

**STATE OF HAWAI‘I  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Kaua‘i Island Site Visit Summary  
Kānciolouma Heiau**

**of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
Board of Trustees  
Summary Report  
July 23, 2024 – 10:30 am**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kalei Akaka  
Trustee Keli‘i Akina  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Stacy Ferreira, CEO  
Kū‘ike Kamakea-‘Ōhelo, Dir. of  
‘Ōiwi Well-Being & ‘Āina Momona  
Luci Meyer, Genealogy Ancestry Specialist  
Ku‘uleianuhe Awo-Chun, Dir. of Education &  
Culture-Based Learning

**BOT STAFF:**

Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide  
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide  
Ruben Sierra, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
Anuhe Diamond, Trustee Aide  
Mele Moniz, Trustee Aide  
Richelle Kim, Trustee Secretary  
Kau Robello, Trustee Aide  
Kyla Hee, Trustee Aide  
Kauikeaolani Wailehua, Trustee Aide

**GUEST:**

Rupert Rowe

## I. Call to Order

Site visit starts at 10:34 a.m.

## II. Site Visit

### Kāneiolouma Heiau

**Rupert Rowe** – Shares background on the heiau. It is a cultural site with a sacred heiau and an ancient village located in Kōloa, Kauaʻi. The area is 20-acres and includes an old hale site and fishpond. Hui Mālama O Kāneolouma is the non-profit that oversees and was granted formal stewardship over this place.

He speaks briefly of Henry Kekahuna who was a gifted surveyor and known for mapping over sixty heiau across Hawaiʻi. Kāneiolouma is considered his last heiau surveyed. His blueprints are used in restoration efforts.

There is a restoration plan. Phase I is completed, phase II has a three-year time frame, and phase III is projected over a five-year time frame.

He has applied and received a \$800K grant and the second grant he received was \$600K. He was able to use the money to fix up the entire area and recruit individuals with expertise in different cultural aspects. Among some of the things they have lined up is on August 1<sup>st</sup> they plan to place the demigod heiau. He is hoping to have the restoration done within two years by the help of volunteers.

Now, the heiau has a problem with drainage. There is no river on this side of the island. He explains that when you look at an archaeologist report, it will reflect a cattle coral wall, but it was walls built to channel the water westward. All the caves in the area were blown up so that they could build condominiums. As they started to grow and expand, he states that they knew they would be in the battle front. He continues to explain that the State recognizes what is going on, but it is the County of Kauaʻi that does not recognize the culture. He has been told that the County controls the Heiau, and he has been told that the archaeologist is the kahu of this area also. He explained that later SHPD called to tell him that the archaeologist has not been trained properly and is not the kahu of this place. At the moment, the fight is about the water, and they continue to do research on this area.



## III. Public Testimony

None

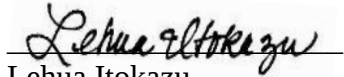
**IV. Announcements**

None

**V. Adjournment**

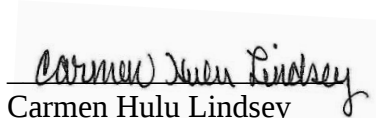
The site visit ends.

Respectfully submitted,



Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

Site Visit Summary Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on March 3, 2025



Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chair Emerita, Board of Trustees