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(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)

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**Minutes of the  
MOLOKA'I ISLAND COMMUNITY MEETING  
MINUTES  
July 18, 2022  
6:30pm**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee  
Trustee John Waihe'e

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Sylvia Hussey, CEO  
Casey Brown, COO  
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel  
Ramona Hink, CFO  
Lei-Ming Ayat-Verdadero, BSA Mngr.  
Alice Silbanuz, Director of Communications  
Tiger Li, IT  
Daniel Santos, IT Support  
Jason Lee, Digital Designer  
Josh Koh, Digital Designer  
Gayla Haliniak, BSA

**BOT STAFF:**

Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide  
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide  
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide  
Brandon Mitsuda, Trustee Aide  
Dayna Pa, Trustee Aide  
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide  
Reuben Sierra, Trustee Aide  
Anuheha Diamond, Trustee Aide

**GUEST:**

Tania Kaholoaa  
Kala'e Tangonan  
Kali Arce  
DeGray Vanderbilt  
Amber Kaho  
Malia  
Davianna McGregor

## Call to Order

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6:34 p.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA	excused	
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	excused	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
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At the Call to Order, **seven ( 7 )** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Aloha kākou and welcome to our Moloka'i Community Meeting this year. We are so happy to be here. We are looking forward to hearing from all of you and mahalo for coming out this evening. Tonights meeting can be viewed by livestream on OHA's website, [www.oha.org/livestream](http://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 Waihe'e** Aloha mai kākou, thank you for coming out to the meeting. Thank you for coming out tonight to share your concerns with us and I want to thank my colleague from Moloka'i, Trustee Luana Alapa for hosting us this evening. I am John Waihe'e IV, Trustee At-Large and I am here tonight with my Aide, Crayn Akina.

**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 for everyone being here and joining us this evening. Mahalo Uncle Myron for joining us and it is an honor to have you here. Also, mahalo to our Moloka'i Trustee, Luana Alapa, Pohai, and all of our administration and staff who made today possible. Joining me this evening is my husband, Tyler Akaka and our baby Aeiwaiwa and also my Trustee Aide, Brandon Mitsuda.

**Trustee Akina** Aloha everybody, I am Trustee Keli'i Akina and I here with my Trustee Aide, Reuben Sierra and I want to say a special mahalo to Trustee Alapa. Aloha to family and friends of Colette Machado our dearly beloved who recently departed, thank you for coming this evening. Aloha

**Trustee Lee** Aloha mai kākou, I am Brendon Lee, I am the At-Large Trustee. I am happy to be back on the homestead of Moloka'i. Joining me virtually is my Trustee Aide, LeiAnn Durant in Honolulu and joining me here is my Aide, Dayna Pa, mahalo. Mahalo for coming out this evening and we look forward to hearing from all of you.

**Trustee Ahuna** Aloha mai kākou, I am Dan Ahuna and I represent the island Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau. I also want to thank our Moloka‘i Trustee for hosting us today, we had a wonderful time on site visits. I would also like to extend a big aloha to the family of our former Trustee, Colette Machado. Today with me is my Aide Anuhea Diamond.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Aloha, I am Carmen Hulu Lindsey and I am the Maui Trustee and serve as Chair of the Board. My staff here is Lehua Itokazu-Board Secretary, and Amber Kalua-my Aide. Virtually I have my other Aide, Kanani Iaea. Thank you again for all of you coming this evening. I would like to turn the time over to Trustee Alapa to introduce herself and lead the meeting as this is her community meeting.

**Trustee Alapa** Mahalo Chair Hulu Lindsey. Again, I am so happy and honored to be here. I am your island Trustee and I would like to acknowledge first and foremost my Trustee Aide, Pohai Ryan she keeps me on track. Thank you for those who hosted us today. For me today it was about back to the ‘āina. I wanted to show our Trustees the two areas; one was a business and the other was based on sustainable living. We were blessed to visit L&R Farms today. We also went over to the Nihipalis to show how others support themselves in a very sustainable way by living off the grid. I am looking forward to hearing from your guys, it will be a wonderful evening of support, love, and I can‘t wait to hear from you, mahalo for joining us this evening.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** We also have our CEO joining us virtually. I would like to call on Capsun Poe, our Community Engagement Director and he will introduce our staff that here this evening.

**Capsun Poe, Comm. Engagement Dir.** Aloha to everyone here, always grateful to be on Moloka‘i. In addition to myself here tonight we have our Communications Director-Alice Silbanuz, BSA Manager-Lei Ming Ayat-Verdadero, BSA-Gayla Haliniak, Multi-Media designers-Jason Lee and Josh Koh, IT Mngr-Tiger Li, and we also have on line joining us Ka Pouhana-Sylvia Hussey and our COO-Casey Brown.

Chair Hulu Lindsey I will be taking the agenda out of order. Item III.1 will be conducted first followed by item II and then item III.2. I will call on Trustee Lee to read the resolution of The Office of Hawaiian Affairs Honoring the Contributions of Colette Machado to The Island of Moloka‘i, The Native Hawaiian Community, and the State of Hawai‘i.

### **New Business**

**Action Item BOT #22-09: A Resolution of The Office of Hawaiian Affairs Honoring the Contributions of Colette Machado to The Island of Moloka‘i, The Native Hawaiian Community, and the State of Hawai‘i.\***

Trustee Lee Thank you Madame Chair.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF COLETTE MACHADO TO THE ISLAND OF MOLOKAI, THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY, AND THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I.**

**WHEREAS**, Colette Yvette Pi‘ipi‘i Machado, whose ancestral roots on Moloka‘i trace back to the Pi‘ipi‘i warriors of Hālawā, was born on October 25, 1950, in Ho‘olehua, to Francis Machado and Hannah Pali-Pahupu; and

**WHEREAS**, Machado’s maternal grandfather, Zachary Pali-Pahupu was one of the six original homesteaders that helped establish the Hawaiian Homestead program in Kalama‘ula, Moloka‘i; and

**WHEREAS**, when Machado was still in elementary school, her father relocated the ‘ohana from Moloka‘i to Honolulu, O‘ahu, where she experienced the racial discrimination and hopelessness that would ultimately inspire her life of service to the lāhui; and

**WHEREAS**, although Machado dropped out of high school to help care for her nieces, she later returned to her studies and earned a GED; and

**WHEREAS**, Machado went on to participate in the College Opportunity Program at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, successfully completing the program and going on to earn a degree in education from UH Mānoa, graduating with honors; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of Machado’s success, in 1975 a documentary film entitled “Colette” was made about her educational journey and used by the College Opportunity Program as a recruitment tool; and

**WHEREAS**, while in college in the 1970s, Machado became active in the nascent Aloha ‘Āina movement, protesting the eviction of farmers in Waiāhole and Waikāne; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating Machado began her career at the Honolulu Community College where she was employed as a TRIO counselor helping Native Hawaiian students obtain financial aid, navigate the university educational system, and graduate; and

**WHEREAS**, as a young adult Machado returned to Moloka‘i to protect the island of her ancestors from the development that was ruining O‘ahu; and

**WHEREAS**, upon her return to Moloka‘i, Machado began working with Alu Like and later, helped to establish Kamehameha Schools’ alternative education program, Ka Papa Honua o Keawanui; and

**WHEREAS**, at the same time Machado also became actively involved in grassroots organizing becoming an instrumental part of the “Keep Moloka‘i Moloka‘i” effort; and

**WHEREAS**, Machado was active with organizations such as Hui Alaloha, Inc., formed to stop the development at West Moloka‘i, and with the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana, which successfully fought to stop the military bombing of Kanaloa Kaho‘olawe and return the island to the people of Hawai‘i; and

**WHEREAS**, Machado went on to co-found numerous Aloha ‘Āina based grassroots organizations on Moloka‘i including, Mālama Mana‘e, Ka Leo o Mana‘e, Kāko‘o Kawela, Nā Lima Hana o Nā ‘Ōpio, Mālama Moloka‘i, and Ke Kua‘āina Hanauna Hou; and

**WHEREAS**, Machado was the founding president of the Moloka‘i Land Trust which, to date, has acquired and protected some 2,000 acres on Moloka‘i including five miles of shoreline on its Mokio and Kawaikapu Preserves; and

**WHEREAS**, Machado was instrumental in the early formation and overall success of Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa, established to honor the value and dignity of individuals forcibly isolated on the Kalaupapa peninsula. She was appointed to its first Board of Directors in 2004 serving for 12 years in this capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, Machado was an active member of the Ho‘olehua Hawaiian Civic Club of Moloka‘i; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her career, Machado served on numerous state boards and commissions including the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the State Land Use Commission, the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission, and on the Moloka‘i Island Burial Council where she was chairperson; and

**WHEREAS**, her 24 years of experience serving on various boards and commissions prepared Machado to run for election to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to represent the islands of Moloka‘i and Lāna‘i; and

**WHEREAS**, Machado was elected as a Trustee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for six terms from 1996 through 2020, and served as chairperson of the Board of Trustees from 2010-2014 and again from 2017-2020; and

**WHEREAS**, during Machado’s tenure at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the agency acquired Waokele o Puna, the Palaua Cultural Preserve, 511 acres surrounding the Kūkaniloko Birthing Stones, and Kaka‘ako Makai, making it the 13th largest landowner in Hawai‘i; and

**WHEREAS**, as chairperson, Machado sponsored an Office of Hawaiian Affairs resolution to provide funding to the kia‘i of Mauna A Wākea and file a civil suit challenging UH Mānoa’s mismanagement of the mauna; and

**WHEREAS**, Machado consistently responded to the needs of her community helping to acquire funding to support organizations such as Aka‘ula School, Kualapu‘u Charter School, a dialysis station at Kalaupapa, an expansion of Moloka‘i General Hospital, and the Lāna‘i Culture and Heritage Center; and

**WHEREAS**, along with her husband, Myron Akutagawa, Machado supported community-based economic development across the pae ‘āina, including initiating an effort to cultivate and market native Hawaiian limu near their home in Pūko‘o, Moloka‘i; and

**WHEREAS**, Machado’s enduring legacy is her aloha nui and the abundant fruit of her lifelong dedication to Hawai‘i pae ‘āina, to our lāhui, and especially to the kupa of her beloved home island of Moloka‘i now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the OHA Board of Trustees expresses its recognition of, and gratitude for, Machado’s tireless work on behalf of our lāhui; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the OHA Board of Trustees honors Machado as a wahine koa and mana wahine whose life was dedicated to uplifting the Native Hawaiian people and protecting our land and culture; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to her beloved husband, Myron Akutagawa and her ‘ohana; and

**ADOPTED**, this 18th day of July 2022, island of Moloka‘i, State of Hawai‘i, by the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

**Myron Akutagawa** mahalo nui Chair Lindsey for allowing me to speak. I miss all of you guys. She served Moloka‘i well and she tried her best. She was the Chair there for a long time but she was my Chair for forty years. I would like to say god bless to all of you, come together and serve the Hawaiian people well, as the best as you can. God Bless all of you and thank you.

**Davianna McGregor** Aloha kākou, I just want to thank you for honoring Colette and all of her years of service to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs but primarily to the people of Hawai‘i especially the people here on Moloka‘i who she loved so much. She always gave her best and her finest to represent everyone. She always had so much aloha. She was ofcourse very firm and strong in protecting the land, This is why we honor her as a mana wahine and a wahine koa because she was forthright, honest, always stood up for the maka‘āinana and for the land. She has so much for Kaho‘olawe as well as Moloka‘i. We honor her memory and her legacy. Mahalo nui loa.

**Trustee Lee Moves to adopt the resolution of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs honoring the Contributions of Colette Machado to The Island of Moloka‘i, The Native Hawaiian Community, and the State of Hawai‘i.**

**Trustee Ahuna Seconds the motion.**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Any discussion?

**Trustee Akaka** I want to say mahalo nui to Aunty Colette for many decades of public service for our people. Also, a special mahalo to her ‘ohana and he beloved, Uncle Myron for his many years of service.

**Trustee Waihe‘e** I also want to speak in support of this motion. When I was first elected to the board, Trustee Machado was already on the board. She was a great mentor and always gave me attention and time when I needed it. We were on the board together during a time that was very stressfull to me because it was right after the Freddy Rice decision. For six years we were constantly being challenged. What was being challenged was the right of Hawaiians to be beneficiarries of the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund. All of those Trustees serving at that time I have a lot of uniquely close feelings with. It felt like we were going through war and she was definitely one of our leaders on the board at that time. In 2010 when she became Chairman, she appointed me the Chairperson of the Committee of Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment, we worked closely together. She was known to be outspoken and forceful but I saw another side of her. She could be very startegic and incremental in negotiating at the same time when she needed to. In Washington DC, she was very instrumental in negotiating, what eventually would become the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization ACT of 2011. With in it contains a declaration of Native Hawaiians of Hawiians being the indigenous people of Hawai‘i with whom the United States has a political relationship with. That was a big deal because these types of declarations help us through challenges like what was happening earlier. She was also very instrumental negotiating the ceded land settlement with Neil Ambercrombie. I would say that Colette Machado was the best Chairperson of the 2000’s. I miss her greatly, thank you.

**Trustee Lee** I too would like to speak in favor of the resolution. My memories of Colette go way back. Most of memories of her younger days when I was a keiki here spending summers on the homestead. As outspoken Colette was, the Colette I knew here at OHA was much milder than the Colette I grew up with. She is greatly missed and I miss her. She was a supporter of me when I got on to the board and she made my transition as a new Trustee a lot easier than it probably would’ve been had she not been here.

**Trustee Ahuna** For me, I miss Colette so much. I just want to say thank you and honor her family. One of the stories I like to tell is on Mauna Kea, we had a meeting up there. Colette knows how to throw a punch, but she

also knew how to take one too. She was always at the table, always negotiating, and that is all our people ask is that you are at the table. Thank you.

**Trustee Alapa** Although I was not blessed to get to know Colette the closest, I had was my father who worked on her campaign when she ran for OHA. I was just out of high school when that occurred and he told me how she was going to be our next champion of our Hawaiian People. I was blown away by what my father saw, he saw alot in Colette. She obviously loved her island the people here. I want to say that she is a hard act to follow but I promise you, I will do my best as the Moloka'i Trustee, mahalo.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** DO we have anyone signed up to testify?

**Board Secretary** There is non one signed up to testify.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Roll call.

<b>Trustee Lee Moves</b>						
<b>to adopt the resolution of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs honoring the Contributions of Colette Machado to The Island of Moloka'i, The Native Hawaiian Community, and the State of Hawai'i.</b>						
<b>Trustee Ahuna Seconds the motion.</b>						
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>			<b>2</b>
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with seven ( 7 ) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and One ( 2 ) Excused.</b>						

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** The resolution for Colette Machado has been passed by the Board of Trustees. One thing for sure is she will be remembered in history for all her accomplishments and for the work she did for our people. Mahalo nui.

*Recess is taken for photos.*

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** I will turn the time over to your island Trustee, Luana Alapa.

**Trustee Alapa** Mahalo Chair. First on our agenda is item II. I will call on Casey.

**Casey Brown, COO** Aloha mai, welina Moloka‘i. I am going to add a few more folks of our admin joining us online. In addition to myself and Ka Pouhana we have our Chief Fianancial Officer – Ramona Hink, Interim General Counsel – Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel – Nietzsche Ozawa and we also have some our our IT staff – Daniel Santos and Arlene Aguinaldo.

The island community report is something that OHA does for every community. It is meant to summarize as much as we can. There is an executive summary that is included in the Board packet but we also have a full comprehensive report that gets posted online. These are summarized issues that are affecting your community. We do want your feedback if you think we missed something. Please look at the report and you will get a sense of what goes out into the community here. We have ten active loans right now and we have debt consolidation loans in total a little over \$100K in play there.

Trustee Alapa We will now move on to our community presentations.

### **Community Presentation**

#### **A. Kaholoaa Farms of Ho‘olehua Homestead Farmer - Tania Kaholoaa**

**Trustee Alapa** I want to acknowledge Kaholoaa Farms of Ho‘olehua, Tania Kaholoa‘a is unable to present today due to a family emergency. We will move on to our next presenter, Kupu A‘e Moloka‘i. I will turn the program over to Kala‘e Tangonan.

#### **B. Kupu A‘e Moloka‘i, LLC – Kala‘e Tangonan**

**Kala‘e Tangonan** I am born and raised on Moloka‘i, I am the daughter of Scarlet and Fad Camara, my Mom is Ritte now. We are an ‘Ohana that lives here, wanted to perpetuate our culture through art, family, sustainability, and community through ‘olelo. We started our business about 10 years ago and it was through a passion of being together, raising our children and doing the art. We thought how can we do this and be able to sustain ourselves and be home with our pē. I have seven children and I decided I wanted to be home to raise my kids. At this time I will bring out my ‘ohana and they are wearing our fashion, each design is designed by us, screened on Moloka‘i or hand painted.

*Fashion show is presented.*

Kupu A‘e has gone to Germany, Aotearoa, Cooke Islands, Iceland, Israel, Wyoming, California, Georgia, New York, Virginia, and Oklahoma. I am second generation silk screener, my mother was the first, and now my children are the third. The vision we have is we want to have our own place and not rent anymore. As we grow together as a



family and in our community we want everyone to know that everything we do, we do it with aloha for everyone. We are more than a business, We are a family and a community.

Another thing I wanted to share was the abundance of deer we have on island. I have a sister that has branched off and is doing work with deer skin. We have a few pieces here tonight displaying the deer skin sewn to clothing.

Thank you for letting us share with you.

**Trustee Akaka** mahalo nui for the most colorful fashion show presentation. You spoke about having the olelo makuahine in alot of what youre doing. How are you incorporating that in your projects that you have going on right now

**Kala'e Tangonan** Everyone just helps out with what ever we are doing or interested in. Like this week we are helping Hawaii's Finest, we are doing another fashion show, and we are decorating for a graduation party. This is what we do, 'ohana.

**Trustee Alapa** You mentioned you were looking to own a place. What are your sells like?

**Kala'e Tangonan** Before Covid we did pretty good. I would say about \$30,000 to \$40,000 when we open up our shop. All of this was only on island, alot of our customers are local base. Tourist come but they touch everything and walk out. We had two shops; one at the airport and one at Holomua. We closed the airport shop down because the planes stopped flying in. The big events that help push us along are usually one big push at the beginning which is Merrie Monarch. During the summer we get a couple events and we may participate in the Made in Maui or Made in Hawaii event. The last event is Christmas and that is major. Sales were good before and now it's another new ball game. We are trying the online thing. Our biggest struggle is every piece is an original, I don't have 500 pieces of the same thing. Every single piece we make is different and one of-a-kind. We need to get really good with taking photos and posting them online. I did try and make 50 pieces of one thing, and I still have them, It doesn't work. That was for Made in Maui. Honestly, we are figuring it out as we go.

**Trustee Alapa** Well you are doing a marvelous job.

**Kala'e Tangonan** Mahalo nui.

### **Community Concerns and Celebrations**

**Kale Arce, Maui County Department of Agriculture** Aloha Trustees and Moloka'i community, thank you for allowing me to be here. I just want to quickly share that we have a new department at Maui county, November of 2020 based on the votes of the Maui county residents a charter was passed to create a new Department of Agriculture, I was selected as the Director. We also have a Deputy Director from O'ahu who will relocate. It is only day six of being on the job so I do not have any cards to pass out yet or a phone number but my door is always open if you are ever on Maui and the Moloka'i people know how to contact me. I look forward to being the advocate for our island. I see potential for our producers to move forward in their production. I've provided the Trustees with some samples of added value products that represent our Hawaiian community. I plan to come back to Moloka'i and set up some listening sessions and I will bring my Deputy Director. I am also hoping to set up a satellite office here on Moloka'i. When I say agriculture producers I embrace all agriculture livestock

and plant base, from backyard to commercial. I look forward to keeping the dialogue and the relationships we've had since I've moved back home permanently. Mahalo

**Trustee Alapa** Mahalo. Was this the first time ever this position was created?

**Kale Arce, Maui County Department of Agriculture** This is the first department of Agriculture created for the counties. The first county to create their own, I am the first Director from Moloka'i for any of the counties. I also want to add that being Hawaiian and wahine I hope I set an example for our wahine out there who want to pursue non-traditional careers and I hope to be an example. We need new farmers and people to take over and steward our 'āina. For me, it connects me to the 'āina and my kupuna. Mahalo

**DeGray Vanderbilt** Aloha everyone, I moved here about forty years ago. In the last two years I've been living in Maui. I will be speaking again tomorrow at the board meeting. I just want to say how much I took or granted all the special things about Moloka'i. I also think Moloka'i is the last island that can control its own destiny, no other island can do that. We have a lot of young people coming back from the mainland taking over the schools, hospitals, and a big staff at sustainable Moloka'i. The ag industry is doing terrific. One of the great projects they are looking at is to put a floating solar farm in the Pualapu aquifer. 300 million gallons of water evaporate from that every year that is 15% of the Moloka'i irrigation system. What does this mean? That would irrigate 200 acres of corn. There would be enough energy to sustain almost our entire island. I came almost forty years ago, I was a small developer, we did all the right things, and I learned what Moloka'i was all about. Eventually, I became the first haole named Chairman of the Moloka'i planning division so, that's going on my tombstone. I appreciate Trustee Lee reading that resolution. I was fortunate enough to call Colette my friend and work closely with her on sustainable issues. I know it meant a lot to Myron and I want to thank you all for coming and listening to what everyone has to say about Moloka'i. I don't know if you folks remember Aunt Clara Ku but she says "we have a lot to teach the rest of the world" she was talking about Moloka'i and that is still true today. Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to speak, aloha.

**Amber Koalooa** Aloha, I am Amber Koalooa'a, my sisters, Barbara Haliniak, and Ashley Haliniak-Kali. We are the gran-nieces of Colette Machado and we would like to say thank you for passing the resolution. Our mother is Gayla Haliniak Lloyd and we came here to say thank you for the support in our Moloka'i drug free movement. My sister and I are recovering addicts, today I make 1,065 days clean and sober, and my sister makes 203 days. We just want to mahalo you, we had a successful event. At the end of September we are going to have a camp retreat to continue to help our families here on Moloka'i. We are hoping something like this can happen annually.

**Trustee Alapa** I was there at the event watching everything. You had a huge turnout, congratulations. I would love to see that continue on. I understand there are many people that need the help. Thank you once again for sharing that. Mahalo for hosting the meeting this evening. We appreciate you coming to our island and getting to know us a little better. My family has been homesteaders from the pilot project in Kalamaula. My background is health but I have a business called Homestead generations encompassing of many things that were spoken about tonight. One of my hopes is to be able to provide things like loulou for traditional hale. Another thing I wanted to talk about is water on our island and how critical it is. The drought has made it very obvious and when you drive around it looks very barren. I think it would behoove all of us if you could take every opportunity that you can to support homestead agriculture through supporting water projects. There is a Ho'olehua water system improvement water project. It is a big project about \$34 to \$48 million dollars. I heard that part of that was a loan from the state and I do not know who is supposed to pay that back, I hope it does not translate into higher water rates for us. This is the drinking water well and it impacts me personally because it comes right through my homestead. The Moloka'i irrigation system also comes across the homesteaders to

allow farmers to farm. Not all of the homesteaders can access that water. I believe this is on annual basis having to negotiate with the Board of Water supply. That type of support is important to us to get that allotment. We are in competition with some of the areas that came after Ho‘olehua on the west end property and other places that are secondary residences for people who may not necessarily are trying to make their living and contributing to the community in a very valuable way. If we are trying to support Hawaiians then the priority should really be with our usage as farmers and Moloka‘i people. This is an aging system approximately eighty years old, this is the life span before you start running into public health issues. Also, all of the upstream improvements are coming to benefit the homesteaders because that is what the sytem was developed for. I just wanted to bring your awareness to this project and how important it is. I am also working on our Board to see that the thousands of acres in our family can also support the sink holes of increase agriculture on our island. Thank you.

**Announcements**

**Trustee Alapa** Tomorrow morning we will be right back here for our Board of Trustees meeting at 10 am.

**Adjournment**

**Trustee Akaka** Moves to adjourn the meeting.

**Chair 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			
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	X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>7</b>			

**Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXX 2022.

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Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

**Attachments:**

1. Action Item BOT #22-09: A Resolution of The Office of Hawaiian Affairs Honoring the Contributions of Colette Machado to The Island of Moloka'i, The Native Hawaiian Community, and the State of Hawai'i.
2. Community Sign-in Sheet

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