

**State of Hawai'i
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
535 Waine'e St.
Lahaina, HI 96761**

**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Maui Community Meeting
Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 6:30 pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Dan Ahuna called the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Maui Community Meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Those present were as follows:

Attendance

Trustee Dan Ahuna, Vice Chair	Trustee Peter Apo
Trustee Lei Ahu Isa	Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Rowena Akana	Trustee John Waihe'e IV (arrived 6:40 pm)

Excused

Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr., Chair	Trustee Colette Machado
Trustee S. Haunani Apoliona	

Staff Present

Lisa Victor, Acting CEO	Kay Watanabe
Robert G. Klein, Board Counsel	Lady Garrett
Capsun M. Poe, Board Secretary	Roy Newton
Jeremy Kama Hopkins	Thelma Shimaoka
Kauikeaolani Wailehua	Kawika Riley
Lehua Itokazu	John Rosa
U'ilani Tanigawa	John Ching
Dayna Pa	'Olu Campbell
Laurene Kaluau-Kealoha	Nancy King
Claudine Calpito	Jocelyn Doane
Davis Price	Ryan Gonzalez
Reynold Freitas	Alice Silbanuz
Crayn Akina	Joseph Lewis
Liana Pang	

Others Present

Juli Patao	Haulani Enos
Claire Paishon	Sandy Ryan
Victoria Satoafaiga	Hökū Hobbs
Alicia Kalepa	Joshua Chavez
Charles Palakiko	Mona Kapaku
Alohalani Smith	Shariann Sylva
Donna Sterlyn	Tiare Lawrence
Frank Sylva	Archie Kalepa
Kahilihina Kipapa	Nameaea Hoshino
Malihini Keahi-Heath	Carol Lee Kamekona
Johana Kamaunu	Uilani Kapu

Ross Kailani
Tammy Tanaka

Linda Magalanes
Vicki McCarty

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Ahuna, all Trustees present, and Ms. Victor introduced themselves. Trustees introduced their individual staff members and Ms. Victor also introduced all OHA Administration staff present.

III. CEO'S UPDATE ON HO'OULU LĀHUI ALOHA AND OHA ACTIVITIES

Ms. Victor reported on OHA's 2016 Legislative package, including a resolution passed asking the Governor to convene a negotiating committee to see how much money OHA is owed from the public land trust. She also announced upcoming OHA BOT meetings. In late July, OHA's Ahahui events grant program will take applications. The next community grants program is coming up, for projects beginning in July 2017. Finally, she shared that OHA opened Hale Noelo in April, a new OHA project that helps with genealogy, provides technical assistance, and is an investment in a digital future.

Vice Chair Ahuna asked Trustee Hulu Lindsey to chair the remainder of the meeting.

IV. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui

Victoria Satoafaiga, Paukukalo Clubhouse Director, shared a presentation, including information about BGCM program activities, highlighting their Power Hour program.

Trustee Akana thanked the program for its work and stated she has been impressed with their work since they first received an OHA grant.

Trustee Ahu Isa stated she had a grandson in Boys and Girls Club and was very thankful and supportive of the work they are doing.

Trustee Apo praised the work of Boys & Girls Club and the work they do with afterschool hours.

Trustee Hulu Lindsey added that Maui has won the statewide youth of the year for the past five years, due in part to the work of Boys & Girls Clubs on Maui.

Maui College Vocational Program

Julie Patao shared a presentation and thanked OHA for their first year of funding as an income grant. Hōkū Hobbs shared specific information on the work done with the grant, including educational attainment, career development, and financial literacy. She reported the successes are beyond measure, but they strive to help participants achieve their dreams and goals. She highlighted the successes of Tyra Joaquin, a participant who will attend BYU Hawai'i.

Hui Malama Learning Center

Tammy Tanaka shared photos and information about program activities this school year, with an emphasis on applied math and science. She added that each year, participants enter contests, which the program has found as an effective way to engage participants.

Sandy Ryan, executive director, shared a personal success story and thanked OHA for supporting the remedial math and language arts to a population that so desperately needs it.

Trustee Hulu Lindsey also announced an OHA Grants Workshop that will be held on June 22.

V. COMMUNITY CONCERNS/BENEFICIARY COMMENTS

Archie Kalepa brought up the issue of a Land Court case regarding Kahoma Valley in which seven of nine heirs did not make claims that they were heirs, including one of his kupuna. He stated the case could possibly empower the Hawaiian people. He was concerned for education, sustainability, and finding ways for Hawaiians to keep their land. He noted it was a confusing and costly issue.

Trustee Hulu Lindsey asked if Mr. Kalepa has legal representation. Mr. Kalepa replied that he does, but four of the nine heirs do not.

Trustee Akana encouraged Mr. Kalepa to attend the BOT meeting so that he can meet with OHA staff about this issue.

Tiare Lawrence spoke about streams and asked OHA for financial support to raise matching funds in the community to support increase Interim Instream Flow Standards in Lahaina, which allows community members to go back onto their ancestral lands. OHA could help with communications, but she would love to have some OHA advocacy staff. She also noted OHA helped with Olowalu issues.

Charles Palakiko, a taro farmer, spoke about kuleana water rights and the challenge of working with the West Maui Land Company.

Trustee Akana asked if they have consulted Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation (NHLC). Mr. Palakiko stated he has not. Trustee Akana asked staff to provide Mr. Palakiko with contact information for NHLC.

Ms. Doane reported that NHLC has worked with these groups for 14 years. She stated she would work to get more information. She stated this is a problem in several areas of Hawai'i, so OHA cannot intervene on each case, but would like to work to increase IIFS levels across the board. That has taken decades.

Ke'eaumoku Kapu, of Na 'ai kane o Maui, spoke about being in court for 18 years to address water issues and quiet land titles.

Trustee Hulu Lindsey asked Ms. Doane why Lahaina is not under the jurisdiction of the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM). Ms. Doane responded there is only one surface water management area in the state, Na Wai 'Ehā, because the people of Central Maui petitioned CWRM to designate it thus. Part of the criteria is if there is major conflict. Designation comes with a lot of work for CWRM, including standards and review and approval of every use. She added that it does not always work, so additional work needs to be done. Currently, CWRM and the County share jurisdiction. IIFS is set and changed by CWRM, regardless of whether it is a water management area or not.

J. Alohalani Smith, of Kau Kau Lani LLC, shared her Malama Loan success story with supporting small business and allowing community involvement. She received a loan in 2011 to start this food trailer business that operates in Kaupo. In addition to food services, the business also promotes the need for safety and protection from natural disasters.

Vicki McCarty spoke on land issues. She shared about Kahoma and the environmental devastation that has happened in the past six or seven years. She stated OHA does great work, but more needs to be done.

Kailani Ross spoke about the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly (SCHHA) and asked that OHA hold SCHHA officers accountable for any funds they received. She stated homesteaders never know what is going on at SCHHA and the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA). She referenced Dr. Crabbe's letter to Secretary Kerry and inquired about its status because she thought it was a good thing. She recommended OHA pay to educate more lawyers and judges. She also stated that as the representative of the head of state, there is an option to go via executive path to the political question of foreign transaction territory as it relates to Hawaii.

Blossom Feiteira, of Mokuuni O Maui SCHHA, provided an update on homestead activities.

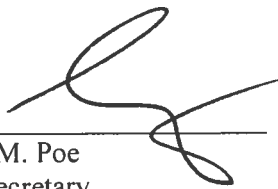
VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Hulu Lindsey announced the next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 9:30 am at UH Maui College.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

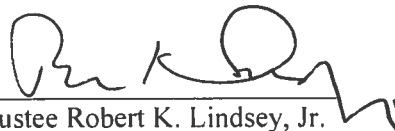
Having no further business, Trustee Hulu Lindsey adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Capsun M. Poe
Board Secretary

Approved by the Board of Trustees on June 16, 2016:



Trustee Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.
Chair, Board of Trustees