

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES****DATE:** Thursday, April 1, 2021**TIME:** 10:00 am**PLACE:** Virtual MeetingViewable at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream) OR

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**Due to the threat of COVID-19, Governor Ige issued the most recent Emergency Eighteenth Supplementary Proclamation dated February 12, 2021 that suspends parts of Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 92, Public Agency Meetings and Records to, among other things, enable boards to conduct business without any board members or members of the public physically present at the same location.**

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**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Public Testimony on Items Listed on the Agenda\* (Please see page 1 & 2 on how to submit written testimony or provide oral testimony online. Oral testimony by phone will **not** be accepted)
- IV. New Business
  - A. Action Item BOT #21-02: A Resolution of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Honoring the Contributions of William "Billy" Punapaaialakahala Kenoi to the Native Hawaiian Community and the State of Hawai'i
  - B. Joint Meeting of the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment and the Committee on Resource Management
    1. Action Item BAE-RM #21-02: Approval to Reallocate the FY20 and FY21 Unspent Balance of Contract #3363 in the Amount of \$838,332; and Reclassify FY21 Unencumbered Sponsorships of \$205,921; for the Combined Purpose to Award a Grant of \$1,044,253 for Emergency Financial Assistance to Hawai'i Community Lending
  - C. Committee on Resource Management (RM)
    1. Action Item RM: #21-03: Approval of the OHA Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Year ended June 30, 2020; and the OHA Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards and Uniform Guidance, Year Ended June 30, 2020
  - D. Report of the Permitted Interaction Group re: to Investigate the Development of Land and Commercial Property Policies and Strategies relating to the Development of OHA's Nā Lama Kukui and Kaka'ako Makai Properties, no discussion. Pursuant to HRS§92-2.5(b)(1)(B)
- V. Community Concerns and Celebrations\*(Please see pages 1 & 2 on how to submit written testimony or provide oral testimony online. Oral testimony by phone will **not** be accepted)
- VI. Announcements

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### VII. Adjournment

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Meeting Materials will be available to the public on Monday, March 29, 2021 and posted to OHA's website at: [www.oha.org/bot](http://www.oha.org/bot)

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

\* **Public Testimony on Items Listed on the Agenda must be limited to matters listed on the meeting agenda. Community Concerns and Celebrations is not limited to matters listed on the meeting agenda.** Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 92, Public Agency Meetings and Records, prohibits Board members from discussing or taking action on matters not listed on the meeting agenda.

\*\*Notice: Trustees may establish or revise an OHA position on ANY proposed bill / resolution / executive message currently moving through the state legislature or other relative elected body. The Matrices, which are available for public review in the meeting materials at this stated meeting, provide a brief description of each bill, the bill's number, the bill's title, the bill's intent, and the proposed and specific OHA position on each measure. However, the Trustees both in committee and as the Board of Trustees (BOT) reserve the right to discuss any and all bills on the Matrix, as well as those that time does not permit to be placed on the Matrix, in order to discharge their fiduciary obligations as Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Testimony can be provided to the OHA Board of Trustees either as: (1) **written testimony** emailed at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting, or (2) live, **oral testimony online** during the virtual meeting.

- (1) Persons wishing to provide **written testimony** on items listed on the agenda should submit testimony via **email** to [BOTmeetings@oha.org](mailto:BOTmeetings@oha.org) at least **24 hours prior** to the scheduled meeting. Any testimony received after this deadline will be late testimony and will be distributed to the Board members after the scheduled meeting. **Due to COVID- 19, please do not fax, mail, or hand-deliver written testimony**
- (2) Persons wishing to provide **oral testimony online** during the virtual meeting must first register at: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_1I6g16EGQzqyC6Fpz3m7kg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1I6g16EGQzqyC6Fpz3m7kg)

You need to register if you would like to orally testify. Once you have completed your registration, a confirmation email will be sent to you with a link to join the virtual meeting, along with further instructions on how to provide oral testimony during the virtual meeting. The registration page will close during the Public Testimony or Community Concerns agenda item. Oral testimony by telephone/landline **will not** be accepted at this time.

To provide oral testimony online, you will need:

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

Oral testimony online will be limited to five (5) minutes. Once your oral testimony is completed, you will be asked to disconnect from the meeting, unless you are also signed up for oral testimony during Community Concerns and Celebrations. If you do not sign off on your own, support staff will remove you from the Zoom meeting. You can continue to view the remainder of the meeting on the livestream or by telephone, as provided at the beginning of this agenda.

Please visit OHA's website for more detailed information on how to submit Public Testimony OR Community Concerns at: <https://www.oha.org/how-to-submit-testimony-for-oha-bot-meetings/>

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

*Carmen Hulu Lindsey*

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

3/25/2021

Date

Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
April 1, 2021  
10:00 A.M.

IV. New Business

A. Action Item BOT #21-02: A Resolution of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Honoring the Contributions of William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoi to the Native Hawaiian Community and the State of Hawai‘i



**ACTION ITEM**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**April 1, 2021**

**BOT #21-02**

**Action Item Issue:**     **Approval of “A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WILLIAM “BILLY”  
PUNAPAIAALAIKAHALA KENOI TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY  
AND THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I”**

**Prepared by:**

*Ed Kalama*

Mar 23, 2021

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Ed Kalama, Ke Kahua Paikala Kūikawā  
Interim Public Relations Officer

Date

**Reviewed by:**

*[Signature]*

Mar 23, 2021

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Sylvia M. Hussey, Ed.D., Ka Pouhana  
Chief Executive Officer

Date

**Reviewed by:**

*Carmen Hulu Lindsey*

Mar 24, 2021

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Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Ke Kauhuhu o ke Kaupoku  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Date

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**I. Action**

The OHA Board of Trustees approves “**A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WILLIAM “BILLY” PUNAPAIAALAIKAHALA KENOI TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**” at Attachment A.

**II. Issue**

Should the OHA Board of Trustees approve the resolution at Attachment A.

**III. Discussion**

In light of the recent passing of former Hawai'i County Mayor Billy Kenoi, Administration recommends to the Board of Trustees a resolution to honor:

- A Native Hawaiian 1996 graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law at UH Mānoa;
- A former law clerk for Judge Richard Perkins of the Eighth Division of the First Circuit;
- An attorney who fought for many Native Hawaiians in the judicial system and who practiced in the Appellate, Family Court, Juvenile Criminal, Adult Family Court and Public Defender's Office;
- An executive assistant to former Hawai'i County Mayor Harry Kim who was known for managing high-priority projects;
- A two-term Mayor of the County of Hawai'i; and
- A gifted, charismatic orator who had a deep personal commitment to the Hawaiian people.

Mayor Kenoi was a passionate, beloved, civic leader who cared deeply about serving his community and who had a genuine love and aloha for not only Native Hawaiians but for all the people of Hawai'i.

**IV. Recommendation**

Administration recommends the BOT approve “**A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WILLIAM “BILLY” PUNAPAIAALAIKAHALA KENOI TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**” at Attachment A.

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**V. Alternative Actions**

- A. To not approve Administration’s recommended resolution; or
- B. To approve an amended version of Administration’s recommended resolution.

**VI. Funding**

No funding is required.

**VII. Timeframe**

Immediate action is recommended.

**VIII. Attachment A - Resolution**

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**Attachment A**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WILLIAM “BILLY” PUNAPAIAALAIKAHALA  
KENOI TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

**WHEREAS**, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoï was born on November 9, 1968, to Clayton Philip and Nancy Kenoï in Kalapana, Hawai‘i; and

**WHEREAS**, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoï graduated from Waiakea High School and attended both Hawai‘i Community College and the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo before graduating from the University of Massachusetts Amherst; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1992, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoï worked as a Congressional intern to Hawai‘i Senator Daniel K. Inouye, attending the Democratic National Convention in New York City and establishing a lifetime friendship with the Senator; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from the William S. Richardson School of Law at UH Mānoa in 1996, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoï passed the bar exam and then served as a clerk for Judge Richard K. Perkins of the Eighth Division of the First Circuit; and

**WHEREAS**, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoï then worked as a deputy public defender, representing many Native Hawaiians in the judicial system, where he served in the Appellate, Family Court, Juvenile Criminal and Adult Family Court divisions, before finishing his career at the Public Defender’s Office at the Circuit Court; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 2001, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoï served as an executive assistant to Hawai‘i Mayor Harry Kim for seven years, managing high-priority county projects, including community grants, a multi-agency initiative combatting a crystal meth epidemic, and a program to control invasive species; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoï ran for, and at the age of 39 was one of the youngest to ever be elected, mayor of the County of Hawai‘i where he served two consecutive terms leaving office in December 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, as Mayor Kenoï, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoï received praise for his efforts to unite the population, leading for two terms through a recession, maintaining services to its 198,000 residents, overseeing \$630 million in capital improvement projects, strategically investing in economic development initiatives, and effectively managing 2,500 employees and a \$463 million annual operating budget; and



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**Attachment A**

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**WHEREAS**, after his term as mayor ended, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoï underwent several blood transfusions, bone marrow transplants and aggressive chemotherapy to treat his leukemia yet continued to serve his family, his friends and his community with guidance and advice; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 26, 2021, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoï passed away at his home in Volcano, surrounded by his three children Justin, Liam and Mahina, and his wife of 25 years, Takako; and

**WHEREAS**, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoï will always be fondly remembered as a passionate civic leader who cared deeply for the community he served and who had a genuine love and aloha for all the families who resided in his island home; and

**WHEREAS**, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoï was gifted with charisma, intelligence, a deep personal commitment to the Hawaiian people and perhaps more than anything an exceptional mastery of the skill of public speaking, able to discuss and debate any issue as an orator with an inspiring eloquence rarely experienced; and

**WHEREAS**, it is said that William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoï’s 2014 commencement speech to graduates of Hawai‘i Pacific University stands as one of the finest commencement speeches ever delivered in the Hawaiian Islands. In encouraging graduates to chase their dreams, he took the well-known Hawai‘i phrase of “If can, can. If no can, no can” and pleaded with graduates that “There is no such thing as no can...always can!”; and

**WHEREAS**, William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoï spent his last days still inspiring his community, giving a stirring speech on overcoming crisis through opportunity to the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai‘i’s 170th conference and virtual summit; and giving his last public speech at the inauguration of Hawai‘i County Mayor Mitch Roth in December 2020, stating to all that “by chasing perfection, we reach excellence.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the undersigned duly recognized as the Board Chair and Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, on the 1st day of April 2021, do set forth their hand to recognize, honor, and memorialize the life of William “Billy” Punapaiaalaikahala Kenoï.

**ADOPTED** this 1st day of April 2021, island of O‘ahu, State of Hawai‘i, by the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in its regular meeting assembled.

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- *The Committee Report for A.I. IV. B. 1 will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees once received from the Joint Committee of BAE and the RM.*

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