May Day Revival Concert, as well as the work of the Wāhea Foundation and international educational efforts, he continues to share Hawaiian cultural knowledge across generations and across the world.

This resolution therefore recognizes Kumu Robert Cazimero for a lifetime devoted to nurturing practitioners, advancing Hawaiian cultural expression, and ensuring that the ‘ike of the kūpuna continues to live, grow, and flourish.

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IV. Recommendation

To approve the BOT's resolution honoring the lifetime service, cultural leadership, and legacy of Kumu Hula Robert Uluwehionāpuaikawēkiuokalani Cazimero, per Attachment A.

V. Alternative Actions

- A. To not approve BOT's recommended resolution.
- B. To approve an amended version of the BOT's resolution.

VI. Funding

No funding is required.

VII. Timeframe

Immediate action is recommended.

VIII. Attachment - A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS HONORING THE LIFETIME SERVICE, CULTURAL LEADERSHIP, AND LEGACY OF KUMU HULA ROBERT ULUWEHIONĀPUAIKAWĒKIUOKALANI CAZIMERO

Honoring the Lifetime Service, Cultural Leadership, and Legacy of Kumu Hula Robert Uluwehionāpuaikawēkiuokalani Cazimero

BE IT KNOWN that this proclamation is presented in recognition of the extraordinary cultural leadership, artistic excellence, and lifelong dedication of **Robert Uluwehionāpuaikawēkiuokalani Cazimero**, a revered kumu hula, master practitioner of Hawaiian performing arts, and esteemed cultural bearer.

WHEREAS, since completing the formal ‘ūniki rites in 1973 under his beloved Kumu Maiki Aiu Lake, Robert Cazimero has devoted his life to the perpetuation, protection, and transmission of Hawaiian knowledge, language, chant, music, and dance; and

WHEREAS, in 1975 he founded Hālau Nā Kamalei o Līlīehua, an all-male hula hālau that recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, whose visionary leadership transformed perceptions of male hula, cultivated excellence and discipline, and elevated Hawaiian arts on local, national, and international stages; and

WHEREAS, through decades of participation in both the King Kamehameha Hula Competition and the Merrie Monarch Festival, Robert Cazimero and his hālau earned multiple first-place awards and overall festival honors, establishing historic benchmarks of artistic excellence while honoring the legacy of King David Kalākaua and the enduring traditions of Hawai‘i; and

WHEREAS, as a kumu hula he has formally graduated multiple generations of dancers, chanters, and kumu hula through the sacred ‘ūniki process, ensuring the faithful transmission of hula lineages and establishing a living legacy of mentorship, cultural stewardship, and generational continuity; and

WHEREAS, as a musician, composer, vocalist, and entertainer, Robert Cazimero has profoundly shaped Hawaiian music for over five decades as a founding member of The Sunday Manoa, one-half of The Brothers Cazimero, and as a solo artist. He has composed more than one hundred mele, released numerous recordings, earned twenty-five Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards, received a Grammy nomination, and was inducted into the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame both as part of The Brothers Cazimero and as a solo artist; and

WHEREAS, his visionary leadership has also produced iconic cultural events, including the legendary May Day Concert, widely regarded as the gold standard of Hawaiian cultural performance, and later the May Day Revival Concert, reaffirming his enduring role as a cultural innovator and bridge between generations; and

WHEREAS, his many honors include the United States Artists Fellowship, the David Malo Award, the Malia Kau Award, the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Native Hawaiian Artist Fellowship, and the E Ola Mau Ka Hula Award, recognizing his lifelong dedication to cultural excellence, preservation, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, through the founding of the Wāhea Foundation, global workshops, and educational collaborations, Robert Uluwehionāpuaikawēkiuokalani Cazimero continues to extend the reach of Hawaiian cultural knowledge across continents, ensuring its vitality, relevance, and perpetuation for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that **Robert Uluwehionāpuaikawēkiuokalani Cazimero** is hereby honored for a lifetime devoted to the perpetuation of Hawaiian culture through hula, chant, music, and mentorship. Through his wisdom, discipline, and generosity of spirit, he has nurtured generations of practitioners and strengthened the living traditions of Hawai‘i.

A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **Robert Uluwehionāpuaikawēkiuokalani Cazimero** is hereby honored for a lifetime devoted to the perpetuation of Hawaiian culture through hula, chant, music, and mentorship. Through his wisdom, discipline, and generosity of spirit, he has nurtured generations of practitioners and strengthened the living traditions of Hawai‘i.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be entered into the official records of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, shared with the ‘ohana of Robert Uluwehionāpuaikawēkiuokalani Cazimero, and referenced or published in appropriate Office of Hawaiian Affairs communications, including *Ka Wai Ola*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this proclamation is presented in profound gratitude and admiration for a kumu whose voice, teachings, and guidance have carried the ‘ike of our kūpuna forward into the present and beyond. Through his mele, his leadership, and the steadfast example of his life’s work, the traditions of Hawai‘i continue to live, to grow, and to flourish in the hearts and hands of those who follow.

*May the ‘ike he has safeguarded continue to rise and resound across generations—
carried in chant, in movement, in song, and in the enduring aloha of the lāhui.*

ADOPTED, this 18th day of March 2026, on the island of O‘ahu, State of Hawai‘i, by the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Kaiali‘i Kahele

Chairperson | Trustee, Hawai‘i Island

Keoni Souza

Vice Chairperson | Trustee, At-large

Dan Ahuna

Trustee, Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau

Brickwood Galuteria

Trustee, At-large

Kaleihikina Akaka

Trustee, O‘ahu

Carmen “Hulu” Lindsey

Chairperson, Trustee, Maui

Keli‘i Akina, Ph.D.

Trustee, At-large

John D. Waihe‘e IV

Trustee, At-large

Luana Alapa

Trustee, Moloka‘i and Lāna‘i