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(In-Person Meeting)

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Minutes of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES
June 26, 2025
10:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Kaiali'i Kahele
Trustee Ahuna
Trustee Kalei Akaka
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria
Chair Emerita Carmen Lindsey
Trustee Keoni Souza
Trustee John Waihe'e IV

ADMINISTRATION:

Stacy Ferreira, CEO
Kēhaulani Pu'u, COO
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel
Hailama Farden, Sr. Director Hawaiian Cultural Affairs
Bill Brennan, Director of COMMS
Ryan Lee, Endowment Director
Grace Chen, Financial Analyst
Lori Walker, Interim Land Dir..
Royce Cambell, Operations Manager
Sandra Stancil, EA
Lauwa'e Clayton, EA
Naiwi Wurdeman, Board Counsel
Kevin Chak, IT
Arlene Aguinaldo, IT

BOT STAFF:

Summer Sylva, Chief of Staff (COS)
Alena Auyoung, Deputy COS
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary
Yvonne Mahelona, Trustee Aide
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Poahailani Kealoha, Trustee Aide
Kauai Robello, Trustee Aide
LeiAnn Durrant, Trustee Aide
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Call to Order (3:55 | 10:10 am)

Chair Kaiali'i Kahele Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 10:10 a.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA		Joins meeting at 10:15am
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	
CHAIRPERSON	KAIALI'I	KAHELE	X	
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At the Call to Order, **SIX (6)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

Chair Kaiali'i Kahele This meeting can be viewed via live stream on all his website at www.oha.org/livestream For those joining us on Zoom to testify or listen, please note that we are using the webinar platform rather than the standard Zoom meeting format. As an attendee, you will be able to watch and listen to the proceedings. If you wish to testify on a specific agenda item, please follow these steps:

1. Raise your hand to indicate that you would like to speak.
2. We will change your status from attendee to panelist when it is your turn. This may take a few seconds, so we appreciate your patience.
3. As a panelist, you will have the option to turn on your camera and unmute yourself to provide testimony.
4. Once you have finished testifying, please mute yourself, and you will be returned to attendee status.

Today we have our Stacy Ferreira our CEO, she will introduce our administrative team with us today.

Stacy Ferreira, CEO Mahalo, today we have Kēhau Pu'u – COO, Endowment Director - Ryan Lee, Interim Corporation Counsel - Everett Ohta, Senior Director of Hawaiian Cultural Affairs - Hailama Fardin, Human Resource Director – Corey Nakamoto, Interim Director of Land Assets – Lori Walker, Director of Communications – Bill Brennan, IT systems Engineer and Administrator - Arlene Aguinaldo and Kevin Chak

Chair Kaiali'i Kahele introduces staff and our Board Counsel, Naiwi Wurdeman.

New Business (6:20 | 10:12 am)

1. **Request for approval to waive Action Item BF #25-39: Approval of OHA funding for a Ho'ākoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to The Moanalua Gardens Foundation dba MGF Hawai'i for the 48th Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival Event on July 19-20, 2025, in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the Committee on Budget and Finance to the Board of Trustees pursuant to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Bylaws (March 20, 2025) Article VIII, Section M.**

Trustee Waihe'e I'd like to move to waive action item BF #25-39 from the Committee on Budget and Finance to the Board of Trustees pursuant to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Board of Trustees Bylaws Article VIII, Section M.

Chair Emerita Lindsey Seconds the motion.

10:13 a.m. Trustee Waihe'e moves to						
waive action item BF #25-39 from the Committee on Budget and Finance to the Board of Trustees pursuant to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Board of Trustees Bylaws Article VIII, Section M.						
Chair Emerita Lindsey seconds the motion						
Vote: 10:14 am	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA						X
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY		X	X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			6			
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [6] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with SIX (6) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes						

(7:09 | 10:15 am)

2. Action Item BF #25-39: Approval of OHA funding for a Ho'ākoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to The Moanalua Gardens Foundation dba MGF Hawai'i for the 48th Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival Event on July 19-20, 2025, in the amount of \$15,000.00*

Trustee Waihe'e Approve and authorize FY 2025 sponsorship funding to The Moanalua Gardens Foundation dba MGF Hawai'i for the 48th Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival Event on July 19-20, 2025, in the amount of \$15,000.00

Chair Emerita Lindsey Seconds the motion.

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
The Moanalua Gardens Foundation dba MGF Hawai'i	The 48th Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival July 19, 2025 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM July 20, 2025 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Frank F. Fasi Civic Grounds, 650 S King St, Honolulu, HI 96813 (O'ahu)	\$15,000.00
Total Recommendations (1)		\$15,000.00

There is one testifier on the waiver item. Full testimony at (9:30 |10:17 am)
https://www.youtube.com/live/WDufjBoBxzI?si=P9BnUB_wxcYT5sjC

Germaine Meyers *summarized*. The speaker requested clarification on whether a waiver scheduled for Monday is considered an action item on the agenda, equivalent to other listed items.

10:15 a.m. Trustee Waihe'e moves to						
Approve and authorize FY 2025 sponsorship funding to The Moanalua Gardens Foundation dba MGF Hawai'i for the 48th Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival Event on July 19-20, 2025, in the amount of \$15,000.00.						
Chair Emrita Lindsey Seconds the motion						
Vote: 10:18 a.m.	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			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY		X	X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			7			

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

Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes

Community Concerns and Celebrations

full testimony can be seen here: (14:07 | 10:20 am)

https://www.youtube.com/live/WDufjBoBxzI?si=P9BnUB_wxcYT5sjC

Jamee Miller *summarized.* Provided an update and expressed appreciation to the Trustees for sponsoring their 2024 “E Ho‘owaiwai Ē” event, which was attended by over 400 people and exceeded fundraising goals. The organization, founded in 2020, has transitioned from being volunteer-run to hiring staff and expanding direct programming. Recent initiatives align with OHA’s strategic priorities in health outcomes and economic stability, including training Native Hawaiians returning to the community as peer support specialists, supporting family visitation and healing days for incarcerated individuals’ families, and developing the next generation of Native Hawaiian leaders to reduce intergenerational incarceration. The speaker introduced ‘Ōpio participants to share their experiences.

‘Ōpio from Hawai‘i Island *summarized.* Reported on their work with the World Indigenous Peoples’ Conference on Education (WIPCE), including planning youth conferences, organizing a youth community space, and participating in other international events. They attended the Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference in Australia, where they discussed ending intergenerational incarceration and the importance of cultural connection. They contributed to a resolution passed in the last legislative session and testified on a bill to eliminate youth fees and fines; while the bill did not pass, the resolution promoted culturally based service, such as working in loko i‘a or lo‘i. They are also active in the Konaola leadership program, conducting community issue research, data collection, and public outreach.

Jamee Miller *summarized.* Efforts to end intergenerational incarceration and plans to expand the ‘Ōpio program by recruiting youth from O‘ahu, Hawai‘i Island, and Moloka‘i, where a local leader has expressed interest in coordinating. The sensitive nature of the issue, explaining that openly discussing it fosters healing. The organization has been active in presentations and outreach, often requested to speak, and has partnered with the Gerbode Foundation. Most funding is received from philanthropic sources outside Hawai‘i due to challenges in securing local grants. A recent collaboration produced the “Ho‘iwai” report on Native Hawaiian incarceration, which is being used to encourage investment in Hawai‘i. In October, approximately 25 philanthropists will visit to explore partnerships and leverage funding alongside OHA’s support.

Germaine Meyers *summarized.* Expressed concern over recent budget changes affecting Hawaiian charter schools, particularly Ka Waihona (600 students) and Kamaile (900 students) on the Wai‘anae Coast, each receiving \$100,000 less than originally proposed in May. The funding reduction was equal to that of a school serving 35 students and questioned the fairness of distribution without considering enrollment size. They stated that local leaders and principals were not made aware of the changes before being asked to support the budget. The speaker criticized the process as rushed, lacking transparency, and limiting the ability of strategic and implementation staff to present their budgets to the Board. They urged that such budget decisions be brought back to the community for input.

Chair Kaiali‘i Kahele Announces that he will be deferring item III. B. and this item will be brought back at a later date. He also shares that we will be moving into executive session and once executive session is done the Board will come into open session and continue the meeting.

There are no testifiers for Executive Session items.

Executive Session (30:39 | 10:37 am)

Chair Emerita Lindsey Moves to move the Board into executive session.

Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.

The Board recuses into Executive Session at 10:37 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		X			
TRUSTEE KEONI SOUZA		X	X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIRPERSON KAI KAHELE			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			7			
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with a six (6) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Excused vote.						

Board returns to open session at 11:46 a.m

This second portion of the meeting can be viewed at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/zhzKLZ4CAnc?si=8KFg4aICSnup5-I8>

Recess at 11:57 a.m.

Reconvene meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Announcement (0:01 | 1:52 pm)

Chair Kaiali'i Kahele Announced a strategic shift in advocating for the protection of Mauna Kea, noting that after years of litigation and the recent loss of National Science Foundation funding for the Thirty Meter Telescope, efforts will now focus on a stewardship model led by Native Hawaiians and informed by community voices, in collaboration with Governor Josh Green and the Mauna Kea Stewardship Authority. The decision was described as a recommitment to Mauna Kea through unity, cultural integrity, and focused advocacy, honoring the responsibility to mālama the mountain with purpose and respect.

Chair Kaiali'i Kahele The Board of Trustees will travel to Kaua'i to join Trustee Dan Ahuna for community site visits, community meetings, and a Board meeting. Similar visits have been held on Maui and Moloka'i and are considered vital for the Board and administration to connect with beneficiaries and inspire follow-up action. The Chair announced that the next Hawai'i Island site visit for the O'ahu satellite office will take place in Waimea, Kamuela, on Thursday, July 3, 2025, inviting all beneficiaries and community members to participate. Positive feedback has been received on the satellite offices, recognizing staff and BSA contributions. The Chair also thanked beneficiaries and community members for their understanding of recent adjustments to meeting schedules and agendas due to the new Sunshine Law signed by Governor Josh Green and updated OIP guidance on posting agendas and materials. The Board is committed to complying with the requirement to post materials three full business days in advance while maintaining proactive discussions.

Adjournment

Chair Kaiali'i Kahele asks for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Souza Moves to adjourn.

Chair Emerita Lindsey Seconds the motion.

Adjournment – vote at 1:57 pm							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA						X
LUANA	ALAPA						X
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY		X	X			
KEONI	SOUZA	X		X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I	KAHELE			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				7			

Chair Kahele Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on October 2, 2025



Kaiali'i Kahele
Chairperson, Board of Trustees