

**STATE OF HAWAI‘I**  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
560 N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY, SUITE 200  
(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)

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A physical meeting location open to the general public will be available at the  
**Kanu O Ka ‘Āina - New Century Public Charter School**  
**Lōkahi Room**  
**64-1043 Hi‘iaka Street**  
**Kamuela, HI. 96743**  
**Viewable at [www.oha.org](http://www.oha.org).**

**Minutes of the**  
**HAWAI‘I ISLAND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 15, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Trustee Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli‘i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee Mililani Trask  
Trustee John Waihe‘e

ADMINISTRATION:

Colin Kippen, Interim CEO  
Casey Brown, COO  
Alice Silbanuz, Comm. Director  
Jason Lees, Digital Specialist  
Tiger Li, IT Manager  
Ilima Kela, BSA  
Shane Palacat-Nelsen, PP Advocate

BOT STAFF:

Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide  
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide  
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
LeiAnn Durant, Trustee Aide  
Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide  
Ruben Sierra, Trustee Aide  
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide  
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide  
Kahelelani Keawekani, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Kaui Lani Almeida  
Benson Medina  
Myron Lindsey  
Tammy Harp

## Call to Order

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Friday, September 15, 2023 at 10:03 a.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
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	KEONI	<b>SOUZA</b>		excused
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	<b>TRASK</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	<b>LINDSEY</b>	X	
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At the Call to Order, **eight (8)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

## Introductions

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Announces that this meeting can be viewed by going to OHA's website [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream).

*All Trustees introduce themselves and their staff to the community.*

**Casey Brown, COO** Introduces OHA staff attending the meeting.

### **Status of OHA Activities: Ka Pouhana/CEO's Hawai'i Island Community Report and Update on OHA's activities – Island Community Report: Hawai'i Executive Summary**

**Colin Kippen, Interim CEO** The mission of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is to better the conditions of Hawaiians. What it is saying is the conditions are not good enough. When you sit here and look past me, you can see the children and they are the best conditions right here. When we talk about bettering conditions, we want things to get better. What we do at the office, probably better than anyone around, is we collect information on what our conditions are today. This is important because we need to know what we are doing, what needs improvement, and capture the things we are already doing so well. I will not go into details of the information because there is a lot of it but if you want to find it, go to our website. We have data listed under each island.

*He shares that two video will be played for the audience to view.*

## Community Presentations (no actions are taken)

### **1. Kumukahi Legacy Lands – Iopa Maunakea and Ric Parish**

*Shares a video on Kumukahi wahi pana.*

**Iopa Maunakea** Speaks about his family and geneology. His work idea and ethic is to make it work for him to become sustainable. Every weekend they are working for the community. It is about partnership and collaboration, this can include Kamehameha schools, city and county, and non-profits.

**Trustee Trask** Kumukahi is currently under the the University of Hawai‘i. It was considered Federal Surplus property. When it was determined as surplus, it should have been returned to the State under the State process. The University intervened and instead requested the Feds avoid that law and turn that land to the UH so that they could further astronomy. This is the site. Kumukani is the aurora of the Hawaiian people. This is the place the first rays of the sun touches the earth when it rises everyday. It is very sacred to our people. When the letter of complaint came, OHA did send a letter to the University. This triggered the burial treatment implementation. The burial treatment plan has been completed and adopted. Men of PA‘A put together a program and went to Kumukahi. They cleaned that place and picked up trash, rusted trucks and cars.

## **2. Kailapa Community Association – Jojo Tanimoto**

**Jojo Tanimoto** It was wonderful to have all of you yesterday. Our community watched all of you and they noticed that you were all very attentive. We were suppose to talk about the shade for our keiki playground but they wanted you to hear the concerns of the community: water. This is because of the Lāhainā fires, we need to be fire wise and we need a fire evacuation. I will share a text I got from Hawaiian Homes, they are listening. They are going to have a consultation with the beneficiaries, so thank you. Trustee Akina had a question. He wanted to know where we had our meeting in relation to the water we were talking about. It is not far and I will send you a photo. It has not reached us for 37 years. Now that they have seen us have meetings, they now want to meet us. We were never considered in their \$600 million plan. We need an evacuation road, we still need the infrastructure. This will allow us to have an evacuation route and get water. I want to thank you very much, it has been a great day.

## **3. Change Makers Hawaii – U‘i Evans**

**U‘ilani Evans** Aloha everyone, this place has opened me up a lot more and I get to work with others. Change Makers works with the Hawaiian community along with other organizations, and offers fundraising courses. Their mission is to end poverty. The purpose is to promote economic development that engages communities, creates access to financial resources, and supports passion professions. One of the organizations they are targeting to assist with is Maku‘u Farmers Market. They have a building they want to get for their farmers market and their community. They offer a fundraising course which is 12 week, free course for Native Hawaiians and their organization. The cost is \$2,800 for one student and they cover the tuition. They have 3 students they sponsor every fall, summer and spring. The commitment and dedication required is 90 hours of community service. The community service will consist of assisting her in finding funding for these organizations and people. Her goal was to graduate, find donors, write grants, and to kōkua these small entities so that they can operate and thrive in their communities.

## **4. Hana Laulima Lāhui O Ka‘ū – Terry & Dane Shibuya and U‘i Evans**

*\*U‘ilani Evans speaks briefly of Hana Laulima*

**Community Concerns and Celebrations**

**Kaulani Alameida** Greets the Trustees and shares that she is a part of the Panaewa Hawaiian Home Lands Community Association and was elected President in 2021. She gives a brief update on the Association. The most important thing going on in Panaewa is Kamoleao which started in 1995. In the last year, something happened on the Dept. of Interior level. They questioned Act 499, the extension of public lands in the State of Hawai‘i and because the Governor never signed it, this became law. What happened next was Prince Kūhiō Plaza came forward and wanted an extension in between their lease for an additional forty years. The Department of Interior said no, not on Hawaiian Homelands. Hawaiian Homelands can (or can’t?) be treated the same as public lands like DLNR, the State of Hawai‘i. She wants to see kupaianaha (extrodinary). Kūpuna roles in the family have changed, they do not want to just stay at home and watch their mo‘opuna. She would like to repurpose Prince Kūhiō Plaza and bring a kūpuna multi-service center and build up. 85% of the lessees in her community are kūpuna. Presently, she has done years of research and she has a core community group. To accomplish this task, it has to be about the community helping and taking care of one another.

**Benson Medina** Shares that he is the President of the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce (NHCC). Over the years, the individuals started getting busy, less meetings were happening, membership dropped, and the overall status of the NHCC became dormant. In 2017, Richard Ha made some phone calls and was persistant on getting the NHCC back up and active, one of the phone calls was to Benny. He shares that he is constantly out recruiting small business owners and the common concerns among these owners are they do not want to join if they have to become legit and pay taxes. Many would prefer if they could keep everything cash. He realizes that there needs to be an educational componant along with clarity, this is the understanding part. He also feels there needs to be opportunities and the understanding of culture.

**Myron Lindsey** He is from Waimea and he shares some history of Waimea and the changes over the years. His concerns are the rising cost of housing. The land is going to the highest bidder and it is becoming a problem. He inquires if a comprehensive study could be done on what contributes to the exuberant cost of housing, and what the cost of home construction geographically are?

**Tammy Harp** Shares a letter she wrote to the DHHL Commissioners back in 2023 regarding the appointing of a PIG, Permitted Interactive Group, to investigate geothermal strategies. She expresses that the ‘Au‘au channel has endured enough. She shares her heart is with her Lāhainā ‘ohana and that her uncle was one of the first ones they found that passed away.

**Announcements**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Shares her aloha and appreciation to everyone who has helped and hosted our Hawai‘i Island meetings. A special mahalo to Kanu O Ka ‘Āina for hosting OHA’s meetings.

**Adjournment**

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

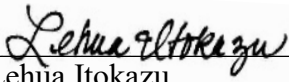
**Trustee Trask** Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
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DAN	AHUNA						Left mtg at 11:53am

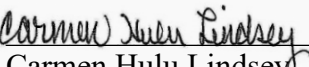
KALEI	AKAKA	X			X	
KELI'I	AKINA					Left mtg at 11:00am
LUANA	ALAPA				X	
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA				X	
J. KEONI	SOUZA					X
MILILANI	TRASK		X		X	
JOHN	WAIHE'E					Left mtg at 11:30am
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY				X	
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>					<b>5</b>	

**Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey** Adjourns the Hawai'i Island Board meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
 Lehua Itokazu  
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on May 9, 2024

  
 Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

**Attachments:**

1. Excuse Memo – Trustee Souza
2. Team PA'A Power Point



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DATE: September 13, 2023

TO: Trustee Hulu Lindsey, Chair  
Trustee Mililani Trask, Vice-Chair

FROM: Trustee Keoni Souza, Trustee At-Large

SUBJECT: **Excused Absence for BOT Meeting on Hawai'i Island September 15, 2023**

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Please excuse my absence for the Hawai'i Island BOT meeting on September 15, 2023. Please extend my sincere apologies to the members of the committee. Please forward any community slides that are not already included in the electronic folder to my Aide, Richelle Kim, after the meeting.

Mahalo.



# **TEAM PA'A**

**The Men of Pa'a...Ku'e!!!**

**501 (c)3 non profit organization**



# Men of Pa'a

Positive Action Alliance

Men of Pa'a, is a native Hawaiian 501©3 non-profit organization here on the island of Hawaii, Moku O Keawe. Our mission is to empower and enable Kanaka Ma'oli, particularly native Hawaiian men who seek recovery, restoration, and reconciliation with themselves, their ohana, and then their community through our process of Ho'okanaka...

# Ho'okanaka Process

We are culturally rooted, and communally relevant, It is a process of personal change, catalyzed by servant leadership. We are driven by our Aina Based Recovery and Aina Based Stewardship programs in achieving our 3 R's of Recovery, Restoration and Reconciliation engaging our mantra of people helping people helping people..



## RECOVERY

PERSONAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING, AND THE PRACTICE OF SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL PRINCIPALS



## RESTORATION

BEING RESTORED TO SANITY BY PRACTICING SPIRITUAL AND ANCESTRAL PRINCIPLES



## RECONCILIATION

MAKING RIGHT TO SELF, OHANA AND COMMUNITY BY LIVING OUR HO'OKANAKA PROCESS

# *Hui Kalo Project Waipi'o Ahupua'a*



## **Community Collaborations**

During the Covid-19 pandemic all other organizations slowed down and or shut down, in fact the whole state was crippled, As we incorporated the virtual platform and CDC protocols for Covid -19 We excelled and grew our Aina Based Recovery and Aina Based Stewardship programs because of incorporating our own protocols. Now in post pandemic mode we can now get back to all the organized public events we used to do and continue having long time sustaining working relationships with long time friends we have worked with over the years.

Iopa Maunakea Team Pa'a....Ku'e!!!



# Men of Pa'a

## Malama Kumukahi

- 1.) Organizational Capacity
- 2.) Programmatic Capacity
- 3.) Collaborations
- 4.) Partnerships
- 5.) Land Ownership