

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

COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY AND EMPOWERMENT
MINUTES

May 3, 2022 10:01 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

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

BAE STAFF:

Brandon Mitsuda
Mark Watanabe

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

Hussey, Sylvia, Ka Pouhana / CEO
Brown, Casey / COO
Hinck, Ramona / CFO
Kamali'i, Na'u / Chief Advocate
Ozawa, Nietzsche / Interim Senior Counsel
Ohta, Everett / Interim General Counsel
Chak, Kevin, IT
Santos, Dan, IT

EXCUSED:

Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Brendon Kalei'aina Lee

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair **Akaka** calls the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment meeting for Tuesday, May 3, 2022 to order at **10:01 a.m.**

Chair **Akaka** notes for the record that PRESENT are:

MEMBERS			AT CALL TO ORDER (10:01 a.m.)	TIME ARRIVED
CHAIR	KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	EXCUSED	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI'AINA	LEE	EXCUSED	
TRUSTEE	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	TRASK	PRESENT	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E, IV	PRESENT	

At the Call to Order, **SEVEN(7)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY on Items Listed on the Agenda*

NONE

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**A. 2022 OHA State Legislative Bill Package Updates – SB2122/HB1474,
SB2121/HB1473, coordinated advocacy - Matrix 1****

Chair Akaka yields the floor to Chief Advocate Kamali'i.

Chief Advocate Kamali'i: Thank you very much. I also want to add, first of all I'd like to start with a mahalo to staff and to the Board for support. As everyone is experiencing, this is a historic circumstance that we're in where you know our Public Land Trust bill in its current form looks and appears as if it is going to be successfully adopted this year as law, however, we still have the votes that you had indicated, but also action by the Governor. So we'll wait until that is officially done and then obviously we'll be taking action on the law itself, but I also wanted to mahalo the community. Those who are watching, our Native Hawaiian community who have come out throughout the year of the session to testify at its various public hearings. And you know it really takes everyone at every juncture at every hearing to make this kind of thing happen, many of whom made phone calls to their Legislators, who hosted meetings in their communities. I'm getting calls also today to come back to the community to explain, you know what this all means, what does the bill really say, so it's an ongoing process with our community relative to this type of measure, but also there are many other measures that were successfully adopted this year, particularly in the women's prison or the women's caucus, their measures dealing with abducted, you know sex abuse abducted children, bill reform, you know those are all things that our team will continue to assess and come back to the Board with further understanding of things that don't involve money but they significantly affect lives and that's another important piece of the policy work in the bills before the legislature. So mahalo to all those groups, committees, nonprofits etc. helped pass some of those measures which significantly affect our Native Hawaiian community and OHA seeking to take action in the betterment of our community.

There is more to be done in those areas where it doesn't involve money but it involves a lot of hard work so I'll just say to the community we're committed going forward even at this point in time, as we look at our calendar which is you know the final decking was on the 29th of April we're here on May 3. The session will be pau on the fifth, and then we wait for the Governor's action, but we know getting it this far to the third, and you know action on the floor, which is ongoing. It took a lot of work by a lot of people and not just one or two people even at OHA to make some of these things happen, so I have to start with, you know mahalo to everyone who made that not happen, so I sort of jumped ahead, and you know, expressing the calendar.

The first item on businesses, the unfinished business relative to our bill, so I do want to add to as well, Chair indicated that she'll be with the Senate, but many of us are watching live just before this meeting that there was acknowledgement of OHA, acknowledgement of our CEO from the Members of the House to her sitting in the gallery, but also acknowledgement in Sylvia Luke's statement regarding all of the work done for the betterment of Native Hawaiians which includes DHHL, which includes monies that are for Native Hawaiian programming, which includes money you know better available for these other programs that may not get as much newsworthy attention but are critical for the betterment and condition of our people, so there was acknowledgement of hard work done in the House so we'll see what happens on the Senate side, so I did want to acknowledge or let you know that OHA was acknowledged, but in particular our CEO was acknowledged as being someone in the gallery.

All right, going forward we'll sort of skip through what is major number one really quickly because of those bills are dead.

Chair Akaka: Na'u if I may, I also wanted to say something regarding the Public Land Trust passing in our Conference Committee. This truly is historic and I really want to make note of that. This has been a work done by many as you had said, and I want to send also a sincere mahalo to our Board Chair Hulu Lindsey for being so steadfast with our Ka Pouhana, our COO, Na'u, Sherry Broder, our Public Policy Staff, our Communication staff Alice and your crew there and also a special mahalo to Senator Donovan of the Ways and Means Committee and the Finance Chair Sylvia Luke, and also Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Senator Michelle Kidani and also to Representative Mark Nakashima. There's so many that worked so hard on this and the communication throughout this Legislative session, before this, the years leading up to this, the people have worked so very hard and we also mahalo our community, all those who are unsung heroes, that are not always spoken of but that have backed us in this Public Land Trust Bill. This is really not just the win for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, but this is truly a win for Hawaiian people so that we can provide more funding and more services within our community and this is all aligned with our strategic plan, so this is wonderful wonderful news and we mahalo the Governor in advance to support us to pass this bill.

Mahalo nui to all those listening. But again, this is really, really an amazing feat, that when our Hawaiian people are able to be productive, more self reliant it uplifts our community as a whole, so mahalo nui to everyone, for all your work on this mahalo, mahalo, mahalo.

I also want to announce to our Members that our committee folder was distributed within the 72 hour deadline with the board materials, so thereby we're requiring a waiver of the 72 hour deadline for Board materials. Mahalo, Na'u please continue.

Chief Advocate Kamali'i: Thank you very much. Matrix 1 as you know dealt with all of our initial introduction of measures. I will say the current version is interestingly, there were sections of our initial bill that were inserted into the current version of the measure. So for those who are listening, thank you to the team, Sherry Broder, you know Everett who's always been online that it took a team of attorneys to be maka'ala to read these words as we went back and forth between the House the Senate and OHA. To keep bringing meaning, even as it went from our request to 78.9 million to net and then somewhere to an interim bill, and emphasize an interim bill. Which is what we're experiencing now, which means that there's a working group that's also established. But the work has not been completed, it is somewhat only started.

B. 2022 OHA State Legislature Bill Position Related to Measures Naming OHA – Matrix 2**

So, as we move forward to what is Matrix 2, I'll bring forward the discussion of 2021 as well. The first bill on Matrix 2 is the Mauna Kea bill. As you know our position was opposed for a number of reasons, particularly tied to the ceded lands and the management on Mauna Kea and the continuing management, even in the current form of the bill by the University of Hawai'i. I don't know if this time, if you wish to go into Executive Session on Mauna Kea because it is in its you know so called final form and it's 48 hour notice form that will be voted on, if there's any issues or legal issues that you wish to discuss relative to the ceded lands, particularly Mauna Kea because it's the first bill. So Chair if there any Members of the Trustees that wish to have that advice to Counsel you can request that at this time, otherwise I can only say that it's a 48 hour notice period.

Chair Akaka: Members, would anyone be interested?

Board Chair Hulu Lindsey: There's nothing to discuss.

Chief Advocate Kamali'i: Alright, so if that is being on 48 hour notice, whether it's going to be voted on in its current form, we will see to that. The other bills that made it, 1411, 2021, which is our PLT bill that are also being voted on. Note with regard to the 2770, both Sherry Broder and I were in conference committee at the time that that was voted to be deferred. It appeared to be an issue with regard to money initially 2 million was appropriated for that bill, but in conference I guess the reason was money but we're never really sure what the reason is but that bill died, however, Representative Ganaden gave us a rather sort of nice departing speech regarding how important these programs or rehabilitative programs for prison inmates are. OHA is not stopping at this point just because the bill dies, there's some question whether or not we would be able to enter into an MOA or do any further work. So I'll say in this area for the Community listening that this is an important bill, it is not stopped for us at this point just because the bill died, it's rather beginning, certainly if it needs to be changed in form for next session, that is something that the team will be looking at, as well as working with Representatives or Senators regarding you know programs for our Native Hawaiian prisoners that emphasize Native Hawaiian values and cultural practices, however, the status of 2770 is that it did not survive conference.

So those are the bills that have survived so far up to this point, there are others that died earlier, we will continue to assess the bills where OHA was named and all the bills that we've already started that work. I'm hoping we can get to next meeting, if not next week, then the following week to give you a better assessment of where all of these bills lie, even those that died early on in the session. Any questions regarding what are, what is the OHA named. I don't know Casey perhaps if you want to go through the detail of 2021 we can do that at this time, or we can move on and you know discuss it, there is out on the website and that's what we have the committee report for CD1, Conference Draft 1 that was filed on the 29th and then we also have the final version of the bill SB2021, which is our Public Land Trust bill. So Chair, Casey, let me know if you wish to go through that. What would you like to do?

COO Brown: Madam Chair Akaka, leave it to the Trustees and to you, and you know what you folks feel like you might need more information on that or any lingering questions or wonderings, we'll put that to the Trustees.

Board Chair Hulu Lindsey: I think if, Na'u if you would just explain to the Trustees what the bill comes down to, the 64, the 21, and the committee and basically that's what it covers. If you could share with them so that they know exactly what it covers.

Chief Advocate Kamali'i: Okay, thank you, I'll do that. A little start I don't know why I feel is relevant to me, but it feels relevant to me to go back to the start, all the work done to create the bill, which was 2122 our bill that we submitted for package, we felt at that time, given the history of the legislation prior to simplify the legislation did not propose a working group, but to simplify it in terms of what will be the annual share, what do we do with CFTHA, how is it paid out quarterly right, and then what do we do with the past due sum and we went on a rocky road journey from then to now. So what is left is an interim measure, and it addresses essentially the same thing, I.e. to address what is the constitutional duty of care to Native Hawaiians to account for all the ceded lands in the Public Land Trust. To account for all the income and the proceeds derived from the Public Land Trust and to transfer the full 20% pro rata share of income and proceeds from the Public Land Trust annually to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the betterment and the condition of Native Hawaiians. Simply that is still what this bill is about and that's a good thing, because we disagree or still have questions about what is the ceded land trust inventory. We still have questions about well we don't know that what is the income and proceeds derived from the Public Land Trust, and then we fought hard to maintain what is the 20% pro rata share of the income and proceeds.

So some of the questions that we posed at the beginning of the session they're still there, what's different is a working group is in place, so how did they resolve the interim measure on page seven, which establishes for particular purposes of this Act. One, to establish 21.5 million as the Office of Hawaiian Affairs interim annual share of income and proceeds of the Public Land Trust beginning fiscal year 22-23. That may seem fairly simple but we needed to emphasize that this is an interim annual share for the community listening, there was

no negotiation, where we started from the 78.9 million to where we are now, this is, you know, this is a bump up and it's based upon what we might consider you know inflation, as was indicated and actually made quite clear from our Speaker of the House Sylvia Luke this morning in her floor speech to her fellow members.

Second, appropriate 64 million to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, as indicated by the House and also in a committee report the 64 million represents taking the 21.5 retroactively applying that back to 2012 and we come up with 64 million. What is missing is what will happen to CFTHA, there's no mention of the CFTHA or the holding trust account in this bill so that is still a question to be addressed and there's also, as you know, the sum was based upon inflation. So there's still a question of what is the full past due amount, or what is the past due amount starting from 2012 going forward. So, as we look further through the bill section two also and that's 12 notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 10 Hawai'i Revised Statutes including section 10-13.5. Very important because there was a point in time where this 10-13.5 was amended to reflect a net income and proceeds and we fought hard to make sure that that did not happen, and so that was removed, I think there was understanding in both houses that there's just lots of precedent based upon 20% income and proceeds, Budget and Finance even spoke to that so that is still in place, however, the interim amount is what remains.

So you'll see on line 20, page seven, at the bottom, we have the 21.5 million. Moving to Section three. This reflects the quarterly amount that's suggested, so the three line 12 page eight there is 3,775,000 which is deleted and then replaced with the 5,375,000 that's based upon the new annual interim annual of 21.5 million, so we have a bump up every quarter. I'll leave it to Administration to explain how that might happen if the Governor signs, so we say mahalo to the Governor for moving this bill forward, but the timing of those payments I'll leave to Administration to address.

Going down through the bill is more or less laying out how the department, which is familiar language 16 through 20 are to pay, how they are to transfer those sums, that's all what we are familiar with. Pursuant to the Public Land Trust income and proceeds. Regarding the next page, page nine, lines six through eight, there was a question if the working group did its work and we found that there are more than 5,375,000 that should be due we wanted to make sure that not less than that amount is coming to us so it's not fixed at that figure for another 10 years. 15.1 remember, we were fixed at that number for 10 years and then the overages went into CFTHA. So if there are increases, we wanted to make sure that was a minimum floor. So it says, provided that a total of not less than 3,375,000 each quarter she'll be transferred so in the event that there's more we're hoping that, with this language, the government, the Governor has the authority to transfer the access to us. There are technicals to line three through six maybe at the appropriate time Sherry can come back or Everett can come back and explain that, but let me get through the bill.

Line nine, section three to line 19, this establishes the purpose of the working group I.e. to account for all the ceded lands in the public land trust inventory, to account for all income and proceeds from the Public Land Trust inventory and then to determine the 20% pro rata share. What is not here is to determine what the past due amount is for the period of 2012 through 2022 so that is not there, however, certainly in looking at what all income and proceeds are due from the Public Land Trust there will probably be some discussion about that. Also, to note that how the working group is comprised, it's six members three three, so there's no four three or three four vote on both the state side and OHA side. Don't know what's going to happen if it's a lock, who the tiebreaker is but I suppose the committee will figure that out if they are voting three on OHA side and three on the state side, but the idea is that everyone has equal you know accountability and Constitutional duty to work through this.

I guess I'll skip down to line 11 page 10, there was discussion early on and we thought that this might be a reason why the bill might be deferred was that money was to be appropriated to Budget and Finance, 250,000. We didn't want Budget and Finance to assume what is the administrative support, including preparation of the report, etc. We were concerned that if an additional appropriation was made to an agency or to Budget and Finance that could be a sticking point for deferring or killing the bill. So there was a question whether or not the Office of Hawaiian Affairs would assume that responsibility and leadership determined that that would be fine,

we have done it before in other bills, such as the Burial Council bill. So in section D, Office of Hawaiian Affairs shall provide any necessary administrative support, including preparation of the report required by sub section C to the working group. Note that we would be the authors of the initial draft, and then the working group would approve that, so there are other things to consider other than the necessary administrative support. So note that we did assume that responsibility, initially, they were going to appropriate money to Budget and Finance to assume that responsibility.

Sections four, again I mentioned this, the 64 million coming to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, so this is appropriated out of the general revenue of the State of Hawai'i to OHA and yet section five the general revenue appropriation by the act is deemed to be income and proceeds from the Public Land Trust. So we had a discussion about whether or not this section would be deemed as a settlement from the state side of all the past due sums that was due from 2012 to 2022. There was concern in the initial draft, so the way that was resolved was to add the language on line 17 that this amount to be paid to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for a portion of the income and proceeds from the Public Land Trust, so that word portion is there so that it's clear that this is not the amount that is due, remember we started off with \$638 million and certainly \$64 million is not equal to \$638 million, so the working group will have to resolve that and the language or the word portion is to reflect our desire to be clear that this is just a portion of what is due, not necessarily an installment because that would indicate that that would be an installment you know, there would be an understanding of what the total amount is but that hasn't been determined yet so for the community looking at this there was no negotiating of the entire amount, that's still on the table to be addressed by the working group.

The Act will take effect on its approval. I didn't pull out the technical areas here, I'll leave that either to Everett or Sherry to jump in and address those other areas. There used to be language in there and I'm actually not seeing it here that the working group would convene this year or by February 28. So either Sherry or Everett there were concerns regarding claims that were addressed in this version of the bill, if you would like to share that now, this would be the time to point out those sections, thank you.

Okay, so are there any questions regarding the quick review that I've gone through.

External Counsel Broder: Yes, thank you. I think that the issue of past due amounts, I think it's unclear from the bill as to what supposed to be done about that. I think that part of what happened was Na'u and I went to all the conference committee hearings, but in fact we never saw the final version of the bill, we saw some redrafts that Sylvia sent us but you know it's the first time I've seen the final version of the bill, so we didn't really have an opportunity to comment in the end, on the final, although we did you know work closely with Sylvia, who seems to be up all hours of the night to work on bills. You know, on what was going back and forth. I think that if we take a look at, I'm looking at a different I guess version of the bill that I printed off from the website, but if we look in the finding section before we get to one, two and three. Casey is it possible to find where that is you know where it says the purpose of this act is to 123, go to the page before and at the end of that page. Okay, the paragraph before that references OHA's financial review that was done and then it found 20% of this gross amount is approximately \$78,900,000, so I think that's good for OHA because it, you know it acknowledges the financial review and the findings of the financial review, which of course this is what OHA wanted instead of the 21.5 million. So it at least acknowledges that, it doesn't say if that's right or wrong, but it doesn't say that it's wrong, so I think it acknowledges that our figures are very different than what the Legislature finally came up with, and then in the next paragraph you know it finds that the Legislature must enact another legislative measure in light of the information data and facts provided to the Legislature by state agencies, I think that that's also a good. Those lay some good foundations for the work of the working group, and you know their statements made there that can be utilized and then when it gets to one, two and three it specifically says what is the purpose of the Act and so I was very happy, I think we should be very happy to see the word interim, at least in the purpose section of the Act, so you know that I think so those three statements together, the three issues together in the findings that they are good for OHA and set a positive avenue for the work ahead of the working group.

So basically in section two and for this bill they really reuse Act 178 and kept it simple. So they just made a few changes to Act 178. Basically, the years and the numbers and that to establish what the new amounts would be for OHA and I think that's also good for OHA because you know, this is a follow up to Act 178 and specifically it's finding this bill is finding that OHA was owed more money than what it was paid, so I think that this is also a positive piece of positive developments that hopefully will become the basis and guidelines for the working group.

Okay, section three. The assignment of the working group is to account for all lands in the Public Land Trust inventory. So that is a pretty big assignment, but I think the way that the working group is set up where state agencies are required to cooperate with this working group is going to put OHA in a very good position to work on this project. I don't know you know if this goal can be accomplished within one year, but certainly if the state agencies have to cooperate as part of the working groups work. That should give OHA a leg up in working on this project. There is no date in this section three as Na'u pointed out, for when the appointment is going to be made, I don't know if the Legislature didn't want to tell the Governor what to do. But in any event there's no date, so I hope that's not going to create a problem and the issue I think will be if it is this Governor or the next Governor who will make the appointments and I don't know if that's probably something that the Committee wants to discuss maybe at a later meeting. As after you know if the bill is actually passed not vetoed or something like that, but to give consideration to how you want to approach what's the best way to approach getting people appointed, I mean, obviously, if this Governor appointed three people I would assume the next Governor would have the prerogative to replace those three people if he or she wanted to.

Okay, as Na'u said, OHA will provide the administrative support and OHA specifically agreed to that, I think this committee is great for OHA because OHA has got an equal voice, it's three and three, so OHA's voice is equal to the voice of the state, and I think that's really good for OHA and to have OHA providing an administrative report and support in including preparation of the report that's also good for OHA because OHA will have control over that report. Of course a contrary or opposing report can also be prepared, but in any event, you know, sometimes when you do the work yourself, you can have a better result.

Section four as Na'u pointed out specifically appropriates the 64 million for a portion of the income and proceeds, so along with some of the statements that are made at the beginning of the bill that I pointed out, you know relating to its interim status, I think that it can be certainly utilized to, with the interim measure issue to again set the stage for the working group. I don't know why they didn't use the CFTHA money but hopefully, perhaps the reason for that is to be still able to use the CFTHA money in the event that the transfers from the state agencies don't meet the new quarterly amount that is to be paid. So it's possible but I'm just guessing, no one discussed it with me as to why they didn't use the CFTHA money and of course section five, that's great because it's makes it very clear that the money appropriated is not an appropriation but it's the amount due to OHA for its ceded land revenues and that goes back to AG opinion 03-04 that says that because the moneys not appropriated it's up to the Board of Trustees to determine how the funds should be expended. So are there any questions, mahalo.

Chief Advocate Kamali'i: Alright, thank you very much, Sherry for adding that other flavor to this bill and I'll say that you know there's still a lot of work to be done in as much as where we're happy at that is where it's at. We will continue to be very diligent to the community on what our Constitutional obligation is to Native Hawaiian people relative to the ceded lands, the lands and that which flows from those lands and the income and proceeds.

C. 2022 OHA Legislature Bill Positions Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians – Matrix 3**

D. 2022 OHA Legislature Bill Positions and Monitored Bills Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians – Matrix 4 **

E. 2022 OHA Legislature Resolution Positions and Monitored Resolutions Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians – Matrix 5**

So moving forward to what is Matrix 3, at this point where we're talking about Matrix 3, 4 and 5, these are the bills that affect Native Hawaiians. Matrix 4 is sort of all the bills that we were looking at and Matrix 5 are the resolutions. I can just generally reference the status that we know these bills are at, either they did not survive or they're continuing and their 48 hour notice. I'm getting texts from Ka Pouhana, she's you know still there at the House, they're moving through bills as we are having this meeting relative to what their decisions are, and then we have even though they passed through both bodies, the House and the Senate, we still have the Governor that may either veto or sign or go through that statutory period.

So Chair, there is not much left here, we have the Mauna Kea. What I'd like to do is just generally reference them, and if there are any questions from the Trustees because they're all in the same situations, they're being discussed as we are speaking of being the 48 hour notice period and they're on the floor of both Houses. I would like to Madam Chair just reference the bills if there are any questions, that's the status.

BAE Chair Akaka: Yes, please do.

Chief Advocate Kamali'i: Any questions for our Trustees? All right, thank you very much. Matrix 4 same thing. Those which did not have a position of support or oppose etc., they were monitored so that's just the larger matrix which also showed those bills that we were monitoring. There being no change in a position, they're still in the same position as those which are Matrix 3. Are there any questions regarding any bills that were monitored or otherwise supported or opposed.

Then the resolutions as well, so I'll just leave it to the Trustees. Having received the matrix in the electronic folder, any questions regarding the resolutions? Okay, thank you very much, if not then, Madam Chair that will conclude the status and again the session ends on Friday and we'll move into see what the Governor does.

Chair Akaka: Mahalo nui, Na'u

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consultation with Interim General Counsel Everett Ohta re: questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities with respect to the Public Land Trust and associated legislation, pursuant to HRS§92-5(a)(4).

NONE

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Akaka: I'll pass this on to our COO to announce what's happening at the Capitol tomorrow.

COO Brown: Tomorrow, we have been informed of a Native Hawaiian Caucus gathering, this is being organized by number of people, Jacob Aki being one of them, but the purpose of this is to highlight and celebrate Native Hawaiian actions from this 2022 ledge session. Benefits of people being able to support each other are another purpose as well. A number of speakers are being lined up. OHA of course is going to be

sending a speaker and it's going to be Chair Hulu and so we have our com team drafting a short speech for Chair and she'll be speaking on behalf of OHA. We have a tentative sort of run of show for the day, Daniel Holt looks like will be opening the speech and then it'll kick over to DHHL and then it'll go over to OHA and then Mauna Kea, it is our understanding that Noenoe will be speaking and then they'll be a closing by Senator Keohokalole. Again this starts at 10am tomorrow that's sort of what drove the rescheduling of our Nā Lama Kukui blessing.

Chief Advocate Kamali'i: Casey, can I give a shout out to our com team. You know, a big part of our being able to move as we have is Alice and you know Ed and Pua, who have been more than on top of it they've been sort of in front of it and creating all the vehicles that were necessary, starting with videos, emails regarding news media that wanted to talk to whomever to get the status and also and encouraging us to be there, but also as you've seen they've been at the end of this session writing all of the texts that's necessary for Chair to make her statements and it doesn't go without saying that somebody is writing those things and working with a team of people to get that done so mahalo.

Chair Akaka: Members, are there any other announcements? I understand that we have a RM Committee meeting later today at 1:30 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Akaka: I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Waihe'e: So moved, Madam Chair.

Trustee Alapa: Second.

Chair Akaka: It's been moved and seconded. Any discussion members? Seeing none, can we please have **roll call vote**, Brandon.

TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA						EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA		2	X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE						EXCUSED
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E, IV	1		X			
CHAIR KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				7	0	0	2

MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

Chair Akaka: The meeting is now adjourned, mahalo members, all in attendance, and to all live streaming. A hui hou kākou, mālama pono.

Chair Akaka adjourns the BAE meeting at **11:08 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandon R. Mitsuda". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Brandon Mitsuda Trustee Aide
Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

As approved by the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE) on 10/25/22.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kaleihikina Akaka". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Chair
Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment