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**STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Wednesday, February 23, 2022

TIME: 9:00 am

PLACE: 560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Honolulu, HI 96817
Virtual Meeting

Viewable at www.oha.org/livestream OR

Listen by phone: (213) 338-8477,

Webinar ID: 896 1669 8274

***Note:** To allow enough time for public testimony, the OHA Board of Trustees will continue its meeting to Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 9:00 am. The links to view and listen to the meeting by phone will remain the same as that listed at the beginning of this agenda (see further Note below).*

Due to COVID-19, the OHA Board of Trustees and its standing committees will hold virtual meetings until further notice. Pursuant to Governor Ige's January 26, 2022 Emergency Proclamation Related to COVID-19 (Omicron Variant), there will be no in-person location for this meeting that is open to the general public. The virtual meeting can be viewed and observed via livestream on OHA's website at www.oha.org/livestream or can be listened to by phone via the phone number and Webinar ID listed at the beginning of this agenda.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Public Testimony on Items Listed on the Agenda* (Please see page 2 on how to submit written testimony or provide oral testimony online. Oral testimony by phone will **not** be accepted)

III. New Business

A. Committee on Resource Management

1. Action Item RM #22-01: OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Periods 2021-2022 (FY 22) and 2022-2023 (FY 23) - Realignment #2
2. Action Item RM #22-02: FB 2022-2023 Hawaiian-Focused Charter School Fund Administration Grant Recommendation

B. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

1. 2022 OHA Legislature Bill Positions Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians – Matrix 3†§§, February 15, 2022
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Note: In order to allow enough time for beneficiaries and members of the public to present oral testimony on the nominees, the OHA Board of Trustees will accept written testimony and oral testimony online on Wednesday, 2/23/22. After all interested persons are given the opportunity to provide oral testimony, the Board of Trustees will close the Public Testimony portion of the meeting and proceed with its board business. After Agenda Item III.C., the OHA Board of Trustees will recess its meeting, to be continued on Thursday, 2/24 at 9:00 am. Upon its reconvening on Thursday, 2/24, the Board of Trustees will take up Agenda Item III.D. – Review and Selection of a Nominee to Fill the Hawai'i Island Trustee Vacancy and receive presentations from the candidates, then enter into decision-making to approve a new Hawai'i Island Resident Trustee. **Additional written and oral testimony will not be accepted at the continued meeting on Thursday, 2/24.** OHA virtual meetings can be viewed at www.oha.org/livestream or can be listed to via telephone using the information listed at the beginning of the meeting agenda.

C. Review and Selection of a Nominee to Fill the Hawai'i Island Trustee Vacancy

1. Nominee Joshua Lanakila Mangauil
2. Nominee Kaloa R.N. Robinson
3. Nominee Mililani B. Trask

D. Update to Action Item BOT#22-03: Nā Lama Kukui, 560 N. Nimitz Highway, Refinancing

IV. Executive Session ‡

A. Consultation with Board Counsel Robert G. Klein, Esq. and Interim General Counsel Everett Ohta, Esq. re: questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities with respect to an Update to Action Item BOT#22-03: Nā Lama Kukui, 560 N. Nimitz Highway, Refinancing, pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4)

B. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

1. June 24, 2021
2. July 29, 2021
3. February 10, 2022

V. Announcements

VI. Adjournment

If you require an auxiliary aid or accommodation due to a disability, please contact Everett Ohta at telephone number 594-1988 or by email everetto@oha.org no later than three (3) business days prior to the date of the meeting. Meeting Materials will be available to the public 72 hours prior to the meeting and posted to OHA's website at: www.oha.org/bot

In the event that the livestream or the audiovisual connection is interrupted and cannot be restored, the meeting may continue as an audio-only meeting through the phone and Webinar ID listed at the beginning of this agenda. Meeting recordings are available upon request to BOTmeetings@oha.org until the written meeting minutes are posted to OHA's website.

‡Notice: The 72 Hour rule, pursuant to OHA BOT Operations Manual, Section 49, shall be waived for distribution of new committee materials.

* Public Testimony on Items Listed on the Agenda must be limited to matters listed on the meeting agenda.

** Community Concerns and Celebrations is not limited to matters listed on the meeting agenda.

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☛ Trustees may establish or revise an OHA position on ANY proposed bill/resolution for submission to the state legislature. The Trustees, both in Committee and as the Board of Trustees, may discuss any and all bills or resolutions before the state legislature in order to discharge their statutory and fiduciary obligations to conduct advocacy efforts for Native Hawaiians as Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

‡ Notice: This portion of the meeting will be closed pursuant to HRS § 92-5.

Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 92, Public Agency Meetings and Records, prohibits Board members from discussing or taking action on matters not listed on the meeting agenda.

Testimony can be provided to the OHA Board of Trustees either as: (1) *written testimony emailed* at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting, (2) *written testimony mailed* and received at least two business days prior to the scheduled meeting, or (3) live, *oral testimony online* during the virtual meeting.

- (1) Persons wishing to provide *written testimony* on items listed on the agenda should submit testimony via [email](mailto:BOTmeetings@oha.org) to BOTmeetings@oha.org at least **24 hours prior** to the scheduled meeting or via [postal mail](#) to Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Attn: Meeting Testimony, 560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96817 **to be received at least two business days prior** to the scheduled meeting. Any testimony received after these deadlines will be late testimony and will be distributed to the Board members after the scheduled meeting. **Due to COVID-19 office closure and limited in-office staffing, please do not fax or hand-deliver written testimony.**
- (2) Persons wishing to provide *oral testimony online* during the virtual meeting must first register at: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2aE6FZLIRMuPGG8aXDNyZA

You need to register if you would like to orally testify. Once you have completed your registration, a confirmation email will be sent to you with a link to join the virtual meeting, along with further instructions on how to provide oral testimony during the virtual meeting. The registration page will closed once the Public Testimony or Community Concerns agenda items have concluded.

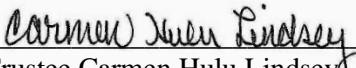
To provide oral testimony online, you will need:

- (1) a computer or mobile device to connect to the virtual meeting;
- (2) internet access; and
- (3) a microphone to provide oral testimony.

Oral testimony online will be limited to two (2) minutes.

Oral testimony by telephone/landline **will not** be accepted at this time.

Once your oral testimony is completed, you will be asked to disconnect from the meeting. If you do not sign off on your own, support staff will remove you from the Zoom meeting. You can continue to view the remainder of the meeting on the livestream or by telephone, as provided at the beginning of this agenda. Please visit OHA's website for more detailed information on how to submit Public Testimony OR Community Concerns at: <https://www.oha.org/how-to-submit-testimony-for-oha-bot-meetings/>


Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

2/17/2022

Date

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***These items will be received after the RM Committee meeting happening on 2/22/2022**

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A. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

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- 2. 2022 OHA Legislature Bill Positions Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians – Matrix 3†☼, February 22, 2022**

***OHA Matrix 3 Committee Report (for February 22, 2022) will be distributed once received after the BAE Committee meeting.**

OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE)
COMMITTEE REPORT

February 15, 2022

The Honorable Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Chair
Board of Trustees
Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Chair Lindsey,

Your Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment, having met on February 15, 2022 and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following motion to the Board of Trustees:

Motion 1:

Move to approve Administration's recommendations on: NEW BILLS (Items 50-62) as listed on Matrix 3 -- Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians – dated February 15, 2022, along with the following revisions:

Change bill position:

- **Item 51, HB 1803, from COMMENT to HIGH MONITOR;**
- **Item 58, SB 2962, from SUPPORT to HIGH MONITOR;**

Motion 2:

Move to approve the addition of measures listed on Matrix 4 -- Bill Positions and Monitored Bills Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians, to be added as NEW BILLS to Matrix 3 -- Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians – dated February 15, 2022, as follows:

NEW BILLS:

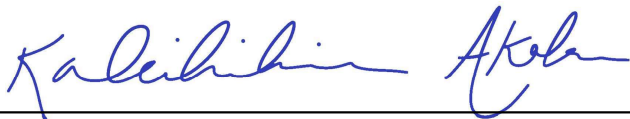
- **HB 124, with a change from HIGH MONITOR to COMMENT with a suggestion of an amendment to remove the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustees as candidates for this position should automatically be included as they are state elected officials;**

Relevant attachments are included for your information and reference.

Attachment(s):

- 1) BAE Roll Call Vote Sheet - 2022 OHA Legislature Bill Positions Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians - Matrix 3**
- 2) BAE Roll Call Vote Sheet - 2022 OHA Legislature Bill Positions Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians - Matrix 4**

Respectfully submitted:



Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka, Chair

EXCUSED

Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa, Member



Trustee Dan Ahuna, Member



Trustee Keli'i Akina, Member



Trustee Luana Alapa, Member



Trustee Brendon Kalei'aina Lee, Member



Trustee John Waihe'e, IV, Member



Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Member

Attachment 1

Roll Call Vote Sheet

**COMMITTEE ON
BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY AND
EMPOWERMENT (BAE)**

DATE: February 15, 2022

**START: 10:01 a.m.
MOTION: 11:49 a.m.
VOTE: 11:50 a.m.**

AGENDA ITEM:

IV. Unfinished Business

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

MOTION:

Move to approve Administration's recommendations on: **NEW BILLS (Items 50-62)** as listed on **Matrix 3 -- Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians** – dated February 15, 2022, along with the following revisions:

Change bill position:

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AMENDMENT:

MEANS OF FINANCING:

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			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	1		X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E		2	X			
CHAIR KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				7	0	0	

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

Attachment 1

Roll Call Vote Sheet

**COMMITTEE ON
BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY AND
EMPOWERMENT (BAE)**

DATE: February 15, 2022

**START: 10:01 a.m.
MOTION: 12:07 p.m.
VOTE: 12:09 p.m.**

AGENDA ITEM:

IV. Unfinished Business

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

MOTION:

**Move to approve the addition of measures listed on Matrix 4 -- Bill Positions and Monitored Bills
Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians, to be added as NEW BILLS to Matrix 3 -- Measures
Affecting Native Hawaiians – dated February 15, 2022, as follows:**

NEW BILLS:

- **HB 124, with a change from HIGH MONITOR to COMMENT with a suggestion of an amendment to
remove the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustees as candidates for this position should automatically be
included as they are state elected officials;**

AMENDMENT:

MEANS OF FINANCING:

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

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

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III. New Business

**C. Review and Selection of a Nominee to Fill the Hawai‘i Island
Trustee Vacancy**

- 1. Nominee Joshua Lanakila Mangauil**
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****This portion of the meeting will take place on Thursday, February 24, 2022
at 9:00 when the Board of Trustees meeting reconvenes.**

Hawai'i Island
Resident Trustee
Nominee:

Joshua Lanakila
Manguil

Joshua Lanakila O Ka 'Āina Mangaui

15th February 2022

OHA Board Trustees

Hulu Lindsey, Leina'ala Ahu Isa, Dan Ahuna, Kalei Akaka,
Keli'i Akina, Luana Alapa, Brendon Kalei'āina Lee, John D. Waihe'e IV
CEO, Sylvia Hussey
560 N Nimitz Hwy, #200
Honolulu, HI 96817

Aloha nui kākou,

I would like to first express my sincere mahalo nui for your consideration of my nomination to take on this kuleana as interim Trustee for my moku-puni aloha, 'o Hawai'i. After coming in second in the campaign for this position, I am still ready, willing, and able to 'auamo that kūlana that I sought out, with the encouragement and support of so many across ka pae 'āina. I am both humbled and emboldened by that support and trust from my community; a trust and respect that has been garnered over years of commitment and dedication to uplifting the health and well-being of our lāhui.

In seeking this position, I bring to the table these years of experience working in the community in innovative ways to cultivate and revitalize our culture, history, heritage, and literally the land, as we know our ability to mālama this 'āina aloha is what truly sustains us. I passionately embrace the work to cultivate our people and community as well, grounded in an understanding and claiming of our rights as kanaka, all while learning from our past to understand the present and make better decisions for our kaiāulu and lāhui aloha – physically, spiritually, and mentally – well into the future.

Me ka mahalo nui loa,

Lanakila Mangaui

Joshua Lanakila O Ka 'Āina Mangaui

E nā Kahu Waiwai o ke Ke'ena Kuleana Hawai'i, aloha nui kākou.

He leo aloha a mahalo kēia iā 'oukou no kēia ala e hō'ike ahuwale aku ai i ko'u 'i'ini 'oia'i'o e komo alu like me 'oukou ma ka hāpai i ko kākou lāhui aloha.

I come before you in this manner not because I feel I somehow “deserve” this position nor because I have achieved *personal* accolades relevant to the role, but because of the experiences my kūpuna and community have afforded me to be able to give back and contribute in meaningful ways. I was a young kanaka maoli that grew up in Honoka'a, Hawai'i moku at a time when my hoahānau, hoaloha and I were fortunate to be educated through our 'ike kūpuna in various programs including the first Native Hawaiian Public Charter School, Kanu o ka 'Āina. I am a beneficiary of the work that was done by fearless kupuna in our community, some of whom sat in these very leadership positions as Trustees at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA.) I am proud to have been raised at a time when our cultural foundations had been reset such that I was equipped with educational opportunities and experiences that gave me the capacity to not only 'auamo kuleana for the betterment of our lāhui and Hawai'i overall, but also to understand that it was a just that, a kuleana.

Over the past two decades, I have taken on non-conventional community building kuleana that aimed to innovate systems that were only producing incremental change. First, as a community and cultural educator, I worked with more than 10 DOE schools to expand or in some cases develop their community cultural education programs both locally and abroad.

Second, I have carefully developed a network of national and international of NGO's to learn from, bolster and work in partnership with native communities across several continents. I have learned directly from numerous native communities of the common struggles that native peoples face. I have stood on the front lines protecting sacred sites and galvanizing lāhui through ceremony, tradition and education while

engaging in critical dialogues to find common ground solutions. This has required me to step into and brave controversial gatherings and heated discussions amongst and or involving our lāhui. I am deeply invested and tasked by my kūpuna and kumu to apply the teachings passed to me to work towards the overall health and well being of our Hawai'i.

This path has also led me to the front lines to stand in the protection of sacred sites, galvanizing lāhui through ceremony, tradition, and education in the process. That context also presented priceless opportunities for me to learn to be wiwo'ole when it comes to engaging in, and brokering, critical dialogues, even braving controversial gatherings and heated discussions involving our lāhui. I am deeply invested and feel tasked by my kūpuna and kumu to apply the teachings passed on to me to work towards the overall health and well-being of our Hawai'i.

That being said, given how critically important OHA's work is, I believe it is essential that OHA take measures to mend the relationship between the office and the people it is tasked to protect, provide for, and care for. OHA's rich history of uplifting our lāhui has also unfortunately been riddled with turbulent and challenging times, creating a situation where many in the Hawaiian community have lost trust and faith in OHA and where some even outright despise the institution. This is a heartbreaking reality that is too often brushed aside and left unchecked, continuing to erode the office's efficacy while simultaneously exasperating the community.

The repairing of this disconnect arguably begins at the Board of Trustees table. How our Kahu Waiwai carry themselves and conduct business impacts not only the policy decisions made and the work that flows therefrom but also the way in which the community views the integrity not only of individual trustees, but the very institution itself. Kahu Waiwai are held to a higher standard, and rightly so as models of leadership and those who abide by, and further, best practices; best business and leadership practices but also best practices as informed by our kuana'ike Hawai'i and values such as KAPU ALOHA, Akahai, Lōkahi, 'Olu'olu, Ha'aha'a, and Ahonui. These are fundamental tenets that define who we are as a people and they deserve application, not mere lip service. In short, without a true sense of and action towards *pono*, little to nothing will be effective moving forward.

There must be more cohesion between OHA and community groups of our lāhui. Streamlining processes and methods of communication is key to healthy and valuable dialog and discourse. OHA must be ready to spring into action for our lāhui and be that protector it was designed to be. When the lāhui feels that support from OHA, the lāhui will support OHA. Kōkua aku, kōkua mai.

Standing on that foundation, a “no-holds-barred, full-force-engagement” of the state for the full - uncapped - 20% revenues from “ceded” (stolen) land should be the primary, constant goal of our Kahu Waiwai. Receiving, stewarding, and administering these revenues is at the core of why OHA was established. While we need to pursue diversified, revenue-generating alternatives, doing so without allocating as much - actually *more* - resource and energy to right this wrong with the state further exacerbates the integrity issues with the community, as these “other revenue-generating” options come across as being “pet projects” of Kahu Waiwai.

And finally, OHA playing a unifying role in coordinating with other Native Hawaiian serving organizations - from ali'i trusts to leading nonprofits - in effective and efficient ways that decrease waste and amplify the impact of collective resources is critical to long-term success. With so many trusts, institutions, and organizations focused on the betterment of our lāhui, and combined assets in the tens of billions, we must do better as a collective. OHA is the entity charged with using its Public-Land-Trust revenues for the betterment of Hawaiians - a role OHA plays as a “placeholder” so to speak until our Native Hawaiian government is reestablished - and therefore has a kuleana to continue to alaka'i and broker collective solutions with these other like-missioned entities to take up the challenge of ensuring economic, social, education, health, homes, and justice for our 'ōiwi Hawai'i.

Mahalo again for this opportunity to share some of my reasons, passions, and aspirations for seeking to join you in these efforts as Kahu Waiwai for Hawai'i mokupuni.

Please feel free to reach out with any nīnau or need for further information.

Me ka 'ōia'i'o,

Lanakila Mangaui

Lanakila Mangaui

Nominee Resume For OHA Hawai'i Island Trustee

EXPERIENCE

Hawaiian Cultural Center Of Hāmākua, Honoka'a — *Director*

Jan 2016 - Present

Responsible for:

- Organizing community members in the creation of the Cultural Center that is community founded, owned, and operated. Oversaw the development of programs, support and funding avenues and built local, state, national, and international partnerships.
- Conducting regular classes and annual community cultural events both in person and virtually as the center prioritizes local community learning and engagement while also offering educational opportunities for visitors, and those abroad.
- Overseeing contracts with local schools and organizations to provide cultural education and programming .
- Providing cultural consultation for individuals, organizations, businesses.
- Development of 3 additional campuses: 1. Ancient Lo'i restoration in Niuli'i Kohala. 2. River eco restoration, Hale 'Āina 'o Kalae Momona, Mokuwai, Waipi'o. 3. "Huli Ka lima Ilalo" food security Community gardens, Pa'auhau Hāmākua.

Hāmākua Harvest, Honoka'a — *Board Vice President*

2018 - Present

Responsible for:

- Overseeing the development of programs, support and funding avenues and building local, state, national, and international partnerships.
- Supporting the Board president and board members in overseeing operations, including work with staff to determine best methods and strategies to fulfill organizational mission
- Providing ongoing guidance and direction as organization works to cultivate, protect, and serve the Agricultural lifestyle of Hāmākua via: ag education, community engagement opportunities, providing avenue for small farmers and local businesses to earn income through the Sunday Farmers market, and the "demo orchards" which are community gardens spaces where produce is either sold at market or donated to local orgs providing meals and produce to needy families in our community.

Joshua Lanakila Mangaui

- Kanaka Maoli
- Kumu Hula
- Kanaka Mahi'ai
- Kia'i Mauna
- Cultural Practitioner
- Community Advocate
- 'Āina Advocate
- Social Justice Advocate
- Community Organizer

**Hawai'i DOE, Honoka'a/Waiākea/Laupāhoehoe — K-12 'Ike
Hawai'i Resource Teacher**

2006 - 2019

- Provided Hawaiian-based education, Language, Arts, History, Philosophy, Science, Hula, Life styles as well as Place-Based cultural foundations for thousands of children and their families. Enriching school culture with Hawaiian Foundations.

Hāmākua Youth Foundation, Honoka'a - Activities Specialist

Sep 2006 - Sep 2012

- Provided a safe youth serving, friendly, supportive space for youth during after school hours. Provided educational assistance, and a plethora of learning activities, engaging youth with their community. Provided culture-based learning opportunities for youth and their families looking at mental, physical, and spiritual/emotional health and well-being.

EDUCATION

Kanu o Ka 'Āina NCPCS, Waimea

2000 - 2004

Kanu O Ka 'Āina was the first Native Hawaiian Public Charter School

UNUKupukupu, Hilo

2002 - 2020

Olapa, Ho'opa'a, Graduated as Kumu hula in 2020 with 'Ūniki rites

Other Experiences

'Āina Aloha Economic Futures — Co-author, Presenter

Kānaka Mahi'ai — Kalo farming in Waipi'o, school farm designing & curriculum building, community garden establishing

Hula Practitioner — Student, Performer, Kumu Hula. Hula curriculum for Youth programs, community enrichment and community ritual

Hawaiian Lecturer — Presented across the state, nation, and internationally. From schools, community forums, Colleges, Conferences, Councils, and indigenous gatherings.

Cultural Workshops — Community organizing mass educational learning opportunities. Multigenerational, ohana learning forums.

Hawai'i Island
Resident Trustee
Nominee:

Kaloa R.N. Robinson

February 16, 2022

Kaloa RN Robinson

Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Chair
Board of Trustees
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
560 N. Nimitz Hwy. Suite 200
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817

Aloha e Chair Lindsey,

I respectfully submit to you and Members of the Board of Trustees my portfolio in consideration of being appointed for the interim term as Trustee of Hawai'i Island.

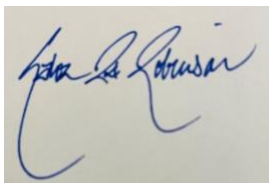
My career thus far has followed a path that has supported Native Hawaiians through government and legislation, education, health, and now housing. For the last 8+ years I have worked in leadership roles involving the development of affordable housing projects for the County of Hawai'i. Being involved in construction project management and planning, I have been intrinsically involved in getting projects started and completed, benefiting numerous families as a result of the process.

I am pursuing the Trustee's appointment for the Hawai'i Island Trustee seat because I wholeheartedly feel that the compilation of my experiences directly correlates to many of the directions noted in the current *Mana i Maui Ola* strategic plan, Mission and Vision of OHA. Having a vacancy in this position leaves a critical void because issues of water, family support, and homelessness continues to be unresolved with no Hawai'i Island Trustee working on the matter. It would be beneficial to make the selection sooner, rather than later.

After your review of my attached Resume, you will find that my education, past and current work experiences, and community service activities are diverse. It has been an educational and fulfilling path, both formally through my work, and informally through my years of community service. Strong relationships and professional networks are also part of my professional career.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kaloa RN Robinson

Statement of Interest

My desire to serve as a Trustee for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs arises deep from within my na‘au. I pursue this supported by my family and guided by my ancestors, and unrelenting Faith. I am confident that this is where I am supposed to be, exerting all of my efforts in this pursuit, offering all that I can for the betterment of our lāhui, our Native Hawaiian people.

My intention in joining the Board of Trustees is to bring the skills, knowledge, and experiences that I feel will be of value to the organization. I intend to assist the organization in making decisions that will grow the Trust exponentially, make responsible and prudent policy decisions, and support the organization’s Chief Executive Officer and staff in their programmatic work.

The issues that are priorities for me involve:

1. Housing
2. Healthcare
3. Education
4. Correcting the Public Land Trust revenues
5. Sustainable development

I am equally passionate for the culture and the arts, protection of our environment, Men’s health, land acquisition, and the repatriation of our ‘iwi kūpuna throughout the world.

I have had the fortune of working for every level of government with the exception of the White House. Beginning as a Board member for the Kahalu‘u Neighborhood Board, Honolulu City Council, State Legislature, Lt. Governor of Hawai‘i’s office, U.S. House of Representatives, and U.S. Senate. I have managed legislation and appropriations involving Native Hawaiian affairs and other issue areas. During my tenure in the U.S. Senate, I was also fortunate in returning to school and being the first Native Hawaiian graduate of George Washington University’s Graduate School of Political Management in Washington, D.C.

I understand the direction that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is pursuing and it excites me that I may earn the honor of contributing to those efforts. I am confident that my knowledge and open mind to learn from the staff and Trustees will be mutually beneficial. I have been involved in Team Sports during my formative years and believe that great things can be achieved with a group of like-minded individuals focusing on the same goals and objectives.

Kaloa RN Robinson

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Housing Specialist in Planning, Hawai'i County Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD) (2013-present): * former Division Manager for the Community Development and Planning Division for OHCD

*Construction Project Manager over County projects involving Kamakoa Nui (91 single-family homes subdivision), The Homes of Ulu Wini (96 multi-family units), Friendly Place campus (West Hawaii Emergency Shelter Certified Kitchen), and Kula'imano Elderly Housing (ADA upgrades and Community Center Renovations)

*worked with Procore Construction platform; Federal and State certified payrolls, State bids and procurement system, Professional Services acquisitions for projects, Contract Summaries, Project Summaries, and other Administrative and Contract documents

*Housing Specialist in Planning: developed Affordable Housing Agreements, 201H Applications, HRS Chapter 11

Marketing & Communications Manager, Hilo Medical Center (HHSC), State of Hawai'i; Hilo, Hawai'i

(2012-2013) *secured funding from the 2014 Legislature for the Hawai'i Island Rural Residency Program

*worked with Hawai'i Island State legislators to pass legislation that supported funds for the program

*provided strategic communications involving hospital issues, such as privatization, union relations, staff relations

Marketing & Community Development, North Hawai'i Community Hospital; Waimea, Hawai'i

(2011-2012) *worked with donors along the North Kona coast to secure funds that sustained the hospital

*assisted in the Shipman's Wharf grant to fund construction to renovate a hospital wing for Hawaiian health

*worked closely with Administration in strategic communications and outreach to market the hospital

Plant Operator, Puna Geothermal Venture (PGV); Kapoho, Hawai'i (2010-2011)

* required to have expertise and insight with 25+ operational systems involving geothermal, organic fluids and gases, and electricity that feed power into the Big Island's power grid

Community Liaison, Hawai'i Medical Services Association (HMSA); Hilo, Hawai'i (2008-2010)

*engaged in strategy that maximized positive media, free press and community exposure involving HMSA

Executive Director, Hui Mālama Ola Nā ‘Ōiwi; Hilo, Hawai‘i (2001- 2008)

*CEO for this federally recognized Native Hawaiian Health Care System * oversaw all aspects of this non-profit’s business operations, including accounting & financial reporting, budgeting, internal controls & external auditing

Recruitment Specialist, John A. Burns School of Medicine; Hilo, Hawai‘i (1996 to 2001)

Special Assistant, U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka; Washington, DC (1991 to 1995)

Legislative Assistant, U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka; Washington, DC (1990 to 1991)

Legislative Assistant, U.S. Representative Daniel K. Akaka; Washington, DC (1989 to 1990)

Precinct Operations Specialist, Lt. Governor Benjamin J. Cayetano; Honolulu, Hawai‘i (1988 to 1989)

Community Liaison, State Representative Terrance Tom; Honolulu, Hawai‘i (1988 Legislative Session)

EDUCATION

The George Washington University – Graduate School of Political Management, Washington, DC 1995 Master of Arts in Political Management; Honors: Dean’s List throughout tenure

Whittier College – Undergraduate School, Whittier, CA
1987 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science; Honors: Board of Governors

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 2017 to present, **Hawaii-at-Large** State Board Member, *Hawai‘i Government Employees Association (HGEA)*
- 2013 to present, **Board member**, *Boys & Girls Club of the Big Island*
- 2012 to present, **President** and Deacon, Diaconate Board, *Haili Church*
- 2010 to 2011, **President**, *Akaka Falls Lions Club*
- 2008 to 2013, **Vice-Chair, Commissioner**, *Hawai‘i County Fire Commission*
- 2008 to 2012, **Past Secretary, Board member**, *Hawai‘i Island United Way*
- 2008 to 2010, **Executive Board member**, *South Hilo Rotary Club*
- 2008 to 2010, **Director**, *Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawai‘i*
- 2008 to 2010, **Member**, *Hawai‘i Island Chamber of Commerce*
- 2008 **President**, *Ka ‘Umeke Ka‘eo Nonprofit Board of Directors*
- 2006 **Fellow**, *Weinberg Fellows Program, Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation;* Honolulu, Hawai‘i
- 2005 to 2008 **Commissioner**, *Hawai‘i County Police Commission*
- 2004 **Board Member**, *Friends of ‘Iolani Palace;* Honolulu, Hawai‘i
- 2004 **Board Member**, *Hawai‘i Primary Care Association;* Honolulu, Hawai‘i
- 2004 **Fellow**, *PONO Leaders Academy, Hawai‘i Community Foundation;* Honolulu, Hawai‘i
- 2003 **Fellow**, *Pacific Century Fellows Program;* Honolulu, Hawai‘i

Quality Housing

I believe that Housing is Healthcare. And I believe that a safe and clean house or shelter is critical to the well-being of an individual.

Thus far, I had the opportunity to be involved in serving as the Division Manager and Housing Specialist for the Community Development and Planning Division for the Hawai'i County Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD). In that role I oversaw staff who were engaged in renovation projects needed at various OHCD facilities, and worked with a contracted Realtor who assisted in our sales of 91 single-family homes and bungalows at the Kamakoa Nui project.

A large part of the project's Administration was the signing and routing of escrow and loan documents for the buyers. There were 10+ escrow documents needing County execution for each home buyer. As homes were financed and purchased, those funds were set-aside for the construction of the next set of homes needing constructing. It was a revolving process of extending financing for the start of homes to be developed, repaid when the home buyers acquired their loans, and re-invested in the parcels that were next to have homes built.

Thus far, I have been involved in:

- Kamakoa Nui workforce housing project = 91 single-family homes and bungalows (Waikoloa)
- Nā Kahua Hale O Ulu Wini = 93 affordable housing multi-family units (Kailua-Kona)
- West Hawai'i Emergency Shelter Certified Kitchen Renovations (Kailua-Kona)
- 'Ōuli 'Ekahi Cottages Re-Roofing and Repairs (Kawaihae)



Affordable housing skill-sets per type of construction project --

Working with housing developers:

- Working with Developers in their housing development ideas
- Ensuring potable water is available for the development project
- Reviewing the Environmental reports of the development parcel
- Reviewing comments provided by County and State Departments
- Assisting Developers in acquiring the required Zoning for their project
- Working with Developers to meet their Chapter 11 requirements
- Navigating Developers through the State 201-H process
- Assisting Developers with exemptions and variances eligibility
- Working with Developers in understanding their affordable housing obligations

- Providing letters of support for projects seeking State and Federal funding assistance
- Assisting Developers with mitigating traffic, waste water, and County road obligations
- Preparing Developers when going before local County Councils
- Acquiring comments from County and State agencies affected by Developer's requested variances
- Serving as a liaison between the Departments who have jurisdiction over the variances being sought by the Developers
- Preparing a Developer's 201-H packet being reviewed before the County Council
- Working with Developers using affordable housing credits to fulfill their housing obligation
- Preparing Affordable Housing Agreement contracts
- Working with Corporation Counsel for a Affordable Housing Agreement, ensuring that it correctly meets Chapter 11 requirements
- Assisting in getting Affordable Housing Agreement contracts executed

Working on County affordable housing projects:

- Ensuring the required potable water is available for the development
- Securing County, State, and Federal funding to develop affordable housing projects
- Determining the team that will choose the Contractors for professional services needed for an affordable housing development (e.g. Environment Assessments, Plans and Renderings, Housing and Market studies, Traffic Impact Assessment Report, etc.)
- Prepare bid packet for State Procurement process
- Coordinate the Pre-bid meeting with interested Construction Contractors
- Provide Notice to Award documents
- Work with Contractor who acquired the bid for the development
- Work with the Sub-contractors for the project
- Coordinate Pre-Construction meeting, and acquire the Notice to Proceed document
- Coordinate the construction schedule of the project
- If Federal and State funding is being used, Certified Payrolls and Davis-Bacon wages need to be enforced
- Review and correct Certified Payrolls submitted by Contractor and Sub-contractors
- As Construction Project Manager, conduct required Labor interviews with different Job Classifications
- Work with Contractors involving unforeseen Change Orders for the project
- Monitor work being done according to construction work schedule
- Monitor clear space requirements for ADA units
- Work with Architectural Contractor in developing punch list at the completion of the project
- Acquire the required documents and signed As-Built drawings noted in the Close-out checklist

Vignettes

In December 2014 (during Mayor Kenoi's term), the first 4 homes of the Kamakoa Nui project were nearing completion and the County wanted to congratulate the first 4 new homeowners. These homeowners were recognized prior to the construction of their homes for their successful

completion of the New Homeowners Training program which, were required of all homeowners in the project. The event for the new homeowners began with an opening speech by the County's Deputy Director and prayer of blessing over the project. Each new homeowner had the option of having their home blessed in a traditional Hawaiian manner, and the blessings were provided by Trustee Kalei Akaka's father, Kaniela Danny Akaka. All attendees went to each house as the keys to the homes were given to the new owners, and they were given the honor of opening their front doors to enter their homes. Each homeowner was also given a traditional Christmas wreath on hang on their new front doors. Many of the project's new homeowners were parents with young children who probably would not have had the opportunity to own their homes had this project not been developed.

Health Outcomes

As the Executive Director of Hui Mālama Ola Nā 'Ōiwi, I was given the charge to oversee the staff, funding, programs, health transportation services and Board of Directors of this federally funded Native Hawaiian Healthcare System (created by federal law under the Native Hawaiian Health Care Act). The organization had 6 offices throughout the island of Hawai'i, and were located in areas where there existed a high number of Native Hawaiians. The office locations included a Hilo health service and Administration office, a Hilo Primary Care office, and Community Outreach locations in Waimea, Kohala, Captain Cook, and Na'alehu. There were 50+ staff members which included Primary Care Physicians, Registered Nurses, Billing Clerks, Certified Nurse Assistants, Transportation Specialists, Program staff, and Administration staff.

In addition to this program, the organization also provided Primary Care Services, Diabetes Education, Drug Addiction Counseling, Tobacco Cessation, Coordinated-Care Services, Patient-Centered Care Coordination, and Mental/Behavioral coordination and referrals. In my role for this non-profit organization, I was also responsible for securing funding from public and private entities, writing numerous Federal, State, and private solicitation grants.

What was found often times were symptoms of patients which were the result of underlying factors: low self-esteem, not being able to read, dysfunctional family relationships, etc. This organization was able to get to the core of ailments simply through the Native Hawaiian approach of aloha, trust, empathy, education, and heartfelt concern. The relationships and trust were developed over a period of time, and not through just one visit. We were committed to the health and well-being of our Native Hawaiians.

Having an epiphany, I felt it was critical to develop a Native Hawaiian Men's Health program for Hui Mālama Ola Nā 'Ōiwi, and from that thought the *Ka Ho'okāne Project* was started. Native Hawaiian men statistically have high numbers of drug use and addiction, incarceration, poor health, and a slew of other negative concerns involved in their health and well-being. The premise was that Native Hawaiian men had lost their way or purpose in modern society.

Prone to domestic violence and substance abuse, the program's curriculum was trying to help Native Hawaiian men become better husbands, fathers, sons, nephews, and brothers, and to be in an environment where men could communicate with other men involving their background, their family, and their everyday struggles. Teaching men how to operate and sail a traditional Native Hawaiian sailing canoe was key for men to break out of their comfort zones to be engaged in an

experience that was traditionally done by men. We focused on developing the men's self-esteem through traditional activities such as lua, carpentry, and visiting place sites historically relevant to men. Leaders from the men's program were asked to represent Hawai'i island to assist in the planning of the first *'Aha Kāne* Mens conference at the Kamehameha Schools campus.



Vignettes

The program also hosted an equivalent Alaskan Men's Health Program, and engaged in a cultural exchange to host visiting Alaskan men to Hawai'i island (photo above). The dialogue shared was to discuss the similarities of the two programs and to exchange ideas of what could work and be applied between the programs.

During my time as the Executive Director of Hui Mālama Ola Nā 'Ōiwi I sought out resources that would help me improve and be better at managing the organization. I was proud to be a participant of the 1st Class chosen for the Hawai'i Community Foundation's *PONO Leadership Academy*. Then a few years later was a *Weinberg Fellow* of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation. Both programs helped me to learn about capacity building, Board development, and organizational sustainability. My leadership skills were further expanded through my participation as a fellow in the *Pacific Century Fellows Program*, networking with rising leaders in many different industries throughout the State of Hawai'i.

Educational Pathways

I was grateful for the opportunity to assist Native Hawaiian students to become doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals. As a Faculty member for the John A. Burns School of Medicine's (JABSOM) *Native Hawaiian Center of Excellence*, I had worked closely with the UH Hilo's Nā Pua No'eau, Center for Gifted and Talented Native Hawaiian students program. The curriculum developed for the program worked with Native Hawaiian students from high

school through medical school. It was important for Native Hawaiian students to hear the stories of Native Hawaiian medical students and to see faces that looked like theirs.

I would gain access to high school students through the Hawaiian language classes held at the schools. I had coordinated the visit with Native Hawaiian medical students who were in Hilo doing their 3L Rotation period of their medical school curriculum. The medical students would walk in with their “white coats” (medical school lab coats) and conduct a sample Problem-Based Learning (PBL) Curriculum scenario with the high schoolers. The scenarios were modeled after actual Problem-Based Learning Curriculum from JABSOM. At the conclusion of the class, high school students would ask questions and the medical students would share personal stories of their journey to medical school.

During the summer breaks, I would work with the Nā Pua No‘eau program and help to coordinate the health pathway class during the Summer Enrichment program. These summer programs would bring Hilo students to stay for a week in Honolulu where they were offered participation in programs that were specific to their interest. The idea was to assist high school students in identifying the “pathway” they took an interest in. In Honolulu, the students classes were held on the campus of UH Mānoa, and the healthway class was held at the Biomedical Building where the medical school was formerly located.

In the program I provided, Native Hawaiian high school students were encouraged to attend a post-secondary school, and a schedule of recommended classes for pre-medical students were provided. The recommended classes to take in high school tied into the recommended classes to take in college. High schoolers were coached on the importance of keeping their grades up and to volunteer as high school interns at health and medical facilities on their island. The idea was to build positive experiences upon another and to expose the students to medical environments. We wanted high school students and college students to envision themselves as medical students and doctors. We also exposed the students to other health careers, such as the Allied Health programs at Kap‘iolani Community College.

Vignettes

The most fulfilling experiences were to accompany the high school students we had been working with over time, and coordinate their attendance to the annual graduation ceremonies of the John A. Burns School of Medicine. Prior to the ceremonies begining, the graduating medical school students met with the high school students in the lobby area of the venue and they would encourage the high school students to stay on their pathway, and further reinforced that the hard work would pay off. They also shared that they were not the Valedictorians in their high school, but persevered because of the passion they had in helping others, especially their interest in improving the health of Native Hawaiians.

Several high school students later became doctors, and are practicing Physicians today.

Government and Legislation

I was the first in my family to attend college and successfully graduate. My grandmother was stricken with stomach cancer at that time, but was determined to attend my college graduation in Los Angeles. When I began my college studies I did not know what a Major meant. I was

fulfilling my core liberal arts courses and came across a book that was gaining popularity at that time, *Land and Power in Hawai‘i*. I read it and felt that I wanted to pursue a career in politics and government.

That decision led me to becoming a Legislative Aide in the 1988 State Legislature, which led me to eventually becoming a staff member in the Lt. Governor’s office, then to beginning a career as a Legislative Assistant in Washington, D.C., for U.S. Representative Daniel Kahikina Akaka. I was clear in my intention that I was going to D.C. to learn as much as I could and apply those experiences in some manner to help Native Hawaiians when I returned home. Almost eight years later, and accompanied with a Master’s Degree from George Washington University, I felt it was time to now return home. Working for U.S. Representative Akaka, then moving over to the Senate and working for U.S. Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka was the greatest highlight of my professional career.

Senator Akaka was beloved and admired by many. What I respected most was his humble demeanor in all that he did. He was quick to smile and laugh, and took the time to explain legislation to visiting constituents from Hawai‘i. He began as a teacher for the Hawai‘i State Department of Education and never stopped teaching, and he was a gifted mentor.

I was proud to be a staff member in Senator Akaka’s office when he passed the Apology Bill, which was the formal recognition of the U.S. Government’s involvement in the illegal throw of the sovereign Kingdom of Hawai‘i. I was also proud to be the second person to hear that the U.S. Department of Defense was going to halt the bombing of Kaho‘olawe and eventually return the island back to the State of Hawai‘i. And I was proud to be involved in the first funding of appropriation bills for both the Native Hawaiian Healthcare Act and the Native Hawaiian Education Act.

I learned to draft legislation after hours of research and dialogue with the State and County governments, and understanding how policies being made in Washington, D.C. affected people living in Hawai‘i. My most recent task was when I worked for the Hilo Medical Center in 2013 and coordinated with Hawai‘i island Legislators in funding the Rural Residency Program of the John A. Burns School of Medicine. I believed in this program because it established the only neighbor island medical residency program outside of Honolulu, and on the mere expectation that Medical Residents tend to live in the areas where they did their Residency, thus increasing the amount of Primary Care Physicians for Hawai‘i island, and the other neighbor islands.

Vignettes

With the current return of ‘iwi kūpuna from Austria, I too was involved in the repatriation of ‘iwi kūpuna, but from Washington, D.C.

Back in 1989/1990 I had become friends with a new staff member of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, Eddie Ayau. We shared in knowing many mutual friends between us and Eddie explained to me what his focus and purpose was in being in Washington, D.C. – and that was to repatriate the ‘iwi kūpuna from the Washington Smithsonian Museum on Natural History. Federal legislation had recently passed and the repatriation of ‘iwi from the Smithsonian was the first test case as a result of the new law. Granted, museums vigorously fought against the

return of Native Hawaiian ‘iwi and they felt that they owned the ‘iwi that belonged in their collections. The entire mindset of museum personnel at that time was arrogance and disrespect to indigenous cultures. U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye and members of the Hawai‘i Congressional Delegation worked hard in not only passing the legislation into law, but in enforcing the credence of the law.

Eddie had asked me to go with him to the Smithsonian to check on the ‘iwi kūpuna in their possession, as he was planning and coordinating the visit of members of Hui Mālama I Nā Kūpuna who were preparing to repatriate the ‘iwi back to Hawai‘i. The first wave was from Hui Mālama members to repatriate all the ‘iwi kūpuna from the Smithsonian, with the exception of ‘iwi kūpuna from Kaua‘i. Members of Kaua‘i’s repatriation group was not ready to receive the ‘iwi kūpuna at that time and felt it was best to conduct their repatriation later in the year. We were politely received by the Smithsonian staff and they escorted us to the area where Hawai‘i’s ‘iwi kūpuna was located.

Eddie and I stood at the front of a wall of drawers that were encased in the wall. Eddie slid the first drawer open and we viewed the ‘iwi inside, as he explained to the ‘iwi that we were there to take them home and that we came in respect to them. We chanted briefly to the ‘iwi kūpuna and absorbed the enormity of the moment.

Months later Uncle Ed Kanahele, Charles Maxwell, and members of Hui Mālama I Nā Kūpuna arrived in D.C. and several of us Native Hawaiian and local staff members stood by to support their tasks in whatever way that we could. Towards the end of the week all of the ‘iwi kūpuna were inventoried and they were lovingly prepared for their return trip back to Hawai‘i. During the group’s visit to Senator Akaka’s office, Eddie pulled me to the side because he was in need of getting a Hawaiian flag that they wanted to drape over the vessel that housed the ‘iwi kūpuna. After the group departed the office, I spoke to Senator Akaka and shared Eddie’s request with him because I needed to now find a Hawaiian flag in Washington, D.C. Without any hesitation Senator Akaka said, “I’m going to give my flag to them!”, for it was the Hawaiian flag that stood in his ceremonial office. The Hawaiian flag that he had was given to him on his first day as a newly elected member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Senator Akaka explained to me that he had his Hawaiian flag since he started in the House, and wanted to gift his flag to honor the returning ‘iwi kūpuna. He also shared that he was going to get a new flag now that he was beginning his tenure in the U.S. Senate and that it was a new beginning for him there.

It was a heartfelt experience I appreciate of Senator Akaka to this day, and I was lucky to have been a staff member of his. When I first moved to Washington, D.C., I missed home everyday but my single biggest incentive was that I got to work on the staff of the only Native Hawaiian in Congress.

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I thank you again for your consideration of the work I had done and the skill-sets that I would bring as the Trustee of Hawai‘i Island. I also look forward to working with everyone in a concerted effort to improve the lives of our Native Hawaiian people

Hawai'i Island
Resident Trustee
Nominee:

Mililani B. Trask

Mililani B. Trask



2-15-22

Aloha OHA Trustees,

Please consider this to be the cover letter by which I am transmitting my personal statement of interest & CV Resume, for the consideration in filling the vacancy left by Trustee Keola Lindsey's resignation for the OHA Board of Trustees Hawaii Island Trustee position. I believe this meets the criteria for my nomination to fill the position.

I previously submitted my attestation verifying my island of residency and received a confirming email from your office.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mililani B. Trask".

Mililani B. Trask



Statement of Interest- Hawaii Island Trustee



2-15-22

Aloha OHA Trustees,

I forward this letter of interest to you for consideration as a nominee to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mr. Keola Lindsey, OHA Trustee for Hawaii Island. My work for the Hawaiian people and for our islands and oceanic environment is well recognized and documented. I have an extensive background relating to the overthrow of the Hawaiian Monarchy, the creation of the post-monarchy Hawaiian Trusts, including the State Ceded Lands Trust (PLT), the Hawaiian Homelands Trust, the Admissions Act and the trust obligations of the State and U.S. with our people. My expertise has been recognized by the U.S. Congress before which I testified twice as an Expert Witness at hearings chaired by the Senate before Senators Spark Matsunaga and Daniel Inouye. In advocating for our Hawaiian people, I became the first Hawaiian Diplomat to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, where I served as an Indigenous Expert for the entire Pacific Region. I am widely recognized as one of the primary drafters of the UNDRIP (Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples) which elucidated for the first time, international legal Human Rights Standards for the world of 500 million indigenous peoples.

I was previously elected to serve as a Trustee for OHA but did not complete my term because of the U.S. Supreme court ruling in the Rice v Cayetano lawsuit invalidating Hawaiians only elections. I have drafted several State & Federal Laws relating to the protection of our people's rights, including the Native Hawaiian Healthcare Act, which resulted in the establishment of Papa Ola Lokahi to provide healthcare funding to our people and Native Hawaiian Education Act.

My interest in OHA is the implementation of the OHA Strategic Plan; resolving the OHA PLT pro rata share of income; and addressing the effort to diminish & reclassify the Ceded Lands.

I have dedicated my life to the uplifting of the Hawaiian peoples, the opposition to systemic racism that we face and the eradication of poverty, landlessness, and ill health which are current manifestation of our collective colonial past. I state unequivocally, that if I am supported by the majority of the current Trustees, I will pledge to speak honestly, argue strenuously for consensus, and listen to & consider the words of my fellow Trustees as we work together to advance the status and condition of our peoples.

Aloha,

Mililani B. Trask

VITAE/RESUME

Education:

1966-1969	Kamehameha School, High School with Honors
1969-1971	University of Redlands
1969-1972	San Jose State University, BA
1974-1978	University of Santa Clara School of Law, JD

Licensure:

1978	Hawaii State Bar
1978- 2022	Hawaii License to Practice Law

Professional Positions:

1978-1979	Deputy Prosecutor	City and County of Honolulu
1979-1988	Private Law Practice	Honolulu, HI
1988-Present	Executive Director, The Gibson Foundation	Hilo, HI

A non-profit organization dedicated to assisting native Hawaiians attain home ownership.

Major Responsibilities include overall Foundation Administrator; designing, developing and implementing community-based housing projects; fund raising; assessing application for housing grant funding programs; designing, developing and implementing community education programs to assist Hawaiian families in building affordable housing.

1987-1998	Interim Kia'aina (Governor/Prime Minister) Ka Lahui Hawaii, the Native Hawaiian Nation.	Hawaii
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- Served as Chief Officer of this Hawaiians sovereignty initiative, founded in March 1987 with its first Constitutional Convention;

- Citizen enrolment: 250 (1987) to 5,000 (1989);

Kia'aina, Ka Lahui Hawaii

Hawaii

- Elected by Ka Lahui citizens to two-four year terms as Chief Executive;
- Citizen enrollment: 8,000 (1990) to 20,000 (1998);
- Negotiated and ratified 14 treaties with indigenous peoples and nations;
- \$400,000 in grants providing a statewide Newsletter and computer network facilitating Hawaiians ability to communicate and network statewide;

1991-1993	Program Director, Ka Lahui Hawaii's Self-Governance Grant, awarded by the Administrative for Native Americans to Pono Kaulike, Inc.
1998-2000	Trustee at Large, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, State of Hawaii Elected to a 4 year term in 1998 – ended in 2000 <u>Rice V. Cayetano</u>
2001-2004	Indigenous Expert to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
2006-Present	Indigenous Consultants, LLC Consulting for Indigenous Peoples, Communities & Nations, Energy Resources, Native to Native Business Development Model: Culturally Appropriate, Socially Responsible, Economically Equitable, Environmentally Clean & Green

United Nations Consultations:

- 1993 – UN World Conference on Human Rights
- 1994- U.N. International Consultation on Populations
- 1995- U.N. World Summit for Social Development;
- 1996- U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women;
- 2001- U.N. World Conference Against Racism, S.Africa;
- 1993 – Present - U.N. Working Group on Indigenous Populations;
- 1995 – Present - U.N. Intersessional Working Group on Declaration;
- 2002 – World Civil Society Forum, Geneva, Keynote/Workshop – Diversity, Racism and Indigenous Peoples;

- 2002 – UN World Conference on Sustainable Development; S. Africa;
- 2003 – UN World Conference on Information Society and UN Global forum on Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society;
- 2004 – UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (NY);
- 2004 – UN Human Rights Commission & Sub-Commission;
- 2005 – UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (NY);
- 2005 – UN Human Rights Council (Geneva);
- 2005 – CBD/ABS/8j – Bangkok, Thailand;
- 2005 – World Social Forum, Porto Alegre;
- 2005 – Organization of American States (D.C.);
- 2006 – Consultation on Declarations, Cancun, Mexico;
- 2006 – UN General Assembly (NY);
- 2006 – UN Human Rights Council (Geneva);

Work Relating to Biodiversity, Bio-prospecting and Traditional Knowledge

- Member of the International Indigenous Caucus on biodiversity of the UN Convention on Biodiversity since 2000. This body is part of the CBD including Access and Benefit Sharing, Bio-safety Protocols, Traditional Knowledge 8j and related provisions, Intellectual property (patent, copyright and trademark);
- Participant with ABS/TK Sub committee sessions and the IUCN (World Conservation Union) in Bangkok, Thailand and Grenada, Spain on the issues relating to Biodiversity Preservation, Traditional Knowledge and Policy of UN agencies and nation states.
- 2001- 2004 United Nations Permanent Forum Focal Point on Human Rights and Health - including rights of indigenous peoples to genetic resources on their lands, territories and resources. Health issues including the impact of patenting of food and medicines on indigenous peoples and cultures; the effect of genetic modification on the nutritional and medicinal value of GM Organisms.
- 2003-2006 – Participant and Presenter to Ka Aha Pono Conference on Hawaiian Traditional Knowledge.
- 2003-2006 – Hawaiian Civic Club Committee on bio-prospecting. HCC prepared and lobbied several pieces of legislation for Bio-prospecting Policy in Hawaii. In 2005 the HCC Resolution for a legislative audit passed and in 2006 the legislation re: the Temporary Advisory Commission passed.

- 2004-2006 – Instructor with the International Treaty Council for Indigenous Peoples, Nuuk, Greenland on issues relating to global Bio-safety protocols, Genetic Use Restriction Technology (GURTS), Traditional Knowledge and Genetic resources. Public Policy relating to Access and Benefit Sharing and protection of indigenous human rights relating to TK, IP and genetic resources.
- 2005 – 2006 – Ka Aha Pono Traditional Knowledge Grant Administration;
- 2005 – 2006 – Hawaiian Civic Club Committee on Bio-prospecting;
- 2006 – University of Arizona Indigenous Peoples Law Program Curriculum Development Seminar;

Honors, Appointments and International & Community Recognition:

- 1977 - Legal Community Service Award, SC Law School;
- 1978 - Reginald Scholar (National);
- 1982 - Outstanding Young Woman of America (National);
- 1982 - Distinguished Service to Hawaii Nei Award, Alu Like, (HI);
- 1982 - Presidential Appointee to Federal State Task Force on Hawaiian Home Lands (HI);
- 1982-85 – Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Board of Directors;
- 1983-87 – Native Hawaiian Land Trust Task Force;
- 1985-87 – Hawaii Women’s Political Action League, Board of Directors;
- 1986 – Hawaii Women’s Political Action League, Co-Chair, Candidate Endorsement Committee;
- 1987 - YWCA Professional Woman of the Year in the Field of Law (HI);
- 1987-88 – Member, Hawaii State Judiciary Water Rights Roundtable (Native Hwn. Water uses);
- 1988 – Delegate to Democratic National Convention;
- 1992 – Present – Member, Halawa Coalition (protecting sacred sites at Halawa Valley);
- 1993 & 1995 - Best Hawaiian Leader of the Year Honolulu Weekly Reader Poll (HI);
- 1993 - Appointed to Indigenous Initiative for Peace by Nobel Laureate Rigoberta Menchu-Tum (International);
- 1994 - Bannerman Fellow (National);
- 1995 - Best Community Activist – Honolulu Weekly Reader Poll;
- 1995 – Vice Chair, General Assembly of the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization, the Hague;

- 1998 – Member, Mauna Kea Advisory Committee;
- 2000 - Guatemala Silver Medal of Peace for Service to Indigenous Peoples, Presented by Rigoberta Menchu Tum (International);
- 2001 -2004 - United Nations’ Appointee to the UN Permanent Forum, Pacific Region (International – 3 yr. Term).

Presentations, Conferences and Guest Lectures:

- 1987 – First Hawaiian Sovereignty Conference, Kamehameha Schools, Panelist;
- 1988 – Hawaiian Sovereignty Conference, State Capitol, Honolulu, Panelist;
- 1990 – Peoples Legislative conference on Hawaiian Rights, State Capitol, Honolulu – Speaker;
- 1991 – University of Wisconsin, Lecturer - Native Rights;
- 1991 – Aboriginal Public Policy Institute (APPI), International Indigenous Sovereignty Conference, Marin County, CA, Keynote Address;
- 1991 – Civil Rights Presentation, Honolulu, HI, Speaker;
- 1991 – United Church of Christ, Commission for Racial Justice at the People of Color First National Environmental Leadership Summit, Washington, D.C., Plenary Presenter;
- 1992 – Keepers of Treasure, Cultural and Historic Preservation Conference, Billings, Montana, Keynote Address;
- 1992 – World Council of Churches, Program to Combat Racism, Women Under Racism Global Gathering, Port of Spain, Trinidad, Keynote Address;
- 1992 – United Church of Christ, National Roundtable Discussion, National Priority Working Group, Perspectives on Columbus from diverse cultural, racial and ethnic backgrounds, Participant;
- 1992 – University of Hawaii at Manoa, Lecturer/panelist – Civil Rights Panel Discussion;
- 1993 (Jan. 17th), 100th Year Observance of the Illegal Overthrow of the Hawaiian Nation, Iolani Palace, Honolulu, HI, Keynote Address;
- 1993 – Peoples Water Conference, Kawaihau Church, Honolulu, HI, Panelist;
- 1993 – Los Angeles Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs “Hawaiian Sovereignty”, LA, CA, Speaker;
- 1993 – Cherokee Nation, Indian International Council, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Keynote Address and Moderator;
- 1993 – University of Oregon, Lecturer, Indigenous Economics and Indigenous Human Rights;

- 1994 – International Transpersonal Association (ITA) “Toward Earth Community: Ecology, Native Wisdom and Spirituality”, Killarny, Co., Kerry, Ireland, Keynote Address;
- 1994 – United Nations International Conference on Populations and Development, International Women’s Health Coalition, Cairo, Egypt, Participant;
- 1995 – Public Forum, Featured Speaker, Feminist Family Values, the Foundation for A Compassionate Society, Featuring Angela Davis, Gloria Steinem, Maria Jimenez & Mililani Trask;
- 1995 – San Francisco State University, Lecturer – United Nations’ 50th Anniversary Speech and Indigenous Rights;
- 1995 – Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, China, Participant, Plenary Speaker;
- 1996 – Government of the Republic of Fiji’s Indigenous Peoples of the Pacific Workshop on the United Nations Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Suva, Fiji, Participant/Delegate;
- 1997 – Federal Bar Association Indian Law Conference “Self Determination and Indigenous People: Native Hawaiians and the UN Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples”, Speaker;
- 1997 – Australian Reconciliation Convention, Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, Melbourne, Australia, Plenary Speaker;
- 1998 – Native Hawaiian Rights Clinic, University of Hawaii School of Law, Speaker;
- 1998 – Trust & Fiduciary Obligations of Native Trustees; First Foundation, New Zealand, Plenary;
- 1999 – Pacific Court of Women, Auckland, New Zealand, Plenary;
- 1999 – University of Colorado at Boulder, Lecturer, Sovereignty Symposium;
- 2001 – WCAR Keynote, Colonialism, Reparations and Racism: Indigenous Perspectives;
- 2001 – Indigenous Rights, Contemporary Issues, UC Santa Cruz, Lecturer;
- 2001 – Sovereignty, Racism and Indigenous Peoples, Sydney, Australia;
- 2001 – World Court of Women Against Violence, Capetown, South Africa, Jurist;
- 2001 – World Court of Women, Durban, South Africa, Witness;
- 2001 – Assembly of First Nations, Quebec, Canada, Plenary;

- 2001 – Indigenous Peoples & International Law, Indigenous Women’s Network, Mohawk Valley, New York, Keynote;
- 2001 – Globalization – Contemporary Issues, Jubilee South USTAWI, Seattle, Washington, Keynote;
- 2002 – World Conference on Sustainable Development, Plenary, Participant, South Africa;
- 2002 – University of Hawaii, School of Law – Symposium on Rice v. Cayetano, Keynote;
- 2002 – University of Hawaii, Panel – Mauna Kea & Hawaiian Cultural Issues;
- 2002 – Hamilton University, Guest Lecturer, Wellington School of Law;
- 2002 - Bates College, Maine – Guest Lecturer – Independence Movements of Indigenous Peoples;
- 2003 – RMIT/East West Center, Keynote – Diversity Conference;
- 2003 – University of Michigan, Keynote – Student Training;
- 2003 – Minnesota, Amnesty International Youth Training, Workshop;
- 2003 – The Ford Foundation, U.S. Environmental Justice Strategic Planning Conference, Washington D.C., Participant;
- 2003 – UNITAR – Diplomacy Training, Conflict Resolution and Prevention, Instructor and Participant;
- 2003 – University of California, Boalt Hall School of Law, Keynote – Coalition Building in Community Work;
- 2003 – Seattle, Washington, Environmental Justice Conference, Keynote;
- 2003 – Cook Islands, Consultation with Traditional Elders (Koutu Nui) and Government on Traditional Knowledge and Intellectual Property;
- 2003 – Teton Sioux Treaty Conference, South Dakota, Workshop and Keynote;
- 2003 – World Trade Organization, Cancun Mexico, Forum Representative;
- 2003 – CINE Conference, Montreal Canada, Indigenous Peoples, Nutrition and Environment, Keynote;
- 2003 – Ke Aha Pono – Hawaii Conference on Indigenous Knowledge, Keynote;
- 2003 – Hawaii Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Kauai Island, Workshop, Biodiversity and Hawaii Legislation;
- 2004 – World Court of Women, Crimes of War, Mumbai, India; Witness;
- 2004 – World Social Forum, Participant, Mumbai, India;
- 2005 – Color of Violence, Keynote, New Orleans;
- 2005 – Indigenous Caucus Consultation on CBD, Canada;

- 2005 - Maori Women's Welfare League, Keynote, New Zealand;
- 2005 – Indigenous Caucus Consultation on Declaration, Mexico;
- 2006 – Arizona State University Law School, Keynote;
- 2006 – Hawaii State Bar Association, International Law and Akaka Bill Seminar/Training;
- 2006 – International Forum on Globalization, Keynote, NY;
- 2013 – First Indigenous Women's Global Conference: Lima Peru, Steering Committee; Keynote Speaker

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- 1981-83 Native Hawaiian Study Commission Vol. II Minority Report, Kina'u Kamalii Chair
- 1982 - 83 – Federal State Task Force on Hawaiian Homes Commission, Appointed by President/Governor State of Hawaii,
- 2000, Maori Geothermal Conference – New Zealand
- Pacific Indigenous Womas conference – Guahan, Guam
- 2002, Geothermal Workshop, Auckland New Zealand
- 2005, Pacific Woman's Court of Justice, Aotearoa NZ
- 2016, Geothermal Workshop, Auckland New Zealand.

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III. New Business

**D. Update to Action Item BOT#22-03: Nā Lama Kukui, 560 N.
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****This portion of the meeting will take place on Thursday, February 24, 2022
at 9:00 when the Board of Trustees meeting reconvenes.**

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IV. Executive Session

A.Consultation with Board Counsel Robert G. Klein, Esq. and Interim General Counsel Everett Ohta, Esq. re: questions and issues pertaining to the Board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities with respect to an Update to Action Item BOT#22-03: Nā Lama Kukui, 560 N. Nimitz Highway, Refinancing, pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4)

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B. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

- 1. June 24, 2021**
- 2. July 29, 2021**
- 3. February 10, 2022**