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(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Board of Trustees
ISLAND OF MOLOKA'I MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, July 19, 2022
10:00am

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keli'i Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee John Waihe'e, IV

ADMINISTRATION:

Sylvia Hussey, CEO
Casey Brown, COO
Ramona Hink, CFO
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel
Nietzsche Ozawa, Interim Senior Legal Counsel
Capsun Poe, Comm. Engagement Director
Lei-Ming Ayat-Verdadero, Beneficiary Svcs. Mngr.
Alice Silbanuz, Comm Director
Daniel Santos, IT Support
Arlene Aguinaldo, IT Support
Tiger Li, IT Mngr.
Gayla Haliniak, Beneficiary Services Agent
Josh Koh, Multi-Media Designer
Jason Less, Multi-Media Designer

BOT STAFF:

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

GUEST:

Keomailani Hirata
DeGray Vanderbilt
Valerie Dudoit-Tehere
Christine Cummings-Aldopho

Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 10:02 a.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	LEINA‘ALA	AHU ISA	X	
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		X
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE‘E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
			6	

At the Call to Order, **six (6)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Good morning everyone and welcome to our Moloka‘i Island Board of Trustees meeting. We are happy to be here with all of you. Not only are we here in person but we are livestreaming on OHA’s website, www.oha.org/livestream.

A quick note, the new Sunshine Law under Act 264 is that the OHA BOT and Committees may no longer take oral testimony only at the beginning of a board’s agenda or meeting. This means I will call on testifiers for each item on the agenda before any action is taken. In order to allow time for all of our beneficiaries to testify you will be given five (5) minutes to share your mana‘o. Your name will be called, and your microphone will be unmuted when it is your turn to testify. If you are not audible, you will be muted, and the next testifier will be called.

Joining the Trustees this morning is our CEO - Sylvia Hussey, my staff Board of Trustees Secretary - Lehua Itokazu, and Aides – Kanani Iaea and Amber Kalua.

I will ask each Trustee to introduce themselves and their staff.

Trustee Akina Aloha mai, I am Keli‘i Akina, Trustee At-Large. I am with my Aide, Reuben Sierra. I also want to say mahalo to Trustee Alapa for her hospitality that reflects the spirit of the island. Thank you for coming today and we look forward to your mana‘o.

Trustee Waihe‘e Aloha everybody, I am John Waihe‘e, IV, trustee-at-large. I also want to thank our colleague and friend, Trustee Alapa for hosting us over the past two days. Thank you to all the people fo Moloka‘i that came out and showed us so much hospitality. My Aide is with me, Crayn Akina. I look forward to hearing from all of you, thank you.

Trustee Akaka Aloha pumehana kākou, my name is Kalei Akaka. I am honored to serve as your O‘ahu Island Trustee as well as the OHA Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment. Joining me today is my kōkua, my Aide, Brandon Mitsuda, my ‘ohana, my husband Tyler and our baby, Aeiwaiwa. Mahalo nui for welcoming us all to Moloka‘i. We are so thankful to be here in person and to hear your mana‘o. Mahao to Trustee Alapa for making this all possible, Pohai, Chair and her staff, and for everyone for making this visit possible

Trustee Alapa I do want to say thank you to everyone who was apart of the 2022 island Board of Trustee meeting. I am honored to share and meet with our constituents. I want to say mahalo to my fellow Trustees who have joined me the past couple of days. I am happy I got to share and educate you about what our land is about and our people who live sustainably. It takes a village to get all of this done and to put our meetings together, I want to say a big mahalo to Gayla, you did wonderful. I also wanted to say mahalo to Mango who played our music last night. I would also like to thank Pohai who is my Trustee Aide for pulling everything off with Gayla. I am so blessed to be apart of this, mahalo.

Trustee Ahu Isa I apologize that I could not be with you this year. I wanted to say aloha to all of my resilient and relentless Moloka‘i ohana, you folks are amazing. Thank you to Trustee Alapa, mahalo.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you Trustees, I am Trustee Hulu Lindsey, I am the Maui Trustee and I am also serving as the Board Chair. I would also like to introduce our Board Secretary-Lehua Itokazu and one of my Aides-Amber Kalua and an Aide joining us by Zoom is Kanani Iaea. I also want to thank Trustee Alapa and Pohai for hosting us. I would like to ask our Ka Pouhana or our COO to introduce our staff with us today.

Capsun Poe, Community Engagement Director Aloha kākou, some of the OHA team we have here on Moloka‘i is myself, Alice Silbanuz, Lei Ayat-Verdadero, Gayala Halianak, Jason Lees, Josh Koh, and Tiger Li. Attending online we have Ka Pouhana-Dr. Sylvia Hussey, Casey Brown-COO, Ramona Hink-CFO, Everett Ohta-Interim Corporate Counsel, Nietzsche Ozawa-Interim Sr. Legal Counsel, and our IT support-Dan Santos, Arlene Aguinaldo, and Kevin Chak.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Hulu Lindsey We will move on to the approval of minutes.

1. June 28, 2022

Trustee Akina moves to approve the minutes.

Trustee Waihe‘e seconds the motion.

Trustee Akina Moves to approve the minutes of						
1. June 28, 2022						
Trustee Waihe‘e Seconds the motion.						
	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			

TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA	X		X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE						X
TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK						X
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E		X	X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			6			3
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with six (6) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (3) Excused.						

Status of OHA Activities

Casey Brown, COO Aloha mai, just a brief overview for the island community report. OHA produces a report for each island. There is a more in depth report that is posted online post meetings. We invite the community to take a look at that report. The report is organized around education data, health data, economic data, and housing data. Some of the issues that we try to characterize to represent the greatest concerns for your moku are also in this report. For example we have the Kawela water stream issue. You will also see information relating to the granting that OHA does in your moku. We have eleven different grantees here in Moloka'i. Lastly, we have loans that we give out. In Moloka'i we have about ten loans totalling about \$100K mostly focused on home improvements and debt consolidation. Pelase take a look at the report and let us know if we are missing anything.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Do we have anyone signed up to speak on this item?

Baord Secretary No one is signed up to speak on this item.

Community Concerns and Celebrations

Keomailani Hanapihi Hirata Aloha and mahalo for coming to Moloka'i. Today, I am here as a represenative as a Moloka'i Island Burial Council, MKK IBC. One of the things the council strives to continue to do is to address and bring forward our culture protocols and to remind everyone who we are and where we come from. The MKK IBC has looked at the different agencies and the people in those agencies who have helped us. Our kuleana is great and it's about us malama-ing our ancestors. Today the MKK IBC wants to acknowledge the MKK OHA staff on island, Gayla Haliniak. In your Ka Wai Ola newspaper, which featured Gayla, this question was asked of her. What is your kuleana at OHA? Her response was "my

kuleana is to serve our lāhui spiritually and culturally and to uplift our Native Hawaiian people in anyway possible. From directing them to OHA services, to building partnerships with other agencies and outside resources.” That portion alone, we, MKK IBC wanted to acknowledge all the things that Gayla has done for us, such as facilitating meetings and letting us use OHA’s conference room. I have a letter from the MKK IBC for Gayla. Mahalo Gayla.

DeGray Vanderbilt Aloha Trustees, I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you this morning. I’ve lived on Molokai for forty years, the last two years on Maui. I am the former Chair of the Molokai Planning Commission. Although I am testifying under Community concerns, I do not have a concern with OHA. I am here this morning to share with you my appreciation for OHA’s sustained support over many years for Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa, nonprofit organization conceived by the residents of Kalaupapa who wanted to have an organization in place as their numbers grew smaller so their voices would continue to be heard and the legacy they envisioned for Kalaupapa would be realized. Ka ‘Ohana’s board also shares a strong appreciation for OHA’s unyielding support. I am currently secretary and legislative liaison for Ka ‘Ohana and I have been involved with Kalaupapa for almost a quarter of a century. I developed lasting friendships with many of the Kalaupapa residents, unfortunately, many of my friends have passed away. Only nine Hawaii citizens have the rights to live out their lives in Kalaupapa remain alive today. The average age is over 85, the eldest is John A. who is 97 years young and still drives his truck all over Kalaupapa. Many years ago residents of Kalaupapa conceived of the Kalaupapa memorial project that would list the names of almost 8,000 Hawaii citizens who formally taken from their families, their lives, and the lands on their home islands because of Government separation policy for those who were diagnosed with leprosy, which today is know as Hansen’s disease. 90% of those sent to Kalaupapa are Native Hawaiian. The residents wanted Kalaupapa to take on and establish the memorial as a priority project. This brings me to the sustain support OHA has provided constantly to Ka ‘Ohana over the years. In 2003 Ka ‘Ohana approached the National Park Service, NPS to support the memorial project conceived by the residents at the local level which they had the discretionary authority to do. Unfortunately, at the time NPS did not support the project. That left Ka ‘Ohana no other alternative then to go to Washington DC and ask Congress to authorize Ka ‘Ohana to establish the memorial within Kalaupapa national historic park. We had tremendous support from our congressional team and from the residents of Kalaupapa. There was an editorial that ran in the Sunday New York Times urging congress to pass the Kalaupapa memorial legislation. On March 30, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the Kalaupapa Memorial Act. Just recently Governor Ige signed the memorial bill into law as Act 230 appropriating \$5M for the construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial. Mahalo to all of you at OHA and for all that you have done over the years to support Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa.

Valerie Duduoit-Tehere Aloha Trustees, I have many concerns. I am confused because you have the State, a County, and OHA. Who has the power to control our lands? What is OHA’s role with our lands? The monies, who does that belong to, the beneficiaries, or OHA? I think people are confused about the lands. If you are on Hawaiian homelands then it belongs to us, the beneficiaries but we do not benefit from it. They should call it Hawaiian Trust lands. I look out now and I hardly see anyone come to these meetings. It hurts me to not see our people here. I have lived here all my life, I teach hula, I’m a crafter, I’m a baker. This is how I survive. I do not sit back and relax but I work very hard. We tried to make a loan so that we could make a better life for us but we got turned down. They turned us down because we live on Hawaiian Homes. They said they could not give us a loan and allow my house to be held as collateral. Another concern I had is homes being sold. One home is next to me going for over a half a million dollars. This is a small home, three bedrooms. I don’t know how these homes can be sold for so much or how our people can afford this amount of money? These are some of my concerns, mahalo.

Keomailani Hanapihi Hirata I was raised on my families kuleana lands in East Moloka'i. I am the daughter of Alapai and Mililani Hanapi. I am here to give testimony regarding East Moloka'i generational families and kuleana landowners and descendants. One of them is a development from the Hawaiian of Department Homelands. The generational families from East Moloka'i and the kuleana landowners and descendants are opposing that project. I am speaking for no one but myself. In East Molokai there is a huge division happening. We see DHHL as a huge landowner developer. We are not oppose to getting our Kanaka people onto the land. Where the project is located is not the right place for it. In your Ka Wai Ola paper someone wrote and mentioned the historical reference Ualapue. There is a spiritual battle happening, our kupuna are fighting against the development. It has come to a point where we have Hawaiians against Hawaiians and we should never be like that. We should be able to work together and be united. I suggest that you pay attention, listen, and come to the meetings. One of the biggest issues was back in March the commission on water resource management, DHHL went in front of them and asked to reserve 800,000 gallons of water from Ualapue well. Ualapue only has one well that feeds the whole county well, that feeds the whole east end of Moloka'i. Our families on the East side of Moloka'i only use 200,000 gallons. When we talk about our water resources and kuleana as generational families in East Molokai we were told by our kupuna and ancestors that there will come a time where Moloka'i will suffer in a drought and the rest of the island will need water. In order for us to malama our island we need to stop the development in East Moloka'i. Our rivers are dying in East Moloka'i. For DHHL to come into a district like East Moloka'i that consist of kuleana landowners and seek development there is a huge division on this. We aloha allthe people from the homestead waitlist and homesteaders who have come forward to work with DHHL to get their beneficiaries back on to the 'āina and onto the land but Ualapue is notthe area to do that. Again, I am just one person but Iwanted to mention that, mahalo.

Christine Cummings-Aldofo My basic concerns is DHHL and getting them here so that we cana dvocate more of our concerns. I an number 600 somehing onthe list and I know someone who has been on the list and she is number 3. There are others who have been awarded lands prior to her. DHHL needs to come more often. The other topic is Dementia and Alzheimers. If OHA can advocate for funding for a facility or for testing here on Moloka'i, that would be awesome. We have many families being affected and younger people too. I work at Kualapu'u School as a teacher, there was one time where OHA funded a whole trip for our keiki to visit the Capitol of the United States and then it stopped. If we had more funding to take our keiki to visit historical sites, even here in Hawaii or the mainland would be awesome. Those are my concerns at this time. DHHL, I hope they can make it to Moloka'i more often, thank you.

Announcements

Chair Hulu Lindsey Again, we mahalo the Trustees for traveling to Moloka'i. Mahalo to all of you for coming out and giving testimony. We would like to thank our hostest, Trustee Alapa for taking good care of us yesterday and today. Mahalo to all the beneficiaires and community members that came out last night and today. I want you folks to know that you can call us anytime, there is a phone number attached to each one of us. We are always available to hear your concerns. Before we close the meeting up our communications department prepared a video of our site visits yesterday.

Video is shared

Adjournment

Trustee Akaka Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Alapa 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	X			
BRENDON KALEI'AINA	LEE						X
MILILANI	TRASK						X
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				6			3

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 10: 56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXX, 2022.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Excused Memo – Trustee Ahuna
2. Excused Memo – Trustee Lee
3. Excused Memo – Trustee Trask
4. Community sign-in sheet