

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

June 26, 2024 1:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keli'i Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria
Trustee C. Hulu Lindsey
Trustee John Waihe'e, IV

EXCUSED:

Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Keoni Souza
Trustee Mililani Trask

BAE STAFF:

Nathan Takeuchi
Mark Watanabe

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

Ferreira, Stacy / CEO
Hinck, Ramona / CFO
Ozawa, Nietzsche / Interim Senior Counsel
Ohta, Everett / Interim General Counsel
Kalima, Aikū'ē / NHRLF Manager
Wade, Kelcie / IT
Santos, Dan / IT

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Akaka calls the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment meeting for Wednesday, June 26, 2024 to order at **1:31 p.m.**

Chair Akaka notes for the record that PRESENT are:

MEMBERS			AT CALL TO ORDER (1:31 p.m.)	TIME ARRIVED
CHAIR	KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	PRESENT	
Trustee	DAN	AHUNA	EXCUSED	
Trustee	KELI'I	AKINA	PRESENT	
Trustee	LUANA	ALAPA	PRESENT	
Trustee	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	PRESENT	
Trustee	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	PRESENT	
Trustee	KEONI	SOUZA	EXCUSED	
Trustee	MILILANI	TRASK	EXCUSED	
Trustee	JOHN	WAIHE'E, IV	PRESENT	

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

II. New Business

- A. Action Item BAE #24-03: To Approve the First Terms of Elizabeth Lehua Kauka as the Moloka'i Island Representative and Louisa Lee as the Hawai'i Island Representative for the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund Board of Directors.

NO TESTIFIERS ON THIS ITEM

Chair Akaka yields the floor to Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund (NHRLF) Manager Aikū'ē Kalima

NHRLF Manager Kalima: Aloha Trustees, Aikū'ē Kalima, Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund Manager. I'm here to provide background information on the Action Item, to request the approval of first terms of Elizabeth Lehua Kauka as the Moloka'i Island Representative and Louisa Lee as the Hawai'i Island Representative for the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund. Just to give you some background information, back in September, Moloka'i Board of Director Wilmina English requested to step down due to personal medical reasons and in January, Hawai'i Island Board of Director Kirstin Kahaloa requested to step down due to increased kuleana as she serves as the State Representative for District 6. The NHRLF would like to mahalo both Ms. English and Ms. Kahaloa for there almost three years of service to the NHRLF Program and to the lāhui.

The NHRLF is recommending Ms. Kauka as the Moloka'i Board of Director. Her experience, she is currently the District Manager for Cricket Wireless for the Islands of Kaua'i, Maui and Moloka'i. She also serves as the President on Kalamaula Homestead Association. So she does have business background experience as well as serving on a Board.

And as for Ms. Louisa Lee, she is the Director of Operations for Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo Hawaiian Immersion Public Charter Schools. She also serves on many different community boards as well as the Keaukaha Community Association.

Both of these individuals have shown strong interest in serving on our Board. They might not have financial background experience but they do have community background experience and I feel they will bring a different perspective to our Board right now which our Board Members right now have very heavy financial experience. So at this time I'd be more than happy to answer any questions from any of the Trustees to assist with making your decision.

Chair Akaka: Mahalo, Aikū'ē, members are there any questions or comments? Seeing none, I will entertain the reading of the motion.

Trustee Waihe'e: Madam Chair, I'd like to **move to approve the first terms of Elizabeth Lehua Kauka as the Moloka'i Island Representative and Louisa Lee as the Hawai'i Island Representative for the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund Board of Directors.**

Board Chair Hulu Lindsey: Second

Chair Akaka: Mahalo, it's been moved and seconded. Any other questions or comments members? Seeing none, if I can please have a **roll call vote**, Nathan.

Trustee		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	1:35 p.m. EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA						EXCUSED
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY		2	X			
KEONI	SOUZA						EXCUSED
MILILANI	TRASK						EXCUSED
JOHN	WAIHE`E, IV	1		X			
CHAIR KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				6	0	0	3

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

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Akaka: Members, are there any announcements beyond there being a 10 a.m. meeting tomorrow for the Board of Trustees, seeing none.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Akaka: I will entertain a motion to adjourn this meeting.

Board Chair Hulu Lindsey: So moved.

Trustee Alapa: Second

Chair Akaka: It's been moved and seconded. Any other questions or comments, members? Seeing none, Nathan, can I please have a **roll call vote** to adjourn.

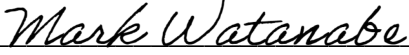
Trustee		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	1:36 p.m. EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA						EXCUSED
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA		2	X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	1		X			
KEONI	SOUZA						EXCUSED
MILILANI	TRASK						EXCUSED
JOHN	WAIHE`E, IV			X			
CHAIR KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				6	0	0	3

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

Chair Akaka: Mahalo members, a hui hou kākou, mālama pono, the meeting is now adjourned.

Chair Akaka adjourns the BAE meeting at 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Watanabe Trustee Aide
Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

As approved by the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE) on 10/30/24.



Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Chair
Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment