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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**DATE:** Thursday, March 24, 2022**TIME:** 10:00 am**PLACE:** Virtual MeetingViewable at www.oha.org/livestream OR

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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. Community Concerns and Celebrations****(Please see page 2 on how to submit written testimony or provide oral testimony online. Oral testimony by phone will **not** be accepted)
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. February 23, 2022
- V. New Business**
 - A. Committee on Resource Management
 1. Action Item RM #22-04: Approval of the OHA Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Year ended June 30, 2021; and the OHA Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards and Uniform Guidance, Year Ended June 30, 2021†
 - B. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment
 1. 2022 OHA State Legislative Bill Package Updates – SB2122/HB1474, SB2121/HB1473, coordinated advocacy - Matrix 1†☯
 2. 2022 OHA State Legislature Bill Positions Related to Measures Naming OHA – Matrix 2†☯
 3. 2022 OHA Legislature Bill Positions Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians – Matrix 3†☯
 4. 2022 OHA Legislature Bill Positions and Monitored Bills Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians – Matrix 4†☯
- VI. Executive Session‡**
 - A. Consultation with Board Counsel Robert Klein, Sherry P. Broder, Esq and 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).
- VII. Announcements**
- VIII. Adjournment**

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

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- (3) a microphone to provide oral testimony.

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Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

03/18/2022
Date

Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
March 24, 2022
10:00 A.M.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. February 23, 2022

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(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)

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Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
MINUTES
February 23, 2022 and continued to February 24, 2022

ATTENDANCE:

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Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keli'i Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee
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Sylvia Hussey, CEO
Casey Brown, COO
Ramona Hinck, CFO
Robert Klein, Board Counsel
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel
Nietzsche Ozawa, Interim Sr. Legal Counsel
Kalani Fronda, Land Director
Ryan H. Lee, Interim Invt. Mgr.
Erin Nakamura-IT Support
Arlene Aguinaldo-IT Support

BOT STAFF:

Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary
Claudine Calpito, Trustee Aide
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide
Evalani Canto, Trustee Aide
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide
Maria Calderon, Trustee Aide
Brandon Mitsuda, Trustee Aide
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Randall Sakumoto, Board Counsel
Sam Chung, Financial Advisor to Board
Joshua Lanakila Mangauil
Kaloa Robinson
Mililani B. Trask
Germaine Meyers
Healani Sonoda-pale
Cindy Freitas
Leianuenue Niheu
Malama Solomon
Dr. Noe Noe Wong
Steven Thomas
Kaloa Robinson
Kawehi Correa
Jeff McKnight
Regina Peterson
Matthew Villanueva

GUEST CONTINUED:

Nicole Naone
Shannon Matson
Walter Ritte
Leomana Turalde
Kalena Lanuza
Kauwila Mahi
Pua Case
Damien Kenison
Patricia Talbert
Edward Akiona
Pomaika'i Brown
Kealohanuiopuna Kinney
Leialoha Kaula
Hawane Rios

Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA	X	
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI'AINA	LEE	X	
HAWAI'I	ISLAND TRUSTEE SEAT	VACANT		Trustee K. Lindsey resigned on 2/1/2022
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
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At the Call to Order, **eight (8)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

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Before we begin, I would like to note that items III.A.1&2 and III.B.2 were received under the 72 hour deadline. I would also like to announce that after new business III.B., I will be calling a recess to this meeting until tomorrow morning at 9:00 am. We will not be allowing any public testimony tomorrow, all testimony must be done today. Let me go over some quick announcements, please mute your mics when you are not speaking. We are recording today's meeting for the sole purpose of producing written minutes, which will become the official record of this meeting.

Joining the Trustees today is my Aides-Kanani Iaea and Amber Kalua, and our Board Secretary-Lehua Itokazu. With us today is Robert Klein, our Board Counsel, and Sylvia Hussey, our CEO. I will now call on Sylvia, our Pouhana, to announce our administration staff who is joining us today.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO Thank you Chair and good morning Trustees, we have from administration our COO-Casey Brown, CFO-Ramona Hinck, Interim General Counsel-Everett Ohta, Interim Senior Legal Counsel - Nietzsche Ozawa, and we are always supported by our IT staff-Arlene and Erin.

Public Testimony

Chair Hulu Lindsey Okay, moving on to public testimony. We have approximately 30 testifiers signed up. In order to allow time for everyone to testify, you will be given 2 minutes to share your mana'o. Your name will be called and your microphone will be unmuted when it is your turn to testify. If you are not audible, you will be muted and the next testifier will be called. Before the end of public testimony, any testifiers that were unavailable when their names were called or those who were in audible will be called on again to offer public testimony. Oral testimony will only be accepted today. Tomorrow, when the Board reconvenes and continues this meeting, no oral testimony will be accepted. Please call our first speaker.

Germaine Meyers Aloha my name is Germaine Meyers, I am a OHA beneficiary for beneficiary advocacy and empowerment, I am also a Nānākuli Hawaiian Homestead lessee. Mahalo Chair and trustees for the opportunity to express my support of the Hawai'i Island Trustee nominee Mililani B. Trask. Mililani has covered a diversity of issues over the years and it is phenomenal. She has addressed issues that affect Hawaiians within the community on each island at the legislature, various government agencies, educational entities, institutions, private entities, which includes advocating for Hawaiians at the United Nations. Mililani produced and hosted the first Friday episodes on 'Ōlelo for months and decades. I searched and found the First Friday archived on 'Ulu'ulu that was broadcasted in October 19, 1988, over twenty-three years ago, which included both Mililani and her beloved sister, Haunani-Kay Trask. She has covered a tremendous range of topics and just some of them equal diversity, traditional Hawaiian education, Hawai'i's economic future, powerful women in history, legislative updates each and every year, kanemea ai etc. When I look at the nominees, I could only find two of the three that placed their names on the primary election ballot and both received enough votes to advance to the general election, but the third nominee on today's agenda never once ran for an OHA trustees seat. I checked every primary and general election result as far back as 1992, thirty years ago. For every OHA race including at-large, I never once found the name Kaloa Robinson on the ballot, in other words, who ran for OHA trustees' seats in past elections giving the people of Hawai'i, Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians, the opportunity to vote for them. You all know it's a statewide campaign and everyone has the opportunity to vote for OHA, therefore every candidate has to sacrifice and invest time and personal monies to fundraise and campaign statewide exactly like the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Healani Sonoda-Pale Hello everyone, Chair Hulu Lindsey, Vice Chair Ahu Isa, and members of the Board. I'm testifying in strong support of Mililani B. Trask to represent kānaka maoli for the Hawai'i Island seat on the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' Board of Trustees. I was mentored by Mililani Trask and her sister, Dr. Haunani-Kay Trask for many years and find myself in a leadership role in the community today because of what I learned from the Trask sisters. Mililani, in particular, showed me the ropes of advocacy and gave an analysis of power and land in Hawai'i that was game changing. The Hawaiian nation and generations of leaders today and tomorrow owe a lot to the work of this mana kupuna wahine. Beginning in 1977 until the present, Mililani has filed amicus briefs and provided legal testimony on dozens of Hawaiian courtroom battles. These have included landmark cases focusing on water rights, ceded lands, Hawaiian homelands, civil rights and more. She also served as legal counsel for E Ola Mau nonprofit organization of Hawaiian

health professionals. Since 1983, she was named to the Federal State task force for the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Mililani has been appointed to a succession of prestigious national and international panels. These range from Hawai'i advisory committee of the U.S. civil rights commission to various United Nations global consultations on indigenous affairs in Cairo, Beijing, Copenhagen, and Vienna. Among International Human Rights offices, Mililani was elected second vice chairwoman of the General Assembly of Nations of the Underrepresented Nations and Peoples Organizations (UNPO). UNPO was founded in 1991 by the Dalai Lama. Mililani was chosen by an international UNPO committee to replace Ken Sarorwa, the late Nigerian human rights activists murdered by the Nigerian Government. For seven years, Mililani worked closely with Mother Theresa of Calcutta, traveling with her to India and Rome on Peace and Human Rights missions. In 1980 after years of organizing in Hawaiian communities, Mililani founded Ka Lāhui Hawai'i, a Native Hawaiian Nation, in 1987 when she was elected kia'āina of Ka Lāhui; it had 250 members. When her term of office expired, it had nearly 20,000 members. I just want to say I have faith that Mililani Trask is the right choice. You need someone to hit the ground running and has years of experience and most importantly, will support Chair Hulu Lindsey, who she was arrested with on Mauna Kea in protection of our Mauna.

Leianuenue Niheu Aloha mai Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for Mililani Trask as the Big Island Trustee for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Given that the two most recent speakers spoke most eloquently on her background, I concur with every point that they were making prior to what I had to say because it was at great length. I'd like to add that, in my support for Mililani, I've known her and worked with her in our spiritual section of Kalai Makawalu for the purposes of learning traditional and spiritual practices under Pua Kanahale. I also wanted to add the third nominee that I would advise to treat with suspect, remarks to Germaine's points about the nominee Kaloa Robinson in this selection process. I oppose his selection because the absence of his participation related to issues and impacts upon our people and sources combined with his absence on his position on the TMT issue which is unknown and unclear at this point; his political leanings are not align in the spirit and body of OHA and I urge you to treat his nomination with suspect. His presence comes in this pool selection out of obscurity and it's caused by pause and consideration in that he may be guided by forces directly or indirectly not true to OHA's purposes. I am gripped with fear that the existence of such influences come from more powerful pro-TMT officials and individuals that could leverage and hinder OHA's capabilities on the path forward for our people. Mahalo Madam Chair and Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Malama Solomon Aloha kākou, I am also in support of Mililani Trask. I've known her my entire academic and political career and together our focus has been and will continue to be the betterment of civil liberties and the human right to economic, cultural self-determination for all peoples and, in particular, are people the Hawai'i 'Ōiwi. Our goals are achieved with guided leadership integrity that has integrity, compassion and those who remain contemplated and steadfast; this is Mililani Trask and her remarkable track record speaks of itself. Our multi-generational Hawaiian community has witnessed the government's persistence and questioning who we are, the heritage we share, and our beliefs; however, these perpetual political assaults demand a willingness to understand that we are up against an apathetic government. This apathy has resulted in years of State and Congressional disinvestment in our legal negotiated entitlements, which have taken a toll on moving our people to self-sufficiency. Mililani Trask understands these realities. Mililani and her family have dedicated their lives, they have accumulated legal knowledge along with their experiences as human rights attorneys. She will be a major contribution to the Board, who has legislative and administrative powers. We look forward to continuing meaningful private, public partnerships to build and fortify our capacities to maneuver and overcome financial, political hardships and remain true to ourselves. I'm looking forward to your favorable consideration, mahalo a nui loa.

Dr. Noe Noe Wong Aloha mai kākou to Chair Lindsey and members of the Board, I am here to speak today on behalf of Lanakila Mangauil and provide you with a little bit of information which you may already be aware of. I am supporting him for this interim appointment to the Board of Trustees for Office of Hawaiian Affairs. I have known Lanakila since he was in high school and then became a student of ours at I Ola Hāloa, Hawai'i Community College in the Hawaiian studies program and have known him since. In seeing him grow into the man that he has become and the leader in our community and most importantly as you know, in the last election he ran albeit unsuccessfully against the individual who was then seated as Trustee; however, and importantly, Lanakila was selected as the leader by Hawai'i Island residence. We don't have to go into the issues related to the election of trustees nowadays, but the fact that had it been up to Hawai'i Island residents to select their own representative, he would be sitting on the Board with you today. Unfortunately, he loss by less than a percentage point when O'ahu was added into the statewide races. So, for that reason and because I know that Lanakila will do his best to represent us here on Hawai'i Island as well as for Hawaiians throughout the State and that he has the energy, youth, right attitude, of course support our movement and was a leader on Mauna Kea, I highly recommend his appointment. Mahalo nui.

Steven Thomas Aloha mai kākou, I am testifying in support of Lanakila Mangauil to the vacant Hawai'i Island Trustee seat. I've come to know Lanakila as a young man with a wealth of ideas for the betterment of our lāhui. When faced with the difficult questions, we as kānaka have all contemplated poverty, education, and over dependent on shipping for our survival. Lanakila always has his mind on solutions. Turning to himself to set the example and challenging us as well to do our part because it isn't only leaders who have kuleana, we all do. I was part of the O'ahu contingent supporting his campaign in 2020 and in the time since, my interaction with him has only served to solidify my confidence in him as a leader. I have been blessed to share breath and space with this young man and I know for certain that there is no better choice for this appointment then Lanakila Mangauil. E hū a'e ka pono, mahalo.

Kaloa Robinson Good Morning Trustees, my name is Kaloa Robinson. I'm a graduate of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; a sitting Board member of both the Building Industry Association, the Gift Foundation; and nephew of nominee. I write in my personal capacity to provide strong support for my namesake and my uncle to fill the vacancy for Hawai'i Trustee based on his mind, heart, and soul and the good nature thereof. As to his mind, this Board will be hard pressed to find a candidate whose roster of experience is evidence of both capacity to serve and the competence. Many will campaign to talk the talk, Mr. Robinson's words, while equally as compelling, he's here with both feet, hands, knees, and other requisite appendages to walk the walk. From his humble beginnings in the office of late Senator Akaka to his various services under the Hawai'i County administration, his positions at the Boys and Girls Club, Friends of 'Iolani Palace, among many others, my uncle's services are demanded because of his capability in providing them. As to his heart, my uncle cares. The mission of this body is to care for Hawaiians, to increase their quality of life, and to care for our culture. To these ends, my uncle has stood unwavering in his personal mission to do his part in engineering a brighter future for this place and our people. I have bore witness to a man whose heart is and always has been and always will be invested in the wellbeing of others before his own. As to his heart, I am unable to cite another man with as much of it as him. And, lastly to insult, my uncle is a man of upstanding character with a steadfast moral compass faithfully pointed true north. This vacancy comes at a time where local and State institutions are under threat of special interest and corruptions, things to which this agency is not immune. Disagreements of policy, politics or business aside, this body can rest assured that Uncle Kaloa will always do the right thing, thank you.

Kawehi Correa Aloha Trustees and Chair Hulu Lindsey, thank you for allowing me to testify today in support of the selection of Auntie Mililani Trask to represent the island of Hawai'i. My name is Kawehi Correa and I grew up on the island of Hawai'i in Waimea in Hawaiian Homelands. I am sure you folks know

of her tremendous resume and all of her accomplishments, but these are the primary reasons that I believe she would make the best candidate to fill this position. The number one is for the Board. She has a history and track record to guide you in the best decision making to achieve the best use for perpetuation of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. She will guide you folks in a way that is entitled by the law and something that Auntie Mililani has stood for and can speak directly to. The number two is for the constituents. She is the epitome of true intention when it comes to Hawaiian affairs. She has fought in so many different activisms and has been all over the world and globe. By her resume alone, her heart is in the right place and so I believe that's one of the primary reasons she should be selected. The third and final reason is when those two culminate and relationships that she's developed in the community, I believe that she could get the advocacy and support that sometimes is needed to achieve what we need to do as a lāhui. I believe she is the best fit in totality and thank you very much for your time today, aloha.

Jeff McKnight Thank you Honorable Trustees for allowing me to speak in favor of nominating Lanakila Mangaul to fill the vacant Hawai'i Island Trustee seat for OHA. I've lived in Pa'auilo for over 10 years and it's an honor and a privilege to be able to live in the same community. Although quite young, Lanakila is well regarded for his amazing courage and leadership. He's intelligent, pragmatic, and well respected, even by those with him, he may disagree. He's a great teacher and an excellent communicator through the Hawaiian Cultural Center of Hāmākua. He's taught the community Hawaiian language, culture, history, farming techniques, hula and, most importantly, Hawaiian values. He's charismatic and speaks from his heart. Lanakila has an uncanny ability for building strong, meaningful community relationships and consensus. He has taught the entire community about the importance of our relationships, not only with each other but also the 'āina. He is a tremendous asset to our community and I believe in all my heart, he will serve OHA in the same capacity. I cannot think of a better person to serve in this position. Thank you very much for allowing me to testify today.

Regina Peterson Aloha kākou, Lanakila has what it takes to help your organization to improve the wellbeing of all Native Hawaiians. I've known about Lanakila from the time he ran all the way up to Mauna Kea to protect her, that shows me he loves our 'āina and will do whatever is needed to ensure no more unnecessary desecration will take place. I've been blessed to be one of the many who has been awoken because of the love, ike, and personal encouragement and guidance by this amazing young man. I stress the word young man, as I stress the words pono young men and women leading the way for not just our present and future, but especially for their future. I trust Lanakila will be transparent yet stand firm for what is right for all Native Hawaiians. He's very competent in the ways of our kūpuna and understands ho'oluna a hui aloha, to raise a beloved lāhui. As he has shown extensively in the Mauna Kea movement within Hawai'i and across the world and continues to in his leadership at Hāmākua Cultural Center and beyond. He is well immersed in the major elements on what it means to be Hawai'i; kapilohane (ka pili 'oihana), that deep Hawaiian spiritual connection and understanding the relationship of everything in the universe, seen and unseen; ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i, the love for the language that brings life to the future generations; Kalawena, the physical behavior of being pono yet stern with humbleness; ka 'ike kauna, the traditional knowledge and values is embedded in his na'au that brings forth his understanding of his kuleana. Lanakila is not afraid to take this step in challenging positions. As he has shown in his recent candidacy for Hawai'i Island Trustee, where as other nominees, no disrespect, have not. In that race, Lanakila had 50,000 votes across the islands, 20,000 plus came from Moku o Keawe alone. The backing and the desire of the community is shown. I would like to add that Kaloa Robinson who ran in 2016 for Senate 16, district 1 was not able to obtain even more than 1,000 votes from his district for his candidacy. If you all stand by your vision – to mālama Hawai'i's people and environmental resources, OHA's assets for assuring the perpetuation of the culture, the enhancement of the lifestyle, the protection of entitlement of Native Hawaiians then you will make the best choice in assigning this position to Lanakila Mangaul. Mahalo for your time.

Matthew Villanueva Aloha, I just want to say that I do not mean to defame anybody in what I have to say, this is in support of the appointment of Lanakila Mangauil. I personally suspect that it's possible the election was illegal in 2020 because there was concern that the other candidate, Lindsey, did not live on Hawai'i Island. In which case, Lanakila should be appointed for the full term and not just the interim.

He shares a Chant. – Mahalo.

Nicole Naone Today, I am testifying in support of Lanakila Mangauil to be in the position of the interim Trustee of Hawai'i Island. Before I give my reasons, I would like to be sure to acknowledge when I first met Auntie Mili with my Auntie Lurlene Salvadore and I will forever be grateful and in awe of the foundational work she has done on Ka Lāhui, mahalo Auntie Mili. Moving on, it is no secret that OHA has been an incredibly polarizing entity and that many view OHA as corrupt and out of touch. A perfect example of this is that Kaloa Robinson is nominated at all. Putting Lanakila in a position of Hawai'i Island Trustee will not only be best for Hawai'i Island but will also provide a majorly need shift in the Hawaiian perspective of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. It is very simple to see that when somebody has that many votes and that many people supporting them and is able to get that many people to follow him, this is a natural born leader. Whether Lanakila is in the Office of Hawaiian Affairs or not, he will be leading the people either way. It is up to OHA if they would like to collaborate with someone who is already leading things or if they would like to continue to be out lying and doing things like nominating Kaloa Robinson. I don't know why you did that Akina. Thank you so much for all of the Trustees who do so much amazing things. Mahalo.

Shannon Matson Aloha, I am Sharon Matson and born in Honoka'a, raised in Kona. My mountain is Hualālai and I now reside in 'Ōla'a, Puna. My keiki are nā keiki Pūnana Leo O Hilo. I am grateful to have the opportunity to speak in support of Lanakila. I know both of the other nominees have contributed to our community and I am not here to say anything against either of these excellent candidates, I am here instead to urge you to listen to the voters. Lanakila won the primary election for Hawai'i Island in 2020 with over 1,300 votes, that is how much he won by; although he wasn't victorious in the general election, he received 150,000 votes. These are 150,000 voters who voiced their support and trust in Lanakila. Through his campaign, he had the opportunity to connect and hear from those who he will work hard to represent. He is familiar with the issues and he is familiar with his community's wants and needs. Lastly, I would like to address a rumor I heard that whoever receives this appointment, they are being asked not to run in the next election, I sincerely hope this is just a rumor. I understand concerns about giving undo advantage to appointees but as I directly participated in the recent appointment of Congressman Kai Kahele originally to his Senate Seat when his Father had passed, I also participated in the nomination process for Laura Acasio and of Representative Chris Todd and I am very familiar of this process, I agree that this process may need some serious revision but until voters and the legislators make these changes through the proper channels, I think it's neither legal nor pono to strap a promise to not run in the next election cycle. If the Trustees are doing a good job, then why not allow them to serve the community at the pleasure of the voters. Please allow your na'au to guide your decision. Mahalo nui for allowing me the opportunity to share my mana'o.

Walter Ritte To try and figure out on how we can make OHA stonger, I know that 99% of things *inaudible*. I am trying to figure out how we can balance out OHA's political power. I think if we had a little bit more youth on OHA, that would really help. *Inaudible* If we are going to strengthen OHA, we need to bring another person that has youth, another person that understands politics, and someone who understands direct action activities in order to bring more Hawaiians into the political arena, this would be Lanakila Mangauil.

Leomana Turalde Aloha to everyone listening in this room, I am from Mauna Kea, Hawai'i. I am world champion paddler; I am a Marine combat veteran and special forces team leader, NASA's rookie of the year recipient of rocketry and engineering; I am the alaka'i of Hālau Kawaili'ula, an astrophysicist who's taught

discovery is 27 dwarf galaxies and the tenth planet haumea; I am the current commissioner on Wildgame Management for District 3 which is Hilo on Hawai'i Island; and I am part member of Hawai'i Meeting Team in the Metaverse in Crypto currency. I wanted to come here today and support Lanakila. I enjoy Aunty but I want some younger faces. I know Lanakila, I am not good friends with him but he has my support in all of his endeavors for Big Island. We the people of Hawai'i Island chose him to lead us and for some reason he isn't the leader. I wanted to come here and give him my support. Sorry, I don't have a speech written out like everyone else but I felt like it was important to come here, say my name, and let everyone know that he has my support. Mahalo.

Kalena Lanuza Aloha mai Madame Chair and to all the Trustees, I am an OHA beneficiary living in Moku Honua on the 'āina of the Shoemash people. I am here today to voice my support for Lanakila Mangauil to fill the recently vacated Hawai'i Island Trustee seat and I humbly request to vote for him to join OHA in his capacity. As you are aware, his steadfast support for our lāhui and his immense show of leadership both in good times and bad, to me, makes an obvious choice for this position. Additionally, his deep knowledge of our culture as well as his ability to rally so many of our people to support Native Hawaiian causes uniquely positions him to assist OHA in widening its support among members of the lāhui while across the pae'āina throughout the diaspora. I agree although the vast experience of the other nominees not be overlooked, I firmly believe what OHA needs now is a leader who can intimately connect with our youth as well as the upcoming kia'i that will move our lāhui forward. As a mother of a young keiki, I've watched in awe as Lanakila has skillfully activated our youth to truly grow into their kuleana as kānaka and know his servant leadership style would be a benefit to OHA. As a member of the island diaspora, I can affirm that if it weren't for new leaders such as Lanakila Mangauil, my young son's connection to our 'āina would not be as strong as it is today even from afar. My 'ohana and I have look to his platform time and time again to help learn more about our people and the immense challenges faced by our lāhui as well as meaningful ways we can assit an effective change. It is not easy moving away from our homelands, but it is beacuse of inclusive leaders such as Lanakila, that our 'ohana is able to feel that we have a space in our lāhui. Lastly, as other supporters have stated today, his steadfast commitment to the 'āina and our lāhui coupled with his charisma and his ability to bring people together makes him my first choice and I hope he will be yours as well. Again, I strongly suggest you consider Lanakila for this vacancy. Mahalo nui for your time.

Kauila Mahi Welina mai kākou, I am a Ph.D. student in political science and the lead student translator for Hawai'i State Archives and also a working member for many indigenous nations as their translator, I am supporting Lanakila Mangauil for the Hawai'i Island Trustee. Lanakila has demonstrated an uncompromising dedication of aloha for Hawai'i, the land, and the people. His dedication to cultural competence and ceremony has a form of advocacy for all of Hawai'i and the betterment of land and water protectors in Hawai'i. Watching and working along side Lanakila, it is clear that his dedication and fresh picking is rooted in the crafts in order to ensure the future. He provides for our people like a chief. He is always pragmatic, eloquent, and staunch with his pilina to those who he has served and will continue to serve. *Inaudible*. Mahalo

Pua Case Aloha mai kākou, I am here to speak on behalf of Joshua Lanakila Mangauil. I would like to read the testimony I sent just to make sure that it was recieved. I am hearing the call from your constiutents in our communities to urge you to select Joshua Lanakila Mangauil as Interim Trustee for our moku, Moku o Keawe, the moku I come from neighboring the district that Lanakila comes from. I believe and know in my heart as others have testified today that Lanakila has earned this position, more importantly he has earned the right because he is a fearless koa aloha 'āina, not just for our moku but for all of Hawai'i. He has served his community and his lāhui in many capacities and he has never backed down from a challenge. Is it not our kuleana as leaders, elders, professionals, colleagues,

and kānaka 'ōiwi to groom this next generation? To provide them a seat at the table, to offer them counsel, and to recognize them for their deeds and the tireless work over all these years. Lanakila has shown the lāhui that he is up to the tasks, that he has much to offer, and that he will bring his experience, skills, passion, knowledge, and he will bring the many kānaka 'ōiwi that follow him to this table with him. Isn't it time for that? We are in a time where we must be strong, we must be brave, and we must be everywhere and everything that we cherish and hold dear. Lanakila is my candidate who has proven time and time again that he is the kanaka for this position for this time. I make this request as his kumu hula, his mentor, his Auntie, a mother, and a wahine of Hawai'i nei. Me ke aloha.

Damien Kenison Thank you for allowing me to speak on behalf of my 'ohana. I support the nomination of Lanakila Mangauil because he has integrity and speaks the truth. My testimony is not an attack on any of the other nominees, but it is my attempt to describe what kind of person Lanakila is. Lanakila will say what he wants without fear of being ostracized by his colleagues. His quality and commitment to appropriately meet the needs of the Hawaiian people, to an organization like OHA so that our rights and cultural practices are protected. Lanakila is not a politician or an attorney so his point of view is not influenced by a political agenda, which allows him to speak truthfully for Hawaiians. Please give Lanakila a chance to bring a fresh perspective to OHA to give us a voice for pono decisions. Mahalo.

Patricia Talbert Aloha Honorable Trustees, in by way of transparency, Mililani Trask and I represent Native Hawaiian plaintiffs pursuing justice asserting they were victims of child sexual abuse. Given that transparency, I'll go on. I would like to huli this discussion a bit, not because I am opposed to having a more diverse Board but to ask you, the Trustees, what is needed for the next eight months, the term the Trustee will serve? In 2022, OHA is confronting significant and substantial issues. These issues, unlike any before, the Public Land Trust (PLT), the Land development of Kaka'ako, and indeed OHA is trying to put their own house in order. You need a Trustee that can step in and do the work of OHA. This is not to take away from the exuberance or the community activism of any other candidate. Mililani Trask is that candidate and has been an OHA Trustee. She has ran for office and received close to 150,000 votes as well. She has been a diplomat at the United Nations but very uniquely, Mililani knows how the legislature, government organizations, the community, another entity's interface to bring about the successful, hopefully, achievement of the agenda that OHA currently has on its plate. It would be an honor to have Mililani Trask be appointed but to all of us, her beneficiaries, mahalo.

Edward Akiona I am Big Island born and raised resident; I am a kupuna, 68 year old, Kamehameha graduate, 1972 and I can tell you that I did not know much about Hawaiian culture until I got involved in Mauna Kea and met the person I am supporting, Lanakila. The most important thing I learned is that when Lanakila is there, there's a lot of other people who are there too, because that's the kind of people he hangs with and hangs with him. What I learned was not the proper way to speak 'ōlelo Hawai'i, in fact I didn't even know that term until recently but what I did learn was the values of what Hawaiians are. I really didn't know what I was going to say but in response to the last speakers, I would urge you to focus on is not the next eight months, but on the past 100 years and the next six generations. The person who I think would do that is Lanakila. We need a different perspective, different input, different support, and a different army to come and support OHA is just one way of supporting Hawaiians to make OHA stronger. We need more people, different ideas, with Lanakila that is how it comes. I was in Vegas and attended a conference in a gym and Lanakila was there. When Lanakila speaks, he is not speaking so that people are impressed with him, he is speaking to connect with people. Something he said got to me, when he talked about the need to strengthen the Hawaiians needs in Hawai'i and he said to them, because we want you to come home. Hawaiians go to Las Vegas and think that is their last step. The tears that I saw after he said that says who he is. Thank you all very much.

Pomaikai Brown Aloha, I am Pomakai Brown and I reside in Waikoloa on the Big Island of Hawai‘i. I am an OHA beneficiary and I would like to express my support of Lanakila Manguail to represent Hawaiian (Hawaiians or Hawai‘i?) mokupuni for interim Trustee at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. I’ve known of Lanakila’s work for over ten years and I have been fortunate to witness firsthand the unselfish nature of this fine kanaka and his undying kōkua to Hāmākua, Waipi‘o Valley community as well as the entire Moku o Keawe, if not the entire pae‘āina. He is knowledgeable in many things Hawaiian and issues important to kōkua such as food sovereignty, Hawaiian cultural beliefs and protocols. He has been involved in keeping kōkua grounded to who they are and has taught for numerous years as an educator in Hawaiian studies and at the Hāmākua Cultural Center. He knows who he is as a kanaka maoli and he would be a great asset to the OHA Board. His intentions are unselfish and are truly kōkua lāhui centered. When I hear people testifying about the PLT and not using the correct terms, even the word ceded lands, I am hoping that Lanakila will correct them and the misuse of those terms. Again, I fully support Lanakila Manguail in this very important position. Mahalo nui.

Kealohanuiopuna Kinney *inaudible* I have a Ph.D. in ecology and evolutionary biology; I am also a beneficiary of Hawaiian Homelands in Panaewa and I am here to speak in support of Lanakila Manguail for the Interim position. I want to speak on two things: one professionally and the other is personally. Professionally, I’ve been working with Lanakila for the last five years to develop community based conservation, natural resources focused on biocultural sustainability in the Hāmākua region and the Kohala region. I’ve come to know Lanakila as an incredibly detailed, organized, long-term planner and he is amazing at connecting people to land and resources and to the ‘āina. Personally, this is a person that whether there in one person or a thousand people, he is out there working on the land. He is a farmer, a great thinker, and from what I observed, he is of great character and integrity. He plants trees, kalo, and even more than that, he works with his community across the pae‘āina. He is really connecting people to the ‘āina, to their culture for the betterment of Hawai‘i. I think he would make an excellent candidate for Interim Board Trustee. Thank you for your time, mahalo.

Leialoha Kaula I am born and raised on Moku o Keawe of Hilo. I speak in support of Lanakila Manguail. As a Kanaka who lives in diaspora, we definitely support Lanakila, not only because of his humility, but truly for his integrity. Lanakila has shared so much with our kōkua. He is a constant reminder to all of us here that no matter where we are, we are still connected and grounded to our piko of Hawai‘i. I am in support of Lanakila to represent many of our kōkua. He has definitely kept us in mind, brought us back to Hawai‘i, and we need that type of person in office. We need the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to support and continue to uplift our Hawaiian people and to activate our youth, that is one of the biggest things that we admire about Lanakila, how much he has activated the youth. Mahalo for your time.

Hawane Rios Aloha, I am Hawane. I have known Lanakila for most of my life. I have danced next to him in many front lines, in hālau, many in ceremony. He has been one of my very best friends, my brother, and my hugest confidants in this life. I know his heart, I’ve seen him grow; and I am here to support him. From my heart to all of our hearts, I just lift up his name and all of his dreams and goals and connection to ‘āina, everything around him, the lāhui and to what it means to be here, present kōkua with ideas and with action behind his ideas. One thing about Lanakila is doesn’t just talk about amazing things or dreams to put forth in the future, he figures out ways to them. He is an incredible teacher, an incredible educator, and incredible leader. He is someone that has so much passion for figuring out how to get to the place where we want to be. He is somebody that puts mana and life and love into creating a new pathway because we need it. We need new pathways, we need new ways of bringing in the future. He really thinks about the impacts for the next

seven generations and beyond that with planting, teaching, with legacy, and so much aloha. I kāko‘o him 100% and will stand by him with all my heart and please vote for Lanakila to take this position. Aloha nui.

Cindy Freitas Thank you for this opportunity to give my mana‘o. All the nominees are great people, they are very true to the kānaka. I am looking at Mililani Trask, she has done a lot, so does the others. She understands the National law, the State law, Federal law, and I look towards those laws because I’m in that field. I understand that laws can become very tricky when it comes to the State law, but the International law overrides a lot of these laws and she is very akamai in that field. She did a lot and so did the others in many different ways, but my nominee will be Mililani Trask.

New Business

Chair Hulu Lindsey Moving onto new business, I will call on Trustee Waihe‘e.

**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**

Trustee Waihe‘e Your Committee on Resource Management, having met on February 22, 2022, and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following five (5) actions to the Board of Trustees:

**ACTION ITEM RM #22-01: OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium
Periods 2021-2022 (FY 22) and 2022-2023 (FY 23) -
Realignment #2**

Action #1

Approve the fiscal biennium budget realignment #2 for the fiscal biennium periods 2021-2022 (FY22) and 2022-2023 (FY23) as summarized at Attachment #1.

Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.

Trustee Waihe‘e Moves						
Action #1						
Approve the fiscal biennium budget realignment #2 for the fiscal biennium periods 2021-2022 (FY22) and 2022-2023 (FY23) as summarized at Attachment #1.						
Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.						
	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA		X	X			

TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
<i>HAWAII ISLAND TRUSTEE SEAT VACANT</i>						
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with a eight (8) YES votes and zero (0) Abstention vote						

Trustee Waihe'e madame Chair I would like to move to

Action #2

Approve the carry-forward of \$256,300 (\$156,300 in Community Grants Program, Object Code 56530 and \$100,000 in Kulia Grants, Object Code 56540), due to declined FY2021 grants, to re-award in 2021-2022 (FY22), subject to a future action item being brought to the Board of Trustees (BOT).

Trustee Ahu Isa Seconds the motion.

Trustee Waihe'e Moves						
Action #2						
Approve the carry-forward of \$256,300 (\$156,300 in Community Grants Program, Object Code 56530 and \$100,000 in Kulia Grants, Object Code 56540), due to declined FY2021 grants, to re-award in 2021-2022 (FY22), subject to a future action item being brought to the Board of Trustees (BOT).						
Trustee Ahu Isa Seconds the motion.						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA		X	X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			

TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
HAWAII ISLAND TRUSTEE SEAT VACANT						
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with a eight (8) YES votes and zero (0) Abstention vote						

ACTION ITEM RM #22-02: FB 2022-2023 Hawaiian-Focused Charter School Fund Administration Grant Recommendation

Trustee Waihe'e Madame Chair I would like to move to approve and authorize the:

Action#1

- A) Disbursement of \$2,629,549 from the Fiscal Biennium (FB) 2022-2023 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56540) to fund the FB 2022-2023 Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter Schools (HFPCS) grant to Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana (KALO), for the benefit of 15 HFPCSs; and
- B) Amendment to KALO contract #3358.01.

Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.

Trustee Ahuna Quick question, this is for KALO right?

Chair Hulu Lindsey Yes, but there are three actions.

Trustee Waihe'e Moves						
Action #1						
A) Disbursement of \$2,629,549 from the Fiscal Biennium (FB) 2022-2023 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56540) to fund the FB 2022-2023 Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter Schools (HFPCS) grant to Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana (KALO), for the benefit of 15 HFPCSs; and						
B) Amendment to KALO contract #3358.01.						
Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA		X	X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			

TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
HAWAII ISLAND TRUSTEE SEAT VACANT						
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with a eight (8) YES votes and zero (0) Abstention vote						

Trustee Waihe'e I would like to move

Action #2

To approve and authorize the:

- A) Disbursement of \$121,040 from the Fiscal Biennium (FB) 2022-2023 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56540) to fund the FB 2022-2023 Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter Schools (HFPCS) grant to Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana (KALO), for the benefit of Kanuikapono Public Charter School, Anahola, Kaua'i; and
- B) Amendment to KALO contract #3358.01.

Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.

Trustee Waihe'e Moves						
Action #2						
To approve and authorize the:						
A) Disbursement of \$121,040 from the Fiscal Biennium (FB) 2022-2023 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56540) to fund the FB 2022-2023 Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter Schools (HFPCS) grant to Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana (KALO), for the benefit of Kanuikapono Public Charter School, Anahola, Kaua'i; and						
B) Amendment to KALO contract #3358.01.						
Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA					X	
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA		X	X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			

TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
HAWAII ISLAND TRUSTEE SEAT VACANT						
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			7		1	
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with a seven (7) YES votes and one (1) Abstention vote						

Trustee Waihe'e I would like to move

Action #3

To approve and authorize the:

- A) Disbursement of \$249,411 from the Fiscal Biennium (FB) 2022-2023 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56540) to fund the FB 2022-2023 Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter Schools (HFPCS) grant to Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School (KANU); and
- B) Amendment to KANU contract #3359.01.

Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.

Trustee Waihe'e Moves						
Action #3 To approve and authorize the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Disbursement of \$249,411 from the Fiscal Biennium (FB) 2022-2023 Core Operating Budget (Object Code 56540) to fund the FB 2022-2023 Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter Schools (HFPCS) grant to Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School (KANU); and B) Amendment to KANU contract #3359.01. 						
Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA		X	X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			

HAWAII ISLAND TRUSTEE SEAT VACANT						
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with a eight (8) YES votes and zero (0) Abstention vote						

Chair Hulu Lindsey I will now move onto item III. B. – Trustee Akaka.

A. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

1. 2022 OHA Legislature Bill Positions Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians – Matrix 3†, February 15, 2022

Trustee Akaka Madame Chair 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;

Trustee Waihe'e Seconds the motion

Trustee Akaka Moves						
<u>Motion 1:</u>						
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:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 51, HB 1803, from COMMENT to HIGH MONITOR; • Item 58, SB 2962, from SUPPORT to HIGH MONITOR; 						
Trustee Waihe'e Seconds the motion.						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			

TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
<i>HAWAII ISLAND TRUSTEE SEAT VACANT</i>						
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E		X	X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with a eight (8) YES votes and zero (0) Abstention vote						

Trustee Akaka Madame Chair

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;

Trustee Waihe'e Seconds the motion.

Trustee Akaka Moves						
<u>Motion 2:</u>						
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:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; 						
Trustee Waihe'e Seconds the motion.						
	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA			X			

TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
<i>HAWAII ISLAND TRUSTEE SEAT VACANT</i>						
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E		X	X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with eight (8) YES votes and zero (0) NO votes (0) Abstention vote						

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you. In order to allow our Advocacy staff to conduct their request to review of bills for further consideration by the Trustees, I will defer action on matters referred from the February 22, 2022 BAE Committee meeting until our next BOT meeting. At this time, I will be calling a recess. This meeting of the Board of Trustees will reconvene and continue tomorrow morning Thursday, February 24th at 9:00 am and all Trustees will be at Na Lama Kukui physically. Any questions?

Recess is taken at 10:19 am (2/23/2022)

Board Reconvenes and Continues meeting at 9:00 am (2/24/2022)

Chair Hulu Lindsey Good morning, I would like to reconvene and continue the Board of Trustees' Meeting. Before we get started, I would like to send our deepest condolences to the 'ohana of Oswald "Oz" Stender for the lost of their beloved patriarch. He served with distinction as a Trustee for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for fourteen years, from 2000 – 2014. He will be remembered as a kanaka that led with courage and was guided by deep aloha for our people. Our Trustees send their deepest aloha to the 'ohana of Trustee Stender.

At this time, I will call on each nominee in alphabetical order. Each of you will have five (5) minutes to address the Board of Trustees and then the Trustees will have Ten (10) minutes to ask you questions. Once you are done answering any questions, we will ask you to kindly log off of the Zoom call. You may log on to our livestream www.oha.org/livestream to follow the voting. Voting will take place in open session with secret ballots. Each round will be given to our Board Counsel to tally and announce the outcome of each round. A minimum of two rounds of voting shall occur. Any nominee who does not receive at least one vote in the first round of votes shall not be considered in the following rounds. The vacancy seat shall be filled by a two-thirds vote of the remaining Board members, 6 of the 8 remaining Trustees.

Before we start, I will ask for a roll call of the Trustees.

MEMBERS	Present	TIME ARRIVED
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TRUSTEE	LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA	X	
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE	X	
<i>HAWAI'I</i>	<i>ISLAND TRUSTEE SEAT</i>	<i>VACANT</i>		Trustee K. Lindsey resigned on 2/1/2022
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
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Trustee Lee Point of personal privilege Madame Chair, before we begin, if it pleases the Chair, could we take a moment of silence for the loss of our colleague.

Moment of silence is taken.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you Trustees. At this time, I would like to call nominee Joshua Lanakila Mangauil.

Joshua Lanakila Mangauil Aloha kakahiaka kākou, mahalo nui kākou for this opportunity to share with all of you folks. What can I say? As a young kanaka maoli born here on the island of Hawai'i in the district of Hāmākua on the northern slope of Mauna a Wākea, I grew up a lot of my time going down to Waipi'o Valley. I represent the many achievements fought by our kūpuna who fought to continue to hold our identity as a people. I am of that generation, who are the recipients of that hardwork to ensure our language and these things from my childhood. I hope to offer now this perspective of the up and coming generation of Hawai'i. Ones who did not have to go through that hardship of displacement and then reconnecting back, but we were the generation of recipients of learning and being Hawai'i from our childhood and being able to have that incorporated into our daily lives and that is because of the people who came before us. In many ways, we were groomed to 'auamo the kuleana, to carry this responsibility on our shoulders from when we were very young. I am product of our charter school movement, a proud graduate of Kanu o Ka 'Āina, the very first Native Hawaiian charter school; and I mahalo the OHA for all the years of supporting our charter school movement, I am product of that. We have been political from the beginning, we've had to learn the history of the unfairness of charter schools face in the State. We had to learn to engage, to assert and protect our rights to be kānaka; and to have our education be grounded in our foundation and not having to learn from a foreign perspective first and then later catchup. We start from our Papahānaumoku, these lands; and we begin to build and cultivate from there, we are enriched; and we have been emboldened by the mo'olelo of our kūpuna from these islands. We've seen the magnificence, we've learned of the brilliance of our kūpuna and bringing that forward, we were always groomed. As a young man, our kūpuna have always encouraged us to take that role of leadership. We will not just be followers, you will learn to step it up and take that responsibility and learn to bare that weight. After high school, I attend Hawaii Community college, but simultaneously at that time, also became a teacher back in my hometown as it was ingrained into me by our teachers, to mālama that place that took care of you. I got to (give?) back to my hometown of Honoka'a and become a Hawaiian studies teacher. For almost fifteen years, I taught there raising another generation and continuing to be a student and be a teacher; and to be the conduit to help to bridge and connect our keiki; and through that, finding how that inspired their parents, their families to engage and to learn. I have always been dedicated to my lāhui, that has taken to me to many different levels and through many different circles. I was blessed to be sent as a young man to learn from many indigenous peoples representing Hawai'i as an

ambassador. I was sent to Washington D.C. to advocate on behalf of our people and our planet for sustainable energy and clean green jobs; that was still in my early 20s, so always being encouraged to engage and not fearing the possible backlash because when you know what your doing is pono, then there is no reason to hide, there is no reason to shy away; that was part of my teachings from my kumu and my kūpuna. Don't fear the work, fear the laziness; fear the fear of being active. Don't be afraid of possible backlash because that is what political leadership is. It is taking on that big responsibility, it is putting your name behind your words. In time, as I've grown and had to evolve into finding my place and listening to the needs of my community, I've rallied my community together and created a hub of learning for our community in Hāmākua and established the Hawaiian Culture Center of Hāmākua; bridging to all peoples through a foundation of Hawai'i of how we can better ourselves, how we can better our communities. Let's turn our hands down and cultivate and taking us away from this this aspect of always going out and trying to seek something from the outside. Revitalize the spirit and the energy and the wisdom and the strength that we have as communities, as individuals to uplift ourselves and therefore, our communities; that activated approach, of course paramount, seeing that activation on Mauna Kea; that brought a lot of things to the surface that did not necessarily exist and suddenly nowadays, it has been an accumulation of things over many years. Just to wrap this up, I'd be very honored to take this next step to be able to represent my home island, Hawai'i, but truly to represent and continue the work that I have been charged with by my kūpuna, that I assume as a Kanaka Maoli, as a young man. I continue the work of our kupuna to ensure the safe foundation for Hawai'i today and for our keiki to come. Mahalo for the opportunity. My last thought, something I would definitely bring to this Board, is the concept of kapu aloha. This something we witnessed and saw, it's magic and how it was able to weave people together and bring people from different perspectives down at least to consult and to speak. I think that is very much needed for this table here for our lāhui. Mahalo nui.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Mahalo nui Lanakila. At this time, I will open the floor to any Trustee to ask questions.

Trustee Alapa Aloha Lanakila, if you had a chance to address our legislature, what bills would you advocate for in change? What would you do?

Joshua Lanakila Mangaui One of the first bills I think I would want to assist and must be a paramount, my main responsibility is the bill advocating for our 20% of our ceded lands revenue; that is basically how OHA was formed around, it was steward that funds and the needs. I feel that, that needs to be championed even more. I would actually take the stand, not only in the legislature, but where I feel OHA needs to be more active is in our own Hawaiian communities. To be the only one on that legislative floor and not have that mass lāhui behind, that is were a separation has taken place. We are not feeling that mana that the Office could have that further strong support by our lāhui to help push and show that support for holding the State accountable to what they are legally bound to supply to us, Native Hawaiians.

Trustee Akina Lanakila, mahalo for all that you have done for the Hawaiian people. I appreciate what you stand for. As you encounter different views and view points amongst the lāhui as well as on the Board, how will you handle that whether those are views in terms of developoment in Kaka'ako or the Thirty Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea? How will you deal with a variety of different views across the islands amongst Hawaiians and on the Board?

Joshua Lanakila Mangaui I think I've been able to exemplify that through a number of different things that I've worked on. I've never been afraid to have those hard conversations because they are absolutely needed. Some of my experience for example, stepping into Na'i Aupuni as controversial that was, I was dedicated to making sure that we don't become polarized or that we dont demonize other perspectives. We

cannot forget that at the end, we are all kānaka. We are all one people and we have to continue to work together; that is where that kapu aloha from the Mauna became very important. Recently, I was apart of the Mauna Kea working legislative group and that is working in a group with many different perspectives but we in that group, we brought that concept of kapu aloha in as our governing our operations that way. It mandated us to be respectful and to listen. As we witnessed on so many OHA Boards over the years, there are so many fences walking in that no one is truly listening intently anymore. It maintains separation so I would try to hold that space. I always question when I see in the center of that table, there is an ipu lōkahi; but that ipu lōkahi is hardly ever open. It's not doing its function to maintain that discipline that everyone must hold to be respectful, open and honest with each other; that is what I would encourage and that is how I would carry myself in that situation.

Trustee Ahuna Thank you Lanakila for being here. Here at OHA, we support Native Hawaiian focused charter schools. What do you think is some of the advantages are of Native Hawaiian education in our Native Hawaiian focused charter schools?

Joshua Lanakila Mangauil I can speak from experience, I am a teacher back at my alumni school, Kanu o ka 'Āina. One of the advantages that you can see accross the world based on place based education, Hawaiian focused charter schools is giving every child a perspective of understanding their own backyard first. By having that foundation, then given the chance to look at the rest of the world, I was able to make stronger connections, relationships, and understandings because I am coming from a foundation of understanding my own place and history. I think it is so important for someone to know their own home and history. We are able to learn from these things, especially as a Native Hawaiian Public Charter School, you are learning from your waters, from your mountains, your communities history; therefore if that is the community you continue to live in, then you will make the best decisions by knowing that history. It is quite a process of colonization to remove a people from their place and that includes removing them from the education of knowing their place and then instilling an outside perspective or foreign ideology which then, they don't connect to their place; without that connection there is no pilina to stand and protect. For me, as a young kanaka, that is a product of the charter school. It gave me a firm foundation of knowing who I am and also my place and understanding the health and wellbeing of my community.

Trustee Ahuna Lanakila, you spoke about a cultural foundation and cultural identity. Why is the presence of cultural identity important with this Board and OHA as a whole?

Joshua Lanakila Mangauil That is a very interesting question because that is part of being human. Humanity exists in a diaspora in many different peoples and we have a very important role as kānaka maoli as an indigenous people of this place, as a native people of this place. As a perspective as a kanaka, the importance of knowing our culture and history is not just for our human characteristics but like a Native species in a forest or a Native bird, it has its different roles and functions that help to assist that whole. Kānaka maoli, our identity and cultural practices is a template. The instructions of how humans were able to live on these tropical islands in the middle of the Pacific as a key species and integrated over all ecosystem. For me, cultural identity isn't just a facade of who we are but also an instruction and a guidance on living in balance with our natural environment which is an important component of Hawaiian culture and human culture. If we want to play a vital role over all in the ecology of Hawai'i and contributing to the overall health and wellbeing of the planet, then it is important that we maintain and protect the natural ecosystems and natural functions of these tropical islands. For myself, that is a very strong foundation that then gives us, in a sense of cultural identity, gives us purpose and gives us guiding principles to move forward on. Being the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, that is also a foundation of its charter is to maintain that. Another thing happening in this day and age, you see this on a global scale is the respect to native peoples. We see the

return of our iwi. People are becoming conscious to these in humane things of our past and trying to make right of these wrongs. Moving forward, OHA has worked hard to uphold these things. The dynamics have changed, the success is not measured anymore by the idea of how well we can transform ourselves to meet a foreign ideology, we are not able to set our own; that is self-determination, we set the standards for ourselves and how we will carry ourselves forward.

Trustee Akaka My question for you is regarding Kaka'ako Makai (KM) on what your sense is on the Office of Hawaiian Affairs moving forward in developing our land?

Joshua Lanakila Mangauil I think it is very important to exercise any opportunities to safeguard the economic stability of our people. Not being on island and being here on Hawai'i island, I am not completely up to date on all of the proposed plans. I do understand the history that there was a big proposal, but it fell through because the land is actually unable to support the original designs for that property. I would encourage more involvement in asking the Hawaiian community as to what is needed; therefore working with us in developing something truly serving to the many. I know it's being looked at great economic stimulation but in other aspects too, but a question from many of us kānaka is how much assets are we willing to put into the development when there are immediate needs of our community happening right now? It is something we need to compare and maybe it is something that happens in installations that should help support our advocacy for proper compensation by the State of Hawai'i so that we aren't having to sacrifice funds. The limited resources that we have, that needs to get to our people immediately for investing the development. Hopefully, we'll see an immediate return, if we're able to get that full funding I think we would have more cushion and safety nets to continue serving our lāhui and increase that immediately and work on that economic development.

Trustee Akaka Mahalo, regarding KM, we currently do have height restrictions in going forward with developing plans. What are your thoughts on having that released and working with the legislature on that?

Joshua Lanakila Mangauil Not being a city person myself, again I am not completely up to the full understanding of how that all works. I know that in some of the proposals, there was large apartment towers and business tower kind of concepts. I believe it has to do with also the foundation because this was actually an old dump site. The ability for the for the actual land to be able to sustain the height restriction is based upon the ability for the land to actually support particular high buildings, I think that's something that is not just a legislative move. As you know, as a kānaka, we were always taught to listen to your 'āina, the land will tell you what can and cannot do. In some cases where we can develop height, maybe we can work with legislative and again that's going to be a matter of working with those with the skills of knowing the topography of that land and what it's able to physically support. We don't want to see mistakes happen that we're pushing buildings on environments that aren't really stabilizing and then we're going to feel the ramifications of that in 20 years. I'm not going to take a direct approach on how I would push for that because I think there's a deeper underlying process that I think we need to look into.

Trustee Lee My question has a few parts to it, some of it follows up on what Trustee Akaka was asking you about. Just further clarity for you, before I ask the question, it's not a matter of if it can sustain it when you build buildings that high, the immediate underneath, it doesn't matter; pilings go down into the coral bed so that's not the issue. The issue is the rich landowners behind us don't want us blocking their view.

With that being said, contrary to what a lot of our beneficiaries think, we are not here today to make a democratic decision based on elections. We are here as fiduciaries to make the decision of who can come in here and assist the other eight Trustees with the decisions we have to make over the next seven months. To

hear that someone's not up to speed with KM, which is one of the biggest projects we're working on is a little concerning. I totally appreciate and I witnessed firsthand the great work you have done as an advocate but that's not what we are looking for the next seven months. What do you see that you can do to help assist the Board of Trustees in growing our \$600 million dollar trust? I understand the importance of our lāhui's immediate needs but that is what our Administration does, not the nine of us. We provide the resources for them so that they can address the immediate needs of our lāhui. To put it another way, while our Administration is engaged in the short game gain, how can you help the eight of us in planning and achieving the long game gain

Joshua Lanakila Mangaui Talk to your community. The engagement with community just coming through an OHA website or an OHA post is not enough. The actual on the ground engagement with our lāhui, again, that is the hardest thing that I see. For me, I see the great potential. We know the historic trauma for OHA and it continues to linger. In some cases, there is a continued flow to kind of ignore that perspective; with that, you lose your support of your beneficiaries; there is that constant miscommunication. I think what is important is clear open dialogue and reaching out. Sometimes in many arenas, people speak of the haughty taughty approach that OHA takes. Well, it's up to you to come over here and look at what we are doing. OHA serves the lāhui. We need to expand. OHA can do more to open this communication with its people and with its beneficiaries and create more avenues for that communication. We've watched a mass exodus from OHA. As a lāhui watching, we don't know what's happening. The trust in the Office is dissipating. How do we mend that? That is key or else, what are we serving? My intention of stepping into the Office is not just to be a yes man to anybody and that is not any of your responsibilities. It is a collective to serve the lāhui so opening up and helping to be a voice to the people, to be the hear and communicate back, that is something we should all take responsibility on; helping bridge that community involvement, that is what will help re-empower OHA. Right now, it's almost like it is operating on its own, void of its community and that is disheartening. I am not saying it's completely the Office's fault but when there is a disconnect, that needs to be a priority as well. How do we mend that and work with your beneficiaries and speak to all the different levels and people of our community?

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you Lanakila, you can log off of Zoom and watch the rest of the livestream by going to www.oha.org/livesteam. We thank you for all your contributions and your wonderful thoughts. We are now going to move on to the next nominee, Kaloa Robinson.

Kaloa Robinson Aloha mai kākou, I am Kaloa Robinson. I wanted to mention a few items that were not a part of my nominee portfolio which may offer insight to myself as a nominee. These are my passions, I am a proud member and deacon at Haili Congregational Church. My faith is strong and it saved me ten years ago when I was required to travel to Houston, Texas for cancer treatment at University of Texas MD Anderson Center. My type of cancer was rare and treatment was unavailable for me in Hawai'i. At the conclusion of my treatment, I served as a cancer advocate for my Primary Care Physician's office and it helped navigate and answer questions of other local patients who were on their way to Houston to begin their treatments. Two epiphanies that I discovered is that healing begins from peace and that hair is overrated. My wife, Cesily Kekela Leialani Robinson pursued her studies as a Registered Nurse after giving birth to our five children, comprised of three step children and two that we had together. I proudly share that all five students were products of the Hawaiian Immersion curriculum; all beginning at Pūnana o Hilo, Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo Charter School in Keaukaha and then off to Ke Kula 'O Nāwahiokalani'ōpu'u Iki Lab Charter School, Kamehameha School at East Hawai'i campus, Hilo, Kaiser High School. My mother was a single parent; and my brother and I had the great fortune of being raised by my grandparents, who formally adopted us when we were older; sharing in our growth was my mother's sister as well. My ohana is Robinson, Camacho, Kaleikini, and Melepani and there is a street on Kapahulu named after my biological great-grandmother.

After graduation from high school, I left the State of Hawai‘i for the first time in my life as I traveled to Los Angeles. A few years later, I moved to the east coast where I worked and lived in Washington D.C. for almost eight years. My life thus far reads like the script from the movie Slumdog Millionaire where the main character’s knowledge questionable, but later validated due to life experiences that provided insight, relevance, and knowledge. I've come to know about various subject matters into my exposure and experience and working on issues that impacted our Native Hawaiians. I worked on legislation involving in the Native Hawaiian Education and Native Hawaiian Healthcare Act and it's full funding appropriations and Congress assisted and supported repatriation of iwi kūpuna twice from the Smithsonian Natural History Museum and was present when the decision to end the bombing of Kaho‘olawe took place. I’ve assisted students interested in pursuing Medical School and other health professions as a faculty member of the John A. Burns (School of Medicine) Native Hawaiian Center of Excellence; served as the Executive Director of Hui Mālama Ola Nā ‘Ōiwi, Hawai‘i islands federally funded native wine healthcare system, which provided primary care and ancillary health services for Native Hawaiians. I learned about geothermal energy through training as a plant operator for Puna Geothermal Venture and most recently, worked on building affordable housing dwellings from tiny homes for the homeless to multifamily rentals and fee simple single family homes. I have had the fortune of taking undeveloped raw land to constructing living dwellings for individuals and working families. I believe the general public hears of the need for more affordable housing but I worked on and develop tangible, newly constructed homes and units equipped with a hard hat, steel toe shoes out at the site learning from heavy equipment operators, carpenters, roofers, electricians, and plumbers. Then back in the office, writing contracts and working with developers and zoning, variants issues, and potable water. I'm proud of the hands on learning that I acquired and hope that my skill sets will supplement the existing talents and knowledge of the Trustees of Office of Hawaiian Affairs. I am a humble team player and I know I can do this job for there's a lot that needs to be done. Lastly, my volunteer community service here on Hawai‘i island is vast and impactful to our most vulnerable populations. I thank you for your consideration and ask for your favorable vote today, mahalo.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you Kaloa. At this time, I will ask the Trustees if they have any questions.

Trustee Alapa If you are fortunate to be selected, what do you feel is the biggest challenge to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and how would you address it?

Kaloa Robinson The current biggest challenges is being able to get the fair share of the Public Lands Trust. Strategically, I know that's a big issue that needs to be addressed. It would really require a full court press by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustees; your relationships with legislatures, being able to rally around legislators and encourage them to support you. Right now, the state of Hawaii has an excess of over a billion dollars. We know that and Governor Ige has already said that he was interested in possibly giving some money back to residents. There is money and at this point, they cannot say there isn't money; but at the same time, it needs to be strategic in a sense where there needs to be an amount agreed upon for next year and a scale up through the years of what is going to happen whether it's in the next three, five, or ten years, but it need to grow. Also, what's difficult is that you know that a lot of those decisions are made by legislators, so you can't go and burn the bridges of the people that you're going to make demands of because they can just shut it down. They can make sure the bills not heard; they can do a whole lot of things, just delayed the bill and then it not be considered. I think that the Trustees have to be strategic in approaching that and I think that, that is one of the main things. If the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is given the amount that they're supposed to get, there's phenomenal programs that can be done in addition to taking a lot of those funds and investing it into the corpus of the trust. There's there needs to be a balance because the corpus of the trust, eventually, you want to get to a point where the revenue that OHA operates off of is from the trust and the corpus stays solid, it grows. You won't have to depend on the legislature and go back to them to ask for

increases because you have that solid foundation. There's that balance that needs to take place and I think that addressing the Public Lands Trust needs to take place and it needs to be strategic.

Trustee Akina Aloha Kaloa, *inaudible* as we go forward in the development of KM and Iwilei, how do you balance issues development such as taking the greatest and higher, highest return verses building affordable housing for Hawaiians?

Kalao Robinson I think the reality is our Trustees and a lot of the OHA staff, we don't have, they don't have a background in architecture and engineering, so what that requires is that you have to work with key consultants to help navigate you through that. Part of the consultants is that they'll be able to share with you, statistically, what they feel would be your greatest return on the properties. They would be able to share with you what the mix use of the developments on the properties are, but you also have to know that right now, the land sitting as it is isn't generating any revenue. I know it's an exciting time for you as Trustees to be able to work on that and pursue it and I'm excited for you. All the developers, on the other side of the road, are salivating at the opportunity that you folks have and the things you do with that land will impact our Hawaiians decades down the road; we are talking seven generations and that's what you want to strive towards. There should be a mixed use of the commercial properties that you can build. One of the main bills that's happening at the legislature right now, there's a transit oriented housing, so, if OHA can take some of those monies and build by the lands that are near the hubs of the transit oriented by rail, then that would be great for our Hawaiians to be able to use rail and it would help a lot of our families get their jobs and it is one last thing they would have to worry about, but you want to provide housing that's healthy, safe, and that helps families thrive.

Trustee Ahuna Mahalo Chair, mahalo Kaloa, just a quick question that I'll be asking everyone. First of all, Native Hawaiian education is very important to us, the Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools, why do you think the presence of cultural identity is very important to this Board and OHA as a whole?

Kalao Robinson You know, it's important to discord because I think as professionals, as Trustees, you often have to go between the two worlds: your paradigm is based on you being kanaka maoli, we being Hawai'i, and having a Hawaiian perspective on that; and, at the same time, being able to speak to the highest levels in boardrooms along Bishop street. Hawaiian education is key because first, all of my kids went to Hawaiian Immersion school and it's phenomenal with the things they are doing. Nāwahiokalani'ōpu'u School is teaching Japanese through Hawaiian so teachers who are Japanese have to learn Hawaiian to teach Japanese. They are learning Latin and other languages but what's great about the Hawaiian Immersion programs and education is that our kids, my kids got to learn the real Hawaiian history. They did not have to read Shoal of Time like I had to when I was in the eighth grade. My kids can quote the genealogy of the Kamehameha bloodline and that's key; and what's great is I am such a strong advocate for our Hawaiian language, Hawaiian education. I've sat on the Board for Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo and there have been some wonderful things that charter schools can do that DOE schools cannot do. I've seen how the Hawaiian language has helped our students in their perspective and in their confidence of being able to 'ōlelo Hawai'i and able to understand their kuleana. Every morning at piko, students are required to take turns and its all via genealogy, whose the oldest and it is not an attitude of I'm shame, it is your kuleana. Now this generation of students from these immersion schools have been a key component in what's been happening with the Mauna and everything else. It confuses non-speaking or non-Hawaiians also, because they do not understand. When you start talking or ask a question and you respond in 'ōlelo Hawai'i, they are flabbergasted but then it shows that our students have been educated. I also believe our students have to pursue higher levels of education, not just college but graduate school. We need more lawyers, architects, engineers, and more doctors. A key component of that is when students get to those levels and come back to their charter schools and share with

the kids so that they can see, wow that student was just like me. They need to see local faces achieving and being able to hear their stories. Not all the Hawaiian doctors that you know of were the valedictorians of their class, they were the ones that persevered and took every day, one day at a time and then they became physicians. I think we need to provide pathways in some of our charter schools. They do not have college counseling available. They don't know what a major is or where to go. I think there are opportunities to expand in campus outside the State of Hawai'i. For my kids, that is where they learned their identity as Hawaiians by going away and coming back. One of my sons, Kamaka, went to Madagascar in the Peace Corp and his worldviews changed tremendously. I am a big proponent of the curriculum of charter schools.

Trustee Lee We as fiduciaries, we have a difficult balance to maintain when it comes to best and highest use of our resources to grow those resources for what's best for our people. Along that line, given our current portfolio of our lands, I'm interested in what you are currently doing for the County of Hawai'i with affordable housing and OHA looking towards building affordable housing, what do you think is a good way to balance that fiduciary of building affordable housing and still get high use percentages to help grow the trust?

Kaloa Robinson I think the Trustees have a great opportunity to develop creative collaborations, whether you work with the County's of the islands in building housing, being able to help the counties and for them to get the developments off the ground. A lot of times, the highest cost involved in the development is the site work. It does take money to take raw land and clear it. You have to do environmental studies or make sure there isn't anything found and go through all these processes. There needs to be an urgency in developing the KM lands because with it sitting, it's really not being able to make it's maximum return on the potential that it has. Once you have your master plan and you start developing the buildings that you need and start generating revenue, then that becomes non-discretionary money. You can then take that money and use it to support or expand Hawaiian Immersion programs, help Hawaiians with their diabetes medicine, or help our Hawaiians with scholarships for higher education. You want to develop those kinds of funds that you have more non-discretionary uses of like I mentioned the County, the state of Hawaii, and State HHFDC (Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation) would be excited to work with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to talk about collaborations. What is the best use of the land? You only have so many square feet on that land, so whether you get created and build towers or dwellings, that will maximize the amount of units you have to house a family. The main thing is that we have to get the families out of their cars in parking lots and provide them a safe unit, a dwelling to stabilize their lives and help them in anyway we can. We found out that when we are able to stabilize our Hawaiians in a dwelling, a whole slew of issues that can be taken care of, whether they need proper medications or they need counseling. If you can't find them, then you won't be able to help them so that's one of the keys, be able to help to develop safe housing for Hawaiians at different price points.

Trustee Akaka My question for you is about KM and what your approach would be with the legislature as well with in our community with those of Hawaiian ancestry that those that are not, how would you do differently?

Kaloa Robinson I think what would be key is when we work our consultants, the Trustees themselves have to be educated on a lot of the dealings with commercial development and being able to justify the cost and the expected return from these developments. What would need to happen is that when you develop at different phases of the plan, you go back and share with the community so you share with them. What needs to happen is that you need to educate your community island statewide because what happens on the Big Island, I mean when you go and share what's happening to KM to the benefits of what's happening at Miloli'i, you need go back and justify why there is so much attention given to Kaka'ako. I've been to

meetings where they've been open and they go for three hours and it's difficult because you are asking a community that may not have the capacity to understand development or what they are going to do with these buildings or maximizing the return. They will be happy when they find out that from the development, we will have an additional \$100 million dollars of non-discretionary money that can help them in their programs, help them put new roofs on their houses, help supplement and develop a collaboration with DHHL, and even help our Kalo farmers, aqua culture farmers and give them access to water; there are a lot of things that can happen with those key monies. If KM continues to sit idly, the clock is ticking in regard to not being able to generate revenue. If it goes on too long, it could be viewed as mismanagement of money. What is difficult is that you have the eyes of a lot of people watching OHA to see if we have the capacity to handle that money, we have to be able to show the capacity to manage that correctly. I hope I answered your question.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you very much Kaloa, you can log off of Zoom and watch on the live stream.

Kaloa Robinson Mahalo.

Chair Hulu Lindsey I would like call on our next nominee, Mililani Trask.

Mililani Trask Aloha Trustees, can you hear me? Good morning, I am so happy to be here today. I'll tell you honestly, I was kind of shocked when I heard that Big Island Trustee had submitted letter of resignation but that immediately started me thinking of what I should be doing, and many, many calls came in. I have decided to proceed and I'm so thankful to have this opportunity because although we're looking at a short timeframe, nine to ten months, it's a critical time for OHA Trustees with this legislature. What I think are some hot issues and primary issues for us to look at, I tried to respond to in the limited space, the resume, the personal statement, etc. I try to respond to that as best I could, but if you have questions on those things, I would take it. In my five-minute time, what I wanted to do was bring to your attention, why I'm involved in this process now. Right now, critical opportunities arise for the Office. The KM development has been on the burner for many years, I see it as an economic engine for us and difficult issues, historic problems that we all know about in the State legislature, but there isn't any doubt in my mind that KM is the red flag OHA raises as it formally enters the development arena in this State. What a significant location, we're talking about the heart of Honolulu town so I see OHA here really developing an economic engine that will have many applications for us to look at. The second priority that brings me here is the Public Land Trust (PLT), this issue has simmered and been put on the back burner for a long time; and in that period, hundreds and millions of dollars owed to the trust have not been paid. What is also disturbing is that we really don't have a process and procedure in place to get everybody, including the State and the legislature used to the idea that there will have to be regular payments to this Office as part of their legal entitlements to the PLT and this is founded legally in the Admissions Act of our State. I think we have that kind of clout behind us. The other thing that I've looked at is the OHA master plan, I very much support it, but it's very broad so it's difficult at times of being a Trustee to decide where the priority should be. When you look at the OHA master plan, we need to drive for economic development, critical need for affordable housing, but it starts there and goes all the way to trying to protect iwi kūpuna in historic sites, so there are so many diverse areas of need in the master plan that we're going to need to take a look at priorities for funding. In the structure of need, you have the evolving Kaka'ako economic engine, potential revenues coming in, PLT issues that have lingered, those would be revenues, the thing is how do we move that into concrete and tangible benefits and I think everybody knows that I've been for years, beating the drum on affordable housing. It's why I created the Gibson foundation and for many years, worked with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). I would very much like to see that day arise when we have an MOU between the DHHL and OHA to address this pressing housing need. I took the current waiting list of 28,000 and that's the low number, two months

ago the new average price for a home in Hawaii was set by the market at \$1.3 million, that means for the 28,000 homes we're going to have to raise in excess of \$64 billion dollars. It's ridiculous, we can bring the price of affordable housing down to something more tangible. We can work with local providers and those on the continent to address that, but we need the dedicated revenue stream and I don't think we can wait for the DHHL to address it, we need a partnership. There's been some questions this morning already about the Kaka'ako issue and is being revived with the legislature. How do we address it? I think we need to do so with integrity, but I am not one to continuing this year after year, which is where we are with the PLT discourse. We have an obligation as fiduciaries. There was such a solution proposed years ago that resulted in a cap on the highrise development at Kaka'ako and we are facing opposition from some pretty big players: Howard Hughes, powerful foreign developer, and Bishop Estate. As fiduciary Trustees, we have to look for the highest and best use so I am open to going back to the legislature, but I am not open to continuing this discussion which has dragged on for years while the PLT owed to us have not been forth coming. I'll give it a good shot; if not, lets go in the Federal District Court, get a declaratory ruling. This law is not starting what as a State law, but came from the Admissions Act. I think we need to be open to negotiate but we also have to draw the line as fiduciaries. It's our obligation as Trustees to do it. I know there are many other things that we could look at but I am trying to watch the clock on the five minutes, but these are the things that I am looking at: KM, the PLT, master plan priorities and seeing if there is a way that we can work together for affordable housing. My little Gibson Foundation was only up and running for a few years but we were able to assist DHHL by providing grants for 235 families. A small non-profit can do that, what could a State agency with significant revenues do itself? I think we can do well and work with others in affordable housing. In any event, mahalo, I think my five minutes is gone. I will take questions if anyone has them.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you Mililani. I will call on Trustee Akina.

Trustee Akina Aloha e Mililani and mahalo for all you've done for the lāhui throughout the years. I appreciate the fact that you have framed the next nine months as a critical time in which certain issues must be addressed. You've talked about KM and the PLT, and you have been a fighter all your career, how does OHA win its case in order to move forward with the vision we have for these areas?

Mililani Trask I think that there's a fear in the legislature because OHA has unique powers and OHA as the primary State agency Trustee is the first in line when it comes to enforcing our trust. I also think, as we have seen in recent times, that there's political shenanigans at play in the legislature when it comes to funding. I do believe that we have to hold the banner of our fiduciary obligation before us and go in with proposing solutions that are workable. I don't think it was a mistake that Scott Saiki came out early on saying \$600 million for DHHL and then didn't mention anything about the arrearages owed to OHA. Once again trying to play one beneficiary over the other, we can overcome that with joint agreements with our own sister agency DHHL, but I don't want to see it holding back OHA. The economic engine of KM is OHA's and I think that we cannot only develop it to increase revenue but I think we can use it ourselves as an economic engine for affordable housing. The waiting list with DHHL cooperative agreements can address it, but it doesn't need to limit OHA's own ventures whether it's into affordable housing or any other area of economic development. When I look at KM, I see a great sample and opportunity to help our small evolving Hawaiian businesses that are looking all things Hawaiian. Years ago, I had a meeting with Franklin Oda when Group 70 had the contract. I met with him to talk about some of these things and it's still on the burner, but I appreciate the questions Keli'i. Agreements are made in the past to address problems in the past but beneficiaries with fiduciary obligations, Trustees and beneficiaries have to expand the horizon so we have to take the settlements from the past and go forward. I know people don't want to see us interfere with their view plane. They need to be told those fiduciary obligations require the highest and best use. We have 28,000 affordable housing list, when we bring those numbers down, remember the State and the County list for affordable

housing also go down. They meet their obligation when they help us to meet ours. Pitifully little is being done in this area. I just want to applaud OHA because we are talking a lot about KM and I am watching what you folks are doing with those Nimitz parcels. Those Nimitz parcels are affordable housing too yah? They fit into this and I'm happy to see OHA looking at that.

Trustee Akaka Mahalo Mililani for joining us today. My question is regarding KM, specifically with height restrictions. Those that are not in support, whether it be the legislature or those within the community of Hawaiian ancestry and not of Hawaiian ancestry, how would you address that and how would you work so that we able to garner support and move forward in developing our lands?

Mililani Trask You know, in all things that OHA does, there was an underlying responsibility to work in partnership with our people, so whether it is this issue or any other, we need to maintain strong communication with our people and to the extent that we cannot have that, we cannot adequately balance that by having periodic meetings on each island. I think that we've got a great alternative now with Covid and that is the Zoom meetings. I also think that Trustees individually can encourage that. I've looked at the Big Island because our Big Island is big so you can't just have a meeting in Hilo periodically but to do that type of outreach, I think we should do that. I'm not sure if this is getting to the source of your question Trustee in terms of Kakaako because there are many other things we need to look there. In terms of opposition from the red shirts, I feel that special development benefits are given to Bishop Estate and Howard Hughes when they can go with highrise and based on a historical settlement, we are not allowed to pursue the highest and best use of our lands. This is why I am saying, let's work with the legislature. The first rounds of discussions is, I think all we need to clarify, is where we are now. I am not for dragging it on for anymore times, I think that this is something that is clarified in the federal district court, there is a federal obligation here. It's not just on the shoulders of OHA but the State legislature. Every State agency, Hawaiians and the public are the beneficiaries, native Hawaiians small n and the public, and all the rest of the people that are capital N's are in the public. When issues like this tarry, the State sees hundreds and millions of debt, we cannot delay for housing and health needs get clarifications from the Federal district court in this matter. People sometimes accuse me of wanting to rush to court, but the thing is that we are involved in legal decisions here, legislative matters, fiduciary legal obligations. We should avail ourselves of all mechanisms rather than tarry for years, we'll get a declaratory judgment, do we go right or left; that is one of the reasons why we have courts to resolve these things and we shouldn't be afraid of it. I am more worried about putting issues on the back burner until the obligations owed are hundreds of millions of dollars, those kinds of problems, much more difficult to deal with in the present moment. I'm not sure if that was responsive to where you were going Trustee.

Trustee Akaka Well, what would be your charge with the legislators that are quite adamant about not releasing the restrictions on the height at KM?

Mililani Trask My sense is you go in with an offer for them, this is what we would like to see, they say no, go to a higher body. We do have some new leadership in the legislature this year and we are looking at an election coming up so there is a lot of postering going on right now. Maybe we can explore some of that, but I tell you honestly, I just am not for tarrying on this issue. I would much rather seek clarification. The legislature doesn't have a lot of funding at this time, you know they've made a commitment for \$600 million to our sister agency at DHHL, they're not going to retract it so we need to look at that. There are some other options I think in terms of energy development that might provide income to both agencies dealing with native Hawaiians and Hawaiians, but that has yet to frame itself clearly. I guess I'm not willing to wait for another two or three years on this, I don't think we can.

Trustee Lee Aloha Mililani, I have just one question and it has to do with someone gave testimony in your support yesterday. Patricia talked about the great work that your doing supporting those who suffered up at Kamehameha Schools in the past. This is very important work and my one question is regarding timewise, will that time to do that important work interfere with our responsibilities as Trustees?

Mililani Trask It is a significant challenge, I am a Kamehameha graduate and we have a responsibility. Federal law was ignored for years. The vast majority of child victims in this State, verified by the court record are the Hawaiian children who attended the Kamehameha Schools. I have one case, that is all. In the original round, I advised the lead plaintiff Keoni Watanabe. I was not his major counsel, but when they came out with the settlement, it did not meet the needs of the victims. I have one case now, I am set for trial in July and I am working on it with Patricia Talbert, as co-counsel, because of the nature of the case. We have already affiliated Ilana Waxman Steam and brought in a national expert Chris Johnson so I'm going to be second chairing the trial in July if it does not settle. I have no worry about this case because we were a private school, they didn't follow Title IX and the sexual abuse has been so outrageous that it resulted in numerous suicides of Hawaiian children. When we look at the current cases, Kaulukukui, Alisna, Maeda - those aren't Doc Brown cases, those are proving to us that the problem continues. When I look at Maeda, he was a Kamehameha graduate that returned to sexually abuse children because of what he saw happen there. These kinds of issues arise for our people and as a legal advocate and for many, many years, I served the family court as a guardian ad litem (GAL) but only for Hawaiian and children who were Samoan, Fijian, and Tongan. This is what I am committed to and I will carry it forward. It's not just on my shoulders, I am proud to say that this will be my last trial. If they call our bluff, I will second chair it in the circuit court myself but I don't see it interfering with my work at OHA or anywhere else. It's very narrow but it will be a case I think that will create some precedence for KS.

Trustee Ahuna We talked about the legislative approach, on Kaua'i, we are talking about housing. On Kaua'i, the first fee simple Hawaiian Homes apartments were bought by the SCHAA. Can you comment, do you feel legislative action is the only approach or do you feel we can go outside of the box to take care some of our needs?

Mililani Trask You know, I think legislature is the first step but definitely I think we need to go outside of the box. I think SCHAA is a good example of that and I think there are many other opportunities too that we could look at in terms of affordable housing for our DHHL lands. I think we have to be creative and I encourage people thinking outside of the box. I had a talk recently with some Alaskan natives and Indians who are trying to work with the private sector for affordable housing, they are exploring these things. I think we should be doing the same, you know we can work with the legislature but we're gonna have some political issues that come up there, but why not explore other things with private sector. Why not do it? We have some good examples, you know I think we can be creative and do both, we're not limited in that respect.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Mahalo nui Mililani. We ask that you log out of Zoom and watch the live stream at www.oha.org/livestream At this time, we will have our first round of secret ballots be passed out.

First round of ballots are white.

Robert Klein, Board Counsel Announces the results of the voting in round 1. There were eight ballots cast resulting in the following:

Nominee Name	Total Votes
Joshua Lanakila Mangauil	1
Kaloa R.N. Robinson	2
Mililani B. Trask	5

Second round of ballots are green.

Robert Klein, Board Counsel Announces the results of the voting in round 2. There were eight ballots cast resulting in the following:

Nominee Name	Total Votes
Joshua Lanakila Mangauil	1
Kaloa R.N. Robinson	2
Mililani B. Trask	5

Third round of ballots are pink.

Trustee Lee Judge Klein, if we continue on this, is there going to be some point where the Trustees can debate or discuss among each other in open session without divulging who they are voting for? Or ask each other questions or do we continue voting till April 1st since our deadline is April 1st?

Robert Klein, Board Counsel You can suggest changes to the Chair but this is your process. We will vote until someone gets six votes. The Chair can adopt changes, it's entirely up to you.

Robert Klein, Board Counsel Announces the results of the voting in round 3. There were eight ballots cast resulting in the following:

Nominee Name	Total Votes
Joshua Lanakila Mangauil	1
Kaloa R.N. Robinson	1
Mililani B. Trask	6

Trustees, you have a new Trustee. You have six votes for former Trustee Mililani Trask, one for Kaloa Robinson, and one for Joshua Mangauil, congratulations.

Chair Hulu Lindsey We would like to thank our nominees for volunteering their time and putting forth themselves, they are all so very qualified and we are proud of you. We would like to congratulate Mililani Trask as being the next Hawai'i Island Trustee. We welcome her to our Board. I will move on to Item D. which is an update to action item BOT 22-03. We will be taking this item up in executive session.

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

Trustee Ahuna moves to recuse into Executive session.

Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.

The Board recuses into Executive Session at 11:31 a.m.

Motion to recuse into executive session pursuant to HRS Section§92-5						
	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA		X	X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON LEE			X			
HAWAI‘I ISLAND TRUSTEE SEAT VACANT						
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			8			
MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED						
Motion passes with a eight (8) YES votes and Zero (0) EXCUSED vote.						

Board returns to open session at 12:08 p.m.

Chair Hulu Lindsey I would like to announce that in executive session the Trustees voted to approve the loan conditions for the refinancing of Nā Lama Kukui with American Savings Bank.

Announcements

Chair Hulu Lindsey We have a BAE meeting next week Tuesday and a BOT meeting on March 10th, Thursday at which time our new Trustee will be sworn in. It would be nice to have an in person meeting on March 10th here in the Boardroom. Any questions?

Adjournment

Trustee Akaka Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Waihe'e Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA			X			
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	X		X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
HAWAII ISLAND TRUSTEE SEAT VACANT							
JOHN	WAIHE'E		X	X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				8			

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXX, 2022.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Written Testimony
2. Master Sheet – voting rounds (1-3)

Ronald G. Nishihara, AIA, CCM, LEED AP



February 22, 2022

The Honorable Carmen “Hulu” Lindsey, Chair
Board of Trustees
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
560 N. Nimitz Highway, Suite 200
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96817

via email: BOTmeetings@oha.org

SUBJECT: Testimony in Strong Support of Kaloa R.N. Robinson as Hawai‘i Island Trustee

MEETING: February 24, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: III.C - Review and Selection of a Nominee to Fill the Hawai‘i Island Trustee Vacancy

Dear Chair Lindsey and Members of the Board of Trustees,

My name is Ron Nishihara and I am submitting testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of Kaloa R.N. Robinson as a trustee to represent Hawai‘i Island. I have known Kaloa for nearly twenty years and have been meeting with him weekly for the past two years.

I’ve reviewed the Mana I Maui Ola Strategic Plan and am confident that Kaloa has the educational, personal and professional experience to provide leadership and governance for the organization. I’m sure that his resume will speak to his experience with governance, healthcare and housing. I’d like to share an anecdotal story about Kaloa’s ability to mentor economic stability. Last year, Kaloa’s stepson, Kamaka Dias received notoriety with “The race to \$50K” in which he performed odd jobs to raise enough money to pay off his student loans within a year. It was a truly inspiring journey for the young man who accomplished the feat in eleven months...after having served overseas in the Peace Corp. Here are some links to news stories about Kamaka’s journey:

<https://www.khon2.com/coronavirus/big-island-man-pays-off-50k-in-student-loan-debt-in-one-year/>

<https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2020/11/13/odd-jobs-lot-them-earned-him-k-pay-off-student-loans-great-story-tell/>

In conclusion, Kaloa has the education, experience and heart to serve as an exceptional Trustee whose mana‘o will benefit the Hawaiian community and I strongly endorse him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Nishihara".

Ronald G. Nishihara

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support for Mililani B.Trask for Trustee
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 8:26:43 PM

Aloha Pumehana Chairwoman's Lindsey and Trustees.

I file the following testimony in support of Mililani B. Trask to be selected to sit on the OHA Board on behalf of myself and the organizations I represent (Mauna Kea Anaina Hou, the Mauna Kea Hui (Mauna Kia'i and litigants) and Kai Palaoa). While I am sad to see Keola Lindsey stepping down as Trustee, I do support the selection of Mililani B.Trask to replace him on the Board.

Ms. Trask as an attorney with vast experience and a deep understanding and working knowledge of the state, federal and international legal standards, policies and laws that impact our Lahui and future generations. We strongly support Ms. Trask as our Hawai'i Island Trustee.

Aloha and Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Kealoha Pisciotta
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BOT Meetings](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Replacement trustee nomination
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 9:36:39 PM

Aloha to the Chair and BOT members of the office of Hawaiian affairs. I would like this correspondence to be my entry into the public record regarding my endorsement for Ms Mililani Trask to be considered and affirmed as the new replacement trustee for Hawaii island. My reasons for her appointment are as followed.

1. This individual was once a trustee at OHA so board experience and demeanor has already been established. Thus this ain't her first time around block.
2. With OHA itself going through a reorganization itself and seriously lacking in man power "given the exodus of staff" someone who can hit the ground running is clearly detrimental to time sensitive issues facing OHA and the community at large, thus she fits the nomination perfectly.
3. Her legal back ground is a big plus here especially given the current issue of the public land trust which is already in motion at the legislature and in the current OHA matrix. Her prior work on the PLT is on record and adds great credence to OHA defense and claims as to what it is owed and due.

Given that this an election year our democracy will provide for a replacement for this seat at the end of the year. I implore all of the trustees to consider these points and apply a common sense approach to this very time sensitive matter. After have had been witness to the very same process occur when trustee Mossman resign in 2011 im quite aware of the politics and personality disputes when making this type of decision. I prefer that this matter stay and be resolved at OHA and not go to the governor's office were his wisdom would place kanaka in further uncertainty.

Please cast your vote for Ms Trask.

With regards,
Kealii Makekau
02-21-2022

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BOT Meetings](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Kaloa R.N. Robinson
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 8:59:30 AM

OHA Trustee Meeting
February 22, 2022

Re: Support Candidacy Mr. Kaloa R.N. Robinson

Aloha Chairperson Lindsey and Trustees:

Please accept this letter in support of the appointment of Kaloa R.N. Robinson as OHA Trustee.

I have had the privilege and honor of knowing Mr. Robinson for the past 20 years. I believe Kaloa is an individual of the highest ethical standards and an individual devoted to the betterment of his community!

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.
Sincerely,
Toby Taniguchi

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Written Testimony for 2/23/2022 Agenda
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 7:27:14 AM

Regarding OHA Board of Trustees Feb. 23,2022, Meeting agenda item III. C. Review and Selection of a Nominee to Fill the Hawai'i Island Trustee Vacancy.

As a Kanaka Maoli voter from the Ko'olaupua District of O'ahu, I testify in favor of selecting Mililani B. Trask to fill the vacant Hawai'i Island seat on the OHA Board of Trustees.

She is well respected in the community. She is knowledgeable about government. Her academic and professional credentials are impressive. She is the former po'o of Ka Lāhui Hawai'i, the Native initiative for sovereignty. She is qualified and an excellent choice. Please vote yes for Mililani B. Trask.

Mahalo.

Rebekah Luke
Member, Ka Lāhui Hawaii Komike Kala'āina
Kaaawa, Oahu, HI
[REDACTED]

From: [A \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [BOT Meetings](#)
Subject: Written testimony for OHA agenda 2/23/22 Item III New Business.(C)
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 8:21:24 AM

Hawaii Island need Mililani Trask as our Trustee. As a former Trustee, she is capable of making critical decisions because she KNOWS the office. This is also an election year so at that time the kanaka can select their choice. Mililani NOW. Mahalo

Sent from my iPad

Aloha kakou and mahalo a nui loa for this opportunity to testify in strong support for the appointment of Mililani Trask, Attorney at Law, to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, as the Trustee for Moku O Keawe, the Island of Hawaii.

I have known and worked with Mililani Trask my entire academic and political career. Together, our focus has been, and will continue to be, the betterment of civil liberty and the human right to economic-cultural self-determination for all peoples, and in particular our people, the Hawaii O'iwi.

This is a long arduous struggle, but goals are achieved with leadership guided by integrity, compassion, and those who remain contemplative and steadfast; this is Mililani Trask, and her remarkable track record speaks for itself. Mililani's appointment to this prestigious position will support and kokua the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustee's mission, to move our beloved Hawaii and our Hawaii O'iwi forward.

Our multi-generational Hawaiian community has witnessed the government's persistence in questioning who we are, the heritage we share, and our beliefs; however, these perpetual political assaults demand a willingness to understand that we are up against an apathetic government. This apathy has resulted in years of state and congressional disinvestment in our legal negotiated entitlements, which have taken a toll on moving our people to self-sufficiency; Mililani Trask understands these realities.

Mililani and her family's life-long commitment to Hawaiian Affairs and their accumulated legal knowledge, along with her experiences as a human rights lawyer is a major contribution to a board with legislative and administrative powers.

Our Hawaiian community is the beneficiary of a 2000-year powerful and holistic mindset. This mindset embraces kukakuka, ho'oponono, 'ike, aloha, and the spirituality of Ke Akua. This mindset will keep us focused and hopeful.

We look forward to continue meaningful private-public partnerships to build and fortify our capacities to maneuver and overcome financial-political hardships and remain true to ourselves.

I looking forward to your favorable consideration in appointing Mililani Trask, Attorney at Law, to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, as the Trustee for Moku O Keawe, the Island of Hawaii.

Me ke aloha,
Malama Solomon, PhD

Aloha, my name is Leiomalama Tamasese Solomon, a 27-year-old, Native Hawaiian, and I am in strong support of Mililani Trask, Attorney at Law, for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustee position, representing the Island of Hawaii.

I graduated from New York University with my Master's in Tourism Management in January of 2018 and from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with my Bachelor's in Hospitality Management in May of 2016. My experience includes working at multiple resorts along the Kohala Coast, and one boutique hotel in New York City. I've also worked one session for the Hawaii State Senate Ways and Means Committee, as a bills researcher. Presently, I manage my family's businesses including, our ulu & avocado farm, cattle ranch, and rental properties. Therefore, I know how hard it is for small businesses to thrive here in Hawaii.

Speaking from these experiences, I have concluded that we need strong Hawaiian leadership that is willing to fight for our future, and keep the authenticity of our Hawaiian culture at the forefront of Hawaii's tourism industry, and Mililani Trask has the ability to do so. She has dedicated her entire life to this ideology of protecting, preserving and perpetuating our Hawaiian culture, legal rights, land, and ocean.

Mililani Trask's strong political advocacy is desperately needed right now, in order to represent Hawaii's best interest, and to assure that our Hawaiian culture is not being exploited by corporate greed, within this trillion dollar global tourism industry.

This is an incredible opportunity for my generation and for those to come, to benefit from Mililani Trask's mentorship and legal intelligence, in her position as the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustee, representing the Island of Hawaii.

Please take my testimony seriously, I appreciate your time and consideration.

Leiomalama Tamasese Solomon
Island of Hawaii Resident

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Master Sheet – ROUND 1

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Mililani B. ||||
Trask

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Round 1 Signature of Board Counsel: Notat Keen

Date: 2/24/2022

11:23 a.m. Ppk

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Mangauil

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Robinson

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Mililani B.
Trask

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Round 2: Signature of Board Counsel:

Robert Trask

Date: 2/24/2022

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Joshua Lanakila
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Robinson

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Mililani B.
Trask



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Round 3: Signature of Board Counsel:

NAHIO KEEI

Date: 2/24/2022

1130 am. Pgc.

**Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
March 24, 2022
10:00 A.M.**

V. New Business

A. Committee on Resource Management

- 1. Action Item RM #22-04: Approval of the OHA Financial Statements with Independent Auditor's Report for the Year ended June 30, 2021; and the OHA Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards and Uniform Guidance, Year Ended June 30, 2021†**

**** Committee Report will be distributed once they become available from the Committee on Resource Management.**

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V. New Business

A. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

- 1. 2022 OHA State Legislative Bill Package Updates –
SB2122/HB1474, SB2121/HB1473, coordinated advocacy -
Matrix 1†☼**
- 2. 2022 OHA State Legislature Bill Positions Related to
Measures Naming OHA – Matrix 2†☼**
- 3. 2022 OHA Legislature Bill Positions Related to Measures
Affecting Native Hawaiians – Matrix 3†☼**
- 4. 2022 OHA Legislature Bill Positions and Monitored Bills
Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians –
Matrix 4†☼**

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March 24, 2022
10:00 A.M.

VI. Executive Session

A. Consultation with Board Counsel Robert Klein, Sherry P. Broder, Esq and 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).