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(In-Person Meeting)

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**Minutes of the  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES  
July 10, 2025  
9:00 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Stacy Ferreira, CEO  
Kēhaulani Pu'u, COO  
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel  
Bill Brennan, Director of COMMS  
Sandra Stancil, EA  
Daniel Santos, IT  
Arlene Aguinaldo, IT

BOT STAFF:

Summer Sylva, Chief of Staff (COS)  
Alena Auyoung, Deputy COS  
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Pohailani Kealoha, Trustee Aide  
Kauai Robello, Trustee Aide  
Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide  
Remy Keli'ihō'omalū, Trustee Aide  
LeiAnn Durrant, Trustee Aide  
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Germaine Meyers  
Paul Alston, Board Counsel  
Anna Alento-Sneed, External Counsel

(00:00:36 | 9:06 am)

**Call to Order**

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursdday, July 10, 2025 at 9:06 a.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	<b>AHUNA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	<b>AKAKA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	<b>AKINA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	<b>ALAPA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	<b>GALUTERIA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	CARMEN "HULU"	<b>LINDSEY</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	<b>SOUZA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>	X	
CHAIRPERSON	KAIALI'I	<b>KAHELE</b>	X	
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At the Call to Order, **NINE (9)** 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](http://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 Interim Board Counsel, Paul Alston joining us our Stacy Ferreira our Ka Pouhana, she will introduce our administrative team with us today.

**Stacy Ferreira, CEO** Mahalo Chair, today we have online Kēhau Pu'u-COO, Interim General Counsel-Everett Ohta, Communications Director-Bill Brennan, IT Adfministrators-Daniel Santos and Arlene Aguinaldo.

(00:02:37 | 9:08 am)

**Executive Session**

**A. Legal Matters. The Board anticipate convening in an executive meeting pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4) to meet with its legal counsel regarding the board's powers, duties, and liabilities with respect to matters relating to its financial affairs, employees, and operations.**

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** Before we recuse ourselves into executive session I would like to announce that we will return back in to open session and continue the livesteam once we are done. At this time Lehua, do we have anyone signed up to speak on the agenda item?

**Board Secretary** Yes, we have Germaine Meyers.

(00:02:53 | 9:09 am)

*Full testimony can be viewed here:*

[https://www.youtube.com/live/r6\\_wJqQ8IvY?si=HLDMZzwgRr4WNIh](https://www.youtube.com/live/r6_wJqQ8IvY?si=HLDMZzwgRr4WNIh)

**Germaine Meyers summarized.** Offered public testimony to share data, views, and concerns related to Agenda Item 2A, which involved the Board consulting with attorneys in executive session on matters related to trustees’ fiduciary responsibilities concerning OHA’s financial affairs, employees, and operations. He stated that he had previously submitted written concerns regarding the Biennium Budget presented by Chair Kahele and Vice Chair Souza, highlighting that four versions of the budget had been circulated, with the final version being posted only three days before the June 30th BOT meeting without being presented to beneficiaries in all counties for review or input. Beneficiaries were given only five minutes of public testimony, which occurred more than two hours after the meeting began, following an extended executive session. He questioned why executive session could not have occurred after public testimony to better accommodate working beneficiaries. Procedural issues during the June 30th meeting, including a motion by Vice Chair Souza to waive full discussion of the budget and an amendment proposed by Trustee Akaka for a stopgap measure, Chair Kahele deemed Trustee Akaka’s amendment unacceptable without explanation and denied her request to have General Counsel Everett Ohta address her amendment. He also raised concerns about the involvement of an external attorney, Talbert, who he says was not approved by the full board to provide legal advice, citing the board’s April-approved bylaws that require prior board approval for such legal consultation. Any written request and resulting legal opinion must be distributed to all board members, which he indicated was not done. He concluded by stating that the Chair made procedural decisions without full board consent, which raised questions about transparency, process, and compliance with OHA’s bylaws.

*There are no other testifiers.*

(00:08:41 | 9:15 am)

**Trustee Souza** moves to recuse the Board into executive session pursuant to 92-5.

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

**The Board recuses into Executive Session at 9:15 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 <b>LINDSEY</b>			X			
TRUSTEE KEONI <b>SOUZA</b>	X		X			
TRUSTEE JOHN <b>WAIHE'E</b>		X	X			
CHAIRPERSON KAI <b>KAHELE</b>			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>9</b>			
<b>MOTION:</b> [ X ] UNANIMOUS [ ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						
<b>Motion passes with a NINE (9) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Excused vote.</b>						

**Board returns to open session at 12:22 p.m**

(00:00:20 | 12:22 pm)

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** There was no action taken and our discussion was broad and basic in executive session. Item III is community concerns and celebrations. Do we have anyone signed up?

(00:00:39 | 12:23 pm)

**Community Concerns and Celebrations**

**Germaine Meyers** The fiduciary responsibility over OHA's financial affairs lies with the nine elected trustees under Chapter 10, and questioned whether the biennium budget process reflected true collaboration or collusion. The BOT Chief of Staff's \$170,000 salary now the second highest at OHA surpassing the COO, who oversees more staff and responsibilities. This with past leadership pay to highlight the disparity and questioned who is truly managing operations: the CEO accountable to all trustees, or the Chief of Staff reporting only to the Chair. The procedural handling of the June 30 board meeting, where a failed motion to waive committee review was improperly revived without following Robert's Rules. The Board should return the budget to the Budget and Finance Committee for proper review and called for pono leadership and transparency as the next election year approaches.

(00:08:53 | 12:32 pm)

**Announcements** (12:32 pm)

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** We have our community and board meeting being held on Kaua'i next week at Ka Waiwai at Kalukalu. Wednesday, July 16 at 9:00 am and Tuesday, July 15 at 5:30 pm.

**Trustee Ahuna** I am happy everyone is coming and this will be our first time at Ka Waiwai.

(00:09:47 | 12:33 pm)  
**Adjournment** (12:33 pm)

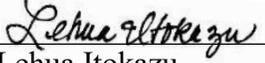
**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** asks for a motion to adjourn.

**Trustee Souza Moves to adjourn.**

Adjournment – vote at 12:33 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			
KEONI	SOUZA	X		X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E						Left meeting at noon
CHAIR KAIALI'I	KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>8</b>			

**Chair Kahele** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 12:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
 Lehua Itokazu  
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on October 16, 2025

  
 Kaiali'i Kahele  
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees