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STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, September 28, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

1. May 24, 2023 – Site Visit 1 Summary
2. May 24, 2023 – Site Visit 2 Summary
3. May 24, 2023 – Site Visit 3 Summary
4. May 24, 2023 – Maui Island Community Meeting
5. May 25, 2023 – Maui Island Board of Trustees Meeting

III. New Business

1. Discussion – Messaging on Hakuone

IV. Executive Session†

V. Community Concerns and Celebrations

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment

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

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

9/22/2023
 Date

**Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
September 28, 2023
9:00 A.M.**

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- *All attachments will be added once draft minutes are approved.*

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**STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Maui Food Innovation Center
Pilina Building Room, 225
310 W. Kaʻahumanu Ave.
Kahului, HI. 96732**

**Maui Site Visit Summary
of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
Summary Report
May 24, 2023 – 10:30 AM**

ATTENDANCE:

Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Kalei Akaka
Trustee Keliʻi Akina
Trustee Mililani Trask

GUEST:

Karen Hanada
Douglas Paul
Ian Stewart

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I. Call to Order

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II. Introduction

Everyone introduces themselves to each other upon the start of the presentation and tour.

III. Site Visit

A. Maui Food Innovation Center

Karen Hanada shares a brief video on the Maui Food Innovation Center (MFI) that provides training, startup support, and offers specialized kitchen facilities. MFI is a part of the UH Maui College and offers a diverse opportunity to students and the community. Some of the things they provide are technological expertise, innovative training, consultation, a manufacturing facility, and a resource hub for new and established food entrepreneurs. The new \$8.5 million facility offers 4,300 sq. ft. of workspace. You can find four manufacturing kitchens: cold process, dry process, wet process, and packaging. The equipment list is vast.

Cold Process – you can find a blast chiller, tumbler vacuum, meat grinder and mixer, gelato ice cream maker, flow wrapper, sugar cane juicer, vegetable peeler, freeze dryer.

Dry Process – includes a racked oven, smoker house smoker, weigh right automatic scale, dehydrator, vertical cutter mixer, bowl mixer, dehydrator, double deck convection oven, all fill filler and a conveyORIZED band sealer.

Wet Process – contains a fryer with filter, six open burner range, 35-gallon steam kettle, two skillets, 65-gallon steam kettle with water fill hose, transfer pump, filling machine, bottling line (sealer, labeler/ coder, capper), water heater, mixer, and stock pot stove.

Packaging – includes a coder printer, labeler, metal detector, case taper, tray sealer, pouch sealer, vacuum packer and sealer.

They also offer storage – roll-in refrigerators, freezers, pot washer, and cube ice machines. They hope to procure a wet filler with compressor, cold press juicer, pasta extruder, and a proofing cabinet.

Currently there are two instructors: Chef Douglas Paul was the Production manager for Hawai'i Taro burger for one year, sixteen years with Sodexo, and a graduate from Maui Culinary Academy and went to Western Culinary Institute for a year and Wolfgang Puck's Spa Hawai'i Executive Pastry Chef. The second Chef is Vince Domingo who takes care of the entrepreneurship side. Both are like coaches, teaching these individuals hands-on while they're building their business. The model is not your normal 20 students in a classroom. Students can make appointments. These are industrial machines; if a person wants to expand their business and invest in a machine, they can come here and test the equipment and learn how to operate these machines before investing their money. They will learn how to sanitize the equipment in between their runs and what records they need to keep for recalls. This is meant to be hands-on.

They are networking with local farmers and hope to offer the space to more local people and businesses to help them create their brand and start their own business identity. They want to see 100% utilization of the space. The facility will offer classes and training which will take the risk out of the equation. Everyone cannot afford a \$80,000 flow wrapper or a \$100,000 big kettle, but they will need a place for a safe harbor, coaching, and practice scaling their product. The cost is \$35/ hour, but students pay by class price. Classes are \$99 -

\$299, and extra lab time is \$79 for about fifteen hours.

They work with Hāna Business Council and Hawai'i Farmers Union United. The help that people are looking for are grants, small capital grants (about \$50,000) for operations. An idea is to have a representative from OHA to sit on their panel and listen to all the pitches, like shark tank. This is one way to see what individuals may be worthy of taking the risk on.

The space the Trustees toured used to be the Maui Vocational School and then the Maui Community Cafeteria. After receiving Tact Grants, a variety of other grants, and money from legislation, the school started to look into starting a food innovative center. December 13, 2022 was the first time they took occupancy, and the facility was completed.

Chef Douglas Paul Expresses that he would like to see entrepreneurs come in and do dehydration, create a puree or a mushroom jerky, and take the not so perfect produce and create something from that, making it value added. Each kitchen is separated by doors to contain each area for sanitation and safety.

One of their main goals is to become FDA approved and help more entrepreneurs in their community. They encourage their students, community vendors who have a product, create a product, or want to test out a product.



IV. Public Testimony
None

V. Announcements
None

VI. Adjournment
The site visit ended at.

Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

Site Visit Minutes Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on September 28, 2023.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Excused Memo – Trustee Galuteria
2. Excused Memo – Trustee Souza
3. Excused Memo – Trustee Waihe‘e
4. Excused Memo – Trustee H. Lindsey

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**STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Hawaii Taro Farm
2200 Honoapiʻilani Hwy.
Wailuku, HI. 96793**

**Maui Site Visit Summary
of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
Summary Report
May 24, 2023 – 12:00 pm**

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Kalei Akaka
Trustee Keliʻi Akina
Trustee Mililani Trask
Trustee Keoni Souza
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GUEST:

Bobby Pahia
Kiana Reyes
Kaiea Medeiros

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II. Introduction

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III. Site Visit

1. Hawai'i Taro Farm – La Kahea Community Farm

Bobby Pahia shares that he leases 350 acres from the developer creating Waikapu town. These acres are in a land trust and will remain in agriculture forever. He has 25 farmers that grow on these lands. Bobby continues to share that he grows 15 varieties of kalo. He introduces a farmer, Kaiea Medeiros.

Kaiea Medeiros shares that his focus is on implementing a regenerative agriculture baseline to address 'ai pono, food security.

Bobby Pahia explains that the land use to be cane land and they are now trying to grow back trees as a component to their project. Agriculture, in general, lacks infrastructure; they need certified kitchens, processing facilities, aggregated and distribution. He hopes to build all of that here at this place. The County is supportive and he is working on putting a package together so that he can present this idea to funders. The model he shares is the regenerative model, similar to our kūpuna. They have also created hybrid kalo for the industry when the Native varieties were going under. Many of the major producers used their variety. He is addressing the many things that are lacking in the agriculture community. He explains that the state budget has less than 1% going to agriculture or the concerns of isolation to our islands. He feels there are powers out there that do not want Hawai'i to be independent. More food needs to be grown and food security is important. The need to offer incentives to farm agriculture are important. Many young people do not want to farm. Next to water and air, food is the next important thing. When looking at legislation and policy, he wants to see money going towards agriculture and food. If that is not secure, then it is difficult to secure the rest. My goal is to grow as much food as I can, inspire the youth, and address the components that are holding people back. Secure leases, water, funding, and education; these are four components he believes will allow someone to be successful. He is the main supplier of kalo on the island of Maui. His hope and mission are to have people grow their own kalo, teach them how to grow, and give them land. Everyone is busy and tied up with time, but if they are shown a plan and told that they only need X amount of time to grow, then they know they can grow a 1,000lbs of kalo for their family. He can show them how to do it. He expresses that if he can make enough money by selling his taro on the outside to the hospitality industry to keep his operation afloat and he can make poi, then he will give poi out to kūpuna and then to the kids and families.

Kiana shares that they do not have employees, and this is the reason why they are able to produce a certain amount of kalo. The kalo is distributed all over Hawai'i and people come to this 'āina for seedlings to take home.

The common sentiment is that they align with OHA's strategic plan and hope to apply for a grant.



IV. Public Testimony

None

V. Announcements

None

VI. Adjournment

The site visit ended at.

Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

Site Visit Minutes Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on September 28, 2023.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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**STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Maui Lani Regional Park parking lot on Maui Lani Parkway
Kahului, HI. 96732**

**Maui Site Visit Summary
of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
Summary Report
May 24, 2023 – 1:30 pm**

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kalei Akaka
Trustee Mililani Trask
Trustee Keoni Souza
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria

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Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Noelani Ahia

I. Call to Order

Site visit starts at 10:30 a.m.

II. Introduction

Everyone introduces themselves to each other upon the start of the presentation and tour.

III. Site Visit

A. Maui Lani Regional Park parking lot on Maui Lani Parkway

Noelani Ahia welcomes everyone and shares that she is a recognized cultural descendant to the burial in this specific area. She has been advocating for the last 7 years. She explains the dunes in this area stretch from Waihe'e to the far North side to Mā'alaea. Over the last thirty years, sand mining has started and continues. The sand is used to make cement, and sand from Maui was sent to be used to make the rail in Honolulu. One of the things she and others have done is advocate and get legislation passed to help address the issues with desecration. The plan was to use the cultural overlay map to help identify the patterns of burials before development happened. This passed but the former Mayor vetoed it on his last day. The new council shifted from an aloha 'āina council to something different and refused to override the veto. The reason she shares this with the group is the State laws are not enough, they are not proactive, they are reactive. The laws kick-in once you disturb the burials.

There is a protocol that developers have to go through to get a permit. Developers must get an Archaeological Inventory Survey (AIS) but with this development, which is representative of many developments in this area, they did a survey and counted only five burials. Months after that survey was accepted by State Historic Preservation Department (SHPD), there were 80 more burials found. There was a dune clear as day with burials, she does not believe they did not know about these burials before they turned in that survey. This is how some developers and archaeologists have been able to manipulate the system. What happens is that the burials come in after the AIS has been accepted, then they are considered inadvertent finds which means they were unanticipated. When this happens, the iwi have less protection. The burial council does not decide what will happen, whether they are preserved in place or relocated, the State does. There is one man in that position to make decisions, Hinano Rodriguez. Hinano is the head of history and culture; history and culture are separate. Once the burials are discovered, archaeology walks away and history and culture steps in. Her thoughts are, Hinano is kanaka but many kanaka have colonized brains and make choices sometimes that put development in front of iwi kūpuna and this is problematic. She and others spoke to OHA about this problem in the past and asked for support; they hoped for some type of lawsuit. Their hope is that OHA can help right some of the wrongs.

The place of our site visit is particular to Noelani. She filed a lawsuit and Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation (NHLC) represented her because the archaeological survey was inadequate. Similar sites with dunes in Colorado have Federal protections, but not here in Hawai'i. She shares that in a Hawaiian worldview, all your life experiences and mana are stored in your bones. When these bones are kanu in the 'āina, that mana becomes collective nourishment for all the generations to come. Stimulation and support comes through the 'āina as we walk on the land. She believes when iwi are disturbed, dug up, and crushed, it is part of the historical trauma and it is felt by kōkānaka.

She closes by sharing that she and other groups are trying to get the laws changed and continues to ask for OHA's support.

**The entire group walks across the street to visit the burial preservation area.*



IV. Public Testimony

None

V. Announcements

None

VI. Adjournment

The site visit ended at.

Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

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Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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2. Excused Memo – Trustee Alapa

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(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)

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A physical meeting location open to the general public will be available at 310 W. Ka'ahumanu Ave. Kahului, HI.

**Minutes of the
MAUI ISLAND COMMUNITY MEETING
MINUTES
May 24, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
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Iwalani Canto, Trustee Aide
Claudine Calpito, Trustee Aide
Kahelelani Keawekane, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Johanna Kamaunu
Joycelyn Costa
Jonathan Scheuer

Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	SOUZA	X	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	TRASK	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
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At the Call to Order, **nine (9)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Aloha kākou my beautiful island of Maui. I am always so proud to be home with all of you. I would like to thank the young people of Na Lei Kaumaka O Uka and their Kumu, Nāpua Silva for opening our meeting this evening. Tonight's meeting can be viewed by livestream on OHA's website, www.oha.org/livestream. Before we begin, I would like to ask each Trustee to introduce themselves and their staff at this time.

Introductions

Trustee Galuteria Aloha Maui, I am happy to be here today. My staff with me here today is LeiAnn Stender Durant

Trustee Ahuna Aloha mai kākou, I am Dan Ahuna I represent the island of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau. I would like to thank the Chair for our site visits today, they were off the charts. Here with me I have my Aide, Claudine Calpito.

Trustee Akina Aloha everyone, it is always so wonderful to be here with everyone. I Trustee Keli'i Akina and my concerns are for all of the islands. I want to extend my warmest aloha to our Chair Hulu Lindsey. I would like to introduce to you my Aide, Evalani Canto. We look forward to hearing your mana'o tonight.

Trustee Waihe'e Aloha mai Maui, I am John Waihe'e IV and I am Trustee-at-Large. I want to thank everyone here and online joining us here and accross the state. Joining me is my Aide, Crayn Akina.

Trustee Trask Aloha everyone, I am Mililani Trask and I want to say aloha to everyone. My family is from here. My Great-Grandmother is Evalani Haia from Hana. Our family has a church where my family including my mother and my sister, Haunani, a portion of her iwi is buried there. When ever I come to Maui I always feel little bit like I am coming home. I want to introduc to you my Aide from Hilo Kahelelani Keawekane.

Trustee Alapa Aloha everyone, my name is Luana Alapa and I am the Trustee for Moloka'i and Lana'i. I am so Happy to be back here on beautiful Maui island. I learned so much today on the different site visits. I appreciate you all being here this evening, mahalo.

Trustee Akaka Aloha pumehana, I am so happy to be here on beautiful Maui. I am Kalei Akaka and I am honored to serve as your OHA O'ahu Trustee, as well as your Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee Chair. I have my baby, Āiwaiwa and my husband, Tyler, also, joining me is my Trustee Aide, Nathan Takeuchi. I also want to say mahalo nui to our Board Chair for always hosting us and feeding us so lovingly along with her staff. Mahalo to our CEO, COO, Capsun, Alice, and all of our staff that helps us and mahalo to all of you for joining us this evening. Mahalo to Uncle Roy for answering the calls and holding it down. A special mahalo to the places that hosted us today on our site visits. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to see and learn more about your wahi pana.

Trustee Souza Aloha mai kākou, I am your newest Trustee at-large. It is good to be here, thank you Chair for setting up the site visits. It is always good to be in the community. We make decisions on behalf of our people so it is very important to be inbedded in the community and to see what is going on and not just make decisions from a boardroom. I have always felt this way. My Aide with me this eveving is Richelle Kim. Good to see all of you here tonight where I hope we can collaborate and affect change on this island as well as all the islands. I am a Trustee at-large so I will never hold a community meeting but you will see in the community setting up my own meetings and getting it done. Mahalo.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you Trustees. Tonight we have our CEO, Sylvia Hussey, I will have her introduce our staff that is with her us this evening.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO Aloha mai kākou, I am Sylvia Hussey, Ka Pouhana, CEO of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. I am happy to be here to help support our Trustees as they travel from community to community. Tonight we have our COO-Casey Brown, Communication Director-Alice Silbanuz, Interim Chief Advocate – Capsun Poe, our Maui base staff – Roy Newton, Jason Lees – Communications, and Dan Santos – IT. We are all here to support the Trustees in their important work.

Chair Hulu Lindsey I am happy to be here with all of you and it pleases me to know that I know all of you here in this room. I love being apart of this community. Today we had a busy day, we started off at the Maui Food and Innovation Center at the same time some of the Trustees were able to be apart of the ground breaking ceremonies of the new Waikapu Hawaiian Homes project. Then we went to Bobby Pahia's farm and followed up at Mauilani, we had a full day. Right now, I will ask Sylvia to do a Maui community report and update.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO Good evening everyone. We wanted to share with all of you our budget piece, this is just high level sharing no decisions are made. You will see the governance structure for he office, the Trustees structure and the organization structure. In the presentation we highlight the strategies that the Board approved as well as our foundational work including the endowment. We also share with you the budget construction process. We also talk about the spending priorities which touch on grant deployment, stewardship of land assets and ensuring that there is structure for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. One key slide is the constraints, when we look at budgeting for the OHA we ensure that we account for all the input for the resources; public land trusts, the Native Hawaiian trust fund, payroll, and last but not least our obligations. This obligation is to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) in their revenue bond issuance, so every year \$3 million dollars is contributed to DHHL. There is a little less than ten years left on that obligations. As we put the budgets together we also need to know where our obligations are to ensure that we have accounted for each one. We will be here after the meeting if you have questions. The rest of the slide deck shows further breakdown for each of the grant

pieces, beneficiary legal services, breakdown of personnel, details of contracts, programing cost and equipment cost. All of this is just informational and not discussion. With that I will say the Maui Island community report is included with highlights of unique items of Maui; housing data, employment data, and an entire list of grantees serving Maui. These are the highlights for me.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Next on the agenda is our community presentations.

Community Presenters

Hālau of ‘Ōiwi Art – Dr. Hōkūlani Holt



Dr. Hōkūlani Holt opens with an oli. Welcome to Maui a place we love. When you look out to the ocean and up to the mountains know that these lands have created us. These lands have created your ancestors, my ancestors, and all of us today so, aloha to us all. The Hālau of ‘Ōiwi Art came from Kumu hula work from the Hua Makahikina Declaration. The Hua Makahikina Declaration brought together 200 signators who were lineal descendant Kumu Hula that agreed to this declaration. This declaration is on the integrity, stewardship, and protection of hula. It was ratified on August 22, 2021. Here on Maui we have started a steering committee made up of 35 Kumu hula and 11 who were the ones that went to all of the meetings and discussions. Maui has done with these 35 Kumu hula what has not happened in all of Hawai‘i prior to this. The future of Hālau of ‘Ōiwi Art sits on the corner vineyard street and church street. It will house 45,000 square feet that will be for hula, culture and the community that is Maui and the world. One thing important to all of us is pilina to place. Wailuku has always been known as a historical and cultural site. To native Hawaiians and residents to Maui, Wailuku use to be the center. It should be the center of our community and we anticipate that the Hālau of ‘Ōiwi Art will provide that center. We will bring together artist, community, the newest thought of what is Hawaiian and to the most traditional thoughts on what was Hawaiian, and then to tell us and those who follow us what is Hawaiian forever. On Feb 2022 Mayor Victoino announced his support for the center project which included an unprecedend \$43 million dollars. In addition to that Senator Schatz also gave an additional \$11 million dollars to this project. Extensive research has been done on this place. A brief overview, during the mahele time it was a kalo land. The place where this will sit upon is on those taro lands. We do not anticipate iwi to be found and we have done ground penetration in this area and we will continue to do that. Kumu that have worked tirelessly non-stop on this project are the following:

Kumu Hula Hōkūlani Holt

Kumu Hula Kapono‘ai Molitau

Kumu Hula Francine Mopsy Aarona

Kumu Hula Moani Whittle Wagner

Kumu Hula Pueo Pata

Kumu Hula Kahulu Maluo- Pearson

Kumu Hula Hi‘ilei Maxwell-Juan

Kumu Hula ‘Iliahi & Haunani Paredes

These are names we are familiar. These kumu do not only make us proud on competition stages but the work they do in their community. The plans for this project is three stories. The bottom floor will be more public, there will be areas that can be used for businesses. The seconf floor will have classrooms and learning spaces. The top floor will be a community area. 3,000 sq. Ft. available to use. There will be a kitchen and a theatre. This place will also be built so that if there is a civil need our community can come here. In conclusion the Hālau of

‘Ōiwi Art is for hula, Hawaiian culture, Hawaiian learning, but also for the whole community. If any one were to say how does hula or Hawaiian culture make us a community? Who in here dances or knows someone who dances hula? Who here knows someone who does Native Hawaiian crafts? Who in here knows where this can happen? Kumu hula and halau notoriously have never had places to hold hula. How many skateboard parks you have in your community? Who does the visitor industry depend on when they sell Hawaii? It is Hula. We support the farming industry with ti leaf skirts, flowers, and leis. We support the fabric manufacturing industry by the bolts of material for our costumes and traveling outfits. We support almost every endeavor there is and still till this day there is no place for hula. I am not coming to you for money, I am coming to you for support and to let you know that Maui has made a concerted effort to right that wrong. My ask is that you support it in many ways that you can. Mahalo.

Trustee Trask You have the \$43 million and Senator Shatz gave you \$11 million more. What is the total?

Dr. Hōkūlani Holt That will do it.

Trustee Trask I feel like your presentation is much fuller and the photos you have are impressive. We need to put this in our Ka Wai Ola. The art you are looking for is it Hawaiian art? Is art that in the future you will endow?

Dr. Hōkūlani Holt We have the anticipation of supporting traditional art as well as contemporary art. We have talked about small town big art on the premises and teach traditional arts, and I believe we do not want to overstep other places in our community who also do art.

Trustee Trask We've been approached by a couple who lived in Hawaii and while they were here they purchased sculptures from artist here made from stone, one was of Pele. They moved to the continent, and they do not want the art work and they contacted us to if we could take it. The issue we have is trust obligation our trust obligation is to our people and programs. I was wondering if this is something you can look at. I will send to you.

Dr. Hōkūlani Holt Okay, we have not looked at the programming parts yet. Programming and those types of things have not been talked about yet. However, I do believe that there are perhaps places that that can occur.

Trustee Alapa Mahalo nui for sharing these beautiful slides. When do you break ground and how do you sustain this? This place looks almost like a mini campus.

Dr. Hōkūlani Holt The anticipation to break ground is next year, when I do not know because we still have the permitting parts that need to happen. We anticipate this place to be ready in 2025. The land is owned, and the building is owned by the County. So, the county owns the land and Maui County is building the building. What we will do is have meetings with them for the managing ideas.

Trustee Alapa Will you be charging fees?

Dr. Hōkūlani Holt Some yes and some no. Like any public place there will be a sliding scale, how that slides I am not sure. I do not anticipate that it will be free neither do I anticipate everyone will be operating on the same schedule.

Trustee Alapa Will there be a schedule of Halaus and other reservations?

Dr. Hōkūlani Holt Yes, we have already met with halaus to talk about, what nights they practice hula, how many nights they would need to practice, would they need it day time? We've talk to our senior citizens organizations here for use during the day and what type of use would they need? Programming and use is in discussion now.

Trustee Souza My question was similar to Trustee Alapa regarding the timeline. Are you taking this in phases? I know you said the money is secure.

Dr. Hōkūlani Holt yes, the money is secure and the plan is to just build.

Trustee Souza Great, well OHA is always here.

Dr. Hōkūlani Holt As far as we know we plotted it out well but in five years and as building cost go up who knows. Right now, we are good. Isn't that a nice thing to hear?

Trustee Akaka You mentioned support from OHA, are there specific examples of what we can do o support you?

Dr. Hōkūlani Holt Just like what Trustee Trask said, put it in Ka Wai Ola. When you give reports on what is happening on your islands then maybe you mention us. What I mean when I say this is don't put up any roadblocks, help and support. I really do not anticipate us ever asking for anything but all I ask is for you to support us and say good job.

Trustee Akaka do you folks have any partnerships with any museums?

Dr. Hōkūlani Holt No partnerships with museums but we do have partnerships with community organizations and various halaus. We have thirty six halau on this island. We have the senior citizen center, and we talked to the people in Wailuku town.

Chair Hulu Lindsey I am glad I was able to advocate for this special place. You are saying you do not need anything from us except support, you know that is very rare. I want to offer all the support you need. I hope you can be an example for all the islands for continuity. People are still having hula in their garages and at the park.

Dr. Hōkūlani Holt We are willing to offer our help and expertise to any island and any community that wishes to this. We do not see this as the only place for hula. We want our community centers, to also be hula centers so hula is in every community.

Trustee Galuteria You must be proud.

Dr. Hōkūlani Holt I am proud because it makes hula live.

Trustee Galuteria You are creating a model for all of Hawaii. Hula is known for protocol, will you be embarking on teaching protocol?

Dr. Hōkūlani Holt We will teach anything connected to hula. Along that line of protocol there are some halau that practice kuahu, a hula shrine and teach that as part of their practice. We will have a room special for those people who use kuahu.

Trustee Galuteria Looks like you will have a lot space to wok with. For protocol will be there any kind of programming for conflict resolution, hooponopono.

Dr. Hōkūlani Holt I don't see that western world of conflict resolution but if it is family oriented we will make ourselves available for anything Hawaiian.

Trustee Galuteria that widens the view for me, thank you.

Trustee Alapa Are there requirements as far as using for the center such as do you need to be a resident, or years of experience?

Dr. Hōkūlani Holt We are hoping that this place can serve as a place to welcome anyone or anyone who has been kind to us. I cannot think of any preferences or specific requirements.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Mahalo nui Hōkū. Next on our agenda we will have our COO give a brief update on Hakuone at Kaka'ako Makai.

Update on Hakuone, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Kaka'ako Makai Lands, Casey Brown, COO



Casey Brown, COO Aloha everyone, I am Casey Brown the Chief Operating Officer for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. We want to talk about Hakuone because it has been a high interest lately and we want you folks to know whats going on with this and why you should care. Hakuone are parcels of land that are located in the moku of Kona in the ahupua'a of Waikiki. This area was a part of a productive landscape that provided for the needs of the populace in traditional times. In addition to the fisheries the water was very rich in salt.

Profile:

We have 30 acres accross 10 parcels

It is partially made up of landfill

2022 these lands generated approximately \$1.5 million net income.

Essentially, these are the last undeveloped lands along the shore line of Oahu between Waikiki and downtown Honolulu. Quickly, I will speak on how these lands came to be in the posession of OHA. In 2012 these thirty acres were conveyed to OHA as a way to pay past due Public Land Truste (PLT) debt. They were paid in lieu of cash. At the time in 2012, the State owed more than \$200 million. The State did not have cash at the time so they offered OHA these parcels. Discussions took place in a compressed time. The final settlement was for these lands and these lands came over with a residential band on them. The residential band locks up a lot value in those lands and the immediate resolve by the Board at that time was to unlock that value. What followed in 2014, 2016, 2021, and 2023 OHA went to the leg session supporting or submitting measure to undo the residential band. All four time we were unsuccessful, but we are not giving up. In the most completed year, 2022, OHA did a deeper due diligence study to understand what easements exist, what the soil conditions are, and the infrastructure. It is during this due diligence that OHA discovers infrastructure problems worth \$65 million dollars. This another variable impacting the value of these lands.

In the later part of 2022 were given the recommendation for a new name for Kakaako Makai parcels. Kumu Cy Bridges a well-known cultural practitioner did thorough research and the name Hakuone was chosen by the Board of Trustees. Haku – to weave, to integrate, to bring together. One – the sands of my birth. It can also can be liking to the word Ho‘one, which is the pumice stone, which implies soothing over. This what we want you to understand, what the lands are.

What can Hakuone be and why should you folks care. Hakuone is locked up in value. I few could and we pursued the masterplan that is in place, Hakuone could be an economic engine, a Hawaiian sense of place like a cultural center, and the third thing is if residential is lifted and allowed then it would provide housing for the community. I think out of these three points the one that matters the most for Maui is the first one, the economic engine. The number I mentioned earlier \$1.5 million can be amplified exponentially; annual income would go up ten times. The intention is how much more can OHA produce with the resources it does have under its watch so it can turn it into so much more to give out.

Lastly, we will be exploring commercial uses and begin planning those uses under the board advisement and direction. We will also take stock of recent Hakuone legislative efforts to inform future efforts. We will also keep telling the story of Hakuone, educate people, keep the community involved, and have you folks know what is going on with your assets. I will end here and thank you for your time.

Dr. Hōkūlani Holt What kind of support are you looking for, the whole thing in general, residential? How is that support best used?

Casey Brown, COO I would say learn about Hakuone and stay current and share that information with other.

Trustee Akaka I would like to add by having our communities contact their elected officials on stating why this is important. We need those that have that official capacity to effect change. We would really appreciate the change.

Trustee Alapa *reads a question from a text she receives from a beneficiary.* Although we are in recess are we still negotiating over Kakaako Makai lands or are the positions of OHA finalized until the next session and if not are we going to move forward with commercial development?

Casey Brown, COO The Board voted unanimously to reject the offer that came from the State so that ends that discussion, but it does not mean that the discussion can't be picked back up. There is always next year and the door is always open. We will start to explore the commercial uses.

Trustee Souza Casey, you touched on the point of the \$1.5 million dollars net revenue that we create from these parcels every year. There is no excuse whether it be residential, commercial, a park, a parking lot the revenue at \$1.5 million dollars and the potential revenue. This is a conversation at the Board level we need to have. At the end of the day we come to the community and get their feedback and we take it back to the boardroom and we make the ultimate decision based on what the community says and wants. We are definitely trying to create more revenue for our people. We will have that conversation and we will develop whatever it is because we agreed. The intentions as this Board is not to land swap, it was a unanimous decision. There is no value right now as far as we can see. Moving forward I am excited, and I want to say to everyone that I believe in this Board, we all share the same mission and goals. There is a process to everything that we do sometimes it is massaging the legislature the right way, it is a two-way street. We have every intention to develop these parcels. I just wanted to add that, thank you.

Joyclyn Costa Aloha Trustees, I've had discussions with trustee about this land before, but it was about the ocean and not the land. I can remember when Uncles Les Kuloloio was alive I can remember him saying that it was not part of the inventory because it was ocean. This was in lieu of a debt and now what you are describing to me is a money pit. Even at the \$1.5 million that you generate, I hear there is infrastructure defects that will cost \$63 million. We also have climate change and sea rise to think about. I'm not trying to down what is in front of us but think of a solution. When the state offered this land where was the "buyer beware" clause to alarm you. Now you folks are asking us to help you folks to get up a hill. I need to know how to help you folks but the battles, the communities, and politics you are up against, this is a lot. I want to help you maybe there is something out of the box we can do. Maybe we can have a conversation later

Trustee Trask I want to share what I am doing and where we are. In 2012 until today presently the State owes OHA \$600 million dollars. The arriguous accumulated up to 2012 is an additional \$153 million which brings it to \$753 million. Presently there are 28,000 Hawaiian on the waiting list for DHHL dying on a waiting list. The cost or building those homes now are \$7.3 billion dollars. We have two parcels out of 1.8 million acres of ceded lands. The Board has voted after many difficult discussions that we have a fiduciary obligation to develop our lands to the highest and best use that is our legal obligation.

Trustee Akaka I just want to add that beyond being an economic engine what we are looking to build is a Hawaiian Cultural Center. This is something that we do not have here in the islands and this another way that we can further connect as a people as well as having keiki and kupuna day care. The other thing regarding the sea level rise, we have done our due diligence. We have learned that our land is higher than those down the road from us, all the way down to the Blaisedel center. There are ways to mitigate that challenge. If you look at the Whole Foods in Kaka'ako Makai their building is raised up to a certain height, there are ways that we can do this in a pono an dproper manner and not be held back by sea level rise challenge.

Community Concerns

Johanna Kamanu Aloha, I am Johanna Kamaunu and I sent a letter to all the Trustees. I have been concerned because we have a project coming up in Wailuku town, a new civic center that is being built, the main part being built is a new parking structure. This is also where Hālau of 'Ōiwi Art building will be. The parking structure in the grading process disturbed four iwi in the footprint of that building. As part of the burial council at that time I got review the situation but also at that time Malama kakanilua, a body that advocates in protecting the iwi started to hold vigils on Friday nights. In one of the vigils it was apparent that one of the kupuna was significant, we could not understand at the beginning but I understand. This kupuna was discovered at this time to remind us that he was not the only one who was disturbed. By the time this iwi kupuna is discovered in the footprint of this new parking structure it became important to me that this kupuna be remembered. We found four others and I believe there is a total of five. Wailuku town does not recognize our culture or significatly recognize the historic landscape. The plan for the County is to make Waiuku town an art destination, I would like to see it as a Kanaka Maoli art destination. My ask this evening is the story be told on this came to be, what the envisioning process is on it, and more importantly the possibility of what an art concept could mean to us on the building. The building is four stories and at least 5 large exterior walls. We should have a say on what will be done. Going through the State procurement process is limiting and sets up a limiting process for those who want to apply for it. We are not looking for a mural or exterior paint we are looking for an installation. This means it needs to be instructed by material that can weather time. If the call went out today, I doubt that any Kanaka artist would apply for it. They would have to come up with a concept, a design, and figure out what type of medium they would use. So now you need to figure out who is the artist that can make that and apply it to the building. Give a Kanaka Maoli artist a chance to conceive an idea, unify the

artwork on the building, gather a team to figure out how they would get the work executed. If we do not take this opportunity, then I think we have failed our voice in this community. Thank you.

Joycelyn Costa *shares a poem that she wrote.* She is currently involved with the spill that occurred at Haleakala.

I have not seen or heard of any interest from OHA on this subject. I have attended several meetings and there is no record keeping of our meetings. It is not recorded and they do not have a secretary to write up the questions and concerns that we have. There were decisions made that were not correct or compliant. I am asking that you trustees put some interest in this spill at Haleakala. It happened on January 29th after last final check of the night and everyone went home. They are waiting for the plans for phase two so that they can present it to the Department of Health so that they can move forward for phase III. When we ask them about a timeline, it is stated that because it is a sacred mountain they need to take things slower. So, now it is my fault, it is Maui's fault. I need help to figure it out. I am doing my homework and making my phone calls but maybe you can help open the door to retrieve a document. According to my emails they do not know what they are doing.

Jonathan Scheuer Aloha mai kākou, mahalo for the opportunity to talk. I worked for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs from 2004-2010, first as a water policy advocate and then in the land acquisition management programs but this is only my second time in front of you since then. Since 2010 I have had the honor to work on an important issue of land and water in the community. The topic I want to briefly talk stories with you tonight is about a hui called *Birds, not Mosquitoes*. It is a multi-agency and multi-non-profit effort that is trying to save our last native forest birds in the mountains from extinction. We used to have over 50 native honey creepers in Hawai'i and we are down to 17 and 14 of them are in danger. Our manu have been able to hold on for the last few years because the Southern house mosquito which carries the avian malaria doesn't like cold so, our manu have been able to survive in the highest parts of our mountain. However, with climate change the air is getting warmer and the Southern house mosquitoes are invading the last refuge of our Native birds. In 2016, after the ICUN Conference was held in Honolulu there was a special conference afterwards that offered the best experts in Hawaii about birds. They discussed what could possibly save our birds from becoming extinct. After looking at many things, they came across this technology that has been used to protect human health from mosquitoes for decades around the world. It is a complicated technology, basically about 60% of insects around the world have this bacterium in them naturally that is so tightly co-evolved with them that it affects their reproduction. Scientists discovered that if you take a bacterium from the same species of bacteria but a different variety insect and you put it in another insect, then you take that insect with the new bacterium and they mate with the other one, the female mosquito will lay eggs and the eggs will not hatch. This way you can control the population of mosquitoes. Since 2016, this hui, Birds not Mosquitoes have been doing everything from community engagement fundraising, doing science, developing a mosquito alliance, and bring this technology to bear before we reach this crisis of our birds have nowhere else to go. Among the outreach we've done Kaua'i County passed a resolution in favor of this, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs passed a resolution, and we have gotten some of our permits from the Government already. One of the reasons I wanted to be with you today on Maui is because Maui will be the first place where this is deployed on Haleakala, National Park. After the environmental assessment was passed a lawsuit was filed by a new environmental group formed six months ago and there has been a lot of misinformation, ranging from what the alternatives are to some people saying those mosquitoes are going to vaccinate us. This really was to share information with you. When we started this, we worked very closely with people in your advocacy department unfortunately, there has been some staff change over so we look forward to renewing those conversations but also that we have tons of information on this and a website: birdsnotmosquitoes.org Thank you for your time and for listening it is nice to see all of you, mahalo nui.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you so much to all of you coming this evening. Tomorrow morning, we have our Maui Island Board of Trustees meeting at 9:30 here in the same room. Mahalo to all of you for coming out and spending your evening with us. If there is no other business, I will ask for a motion to adjourn.

Adjournment

Trustee Akaka Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Ahuna Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
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KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
J. KEONI	SOUZA			X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				9			

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey Adjourns the Hawai'i Island Community meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXX, 2023.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments: (All attachments will be included once approved)

1. Status of OHA Activities: Maui Island handout
2. Hālau of ‘Ōiwi Art PowerPoint
3. Hakuone Presentation

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A physical meeting location open to the general public will be available at 310 W. Ka'ahumanu Ave. Kahului, HI.

**Minutes of the
MAUI ISLAND BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY MEETING
MINUTES
May 25, 2023
9:30 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keli'i Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria
Trustee Keoni Souza
Trustee Mililani Trask
Trustee John Waihe'e

ADMINISTRATION:

Sylvia Hussey, CEO
Casey Brown, COO
Capsun Poe, Interim Chief Advocate
Alice Silbanuz, Director of Communications
Jason Lees, Digital Specialist
Daniel Santos, IT

BOT STAFF:

Colin Kippen, COS
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide
LeiAnn Durant, Trustee Aide
Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide
Iwalani Canto, Trustee Aide
Claudine Calpito, Trustee Aide
Kahelelani Keawekane, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Kaniloa Kamaunu

Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 9:36 a.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	SOUZA	X	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	TRASK	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
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At the Call to Order, **nine (9)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Aloha kākou my beautiful island of Maui. I am always so proud to be home with all of you. I would like to thank the young people of Na Lei Kaumaka O Uka and their Kumu, Nāpua Silva for opening our meeting this evening. Tonight's meeting can be viewed by livestream on OHA's website, www.oha.org/livestream. Before we begin, I would like to ask each Trustee to introduce themselves and their staff at this time.

Introductions

Trustee Galuteria Aloha kakahiaka kākou, I am Brickwood Galuteria. We are so happy to be here on Maui, you have been gracious and welcoming, thank you so much. I would like to introduce my staff LeiAnn Stender Durant. Mahalo nui Maui.

Trustee Ahuna Aloha mai kākou, I am Dan Ahuna I represent the island of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau. Here with me I have my Aide, Claudine Calpito.

Trustee Akina Aloha mai kākou, much mahalo to our wonderful Chairperson, Trustee of the island Maui for your hospitality and cooking as always. Aloha to all of you, I am Trustee Keli'i Akina, Trustee at-large. I am here today with one of my staff, Evalani Canto, happy birthday to you.

Trustee Waihe'e Aloha mai Maui, I am John Waihe'e IV and I am Trustee-at-Large. My Aide with me is Crayn Akina.

Trustee Trask Aloha everyone, I am Mililani Trask, Trustee of the Big Island. I just want to say how impressed and happy I was with the huaka'i yesterday, the Food Innovation center, excellent. I want a prototype model on my island soon. Also, the kalo farmer and going to look where we are preserving our iwi, good job on those visits and for Maui. I look forward to this meeting and thank you for sharing with us. I want to introduce to you my Aide from Hilo Kahelelani Keawekane, she is from the Big Island.

Trustee Alapa 3:45 Aloha everyone, my name is Luana Alapa and I am the Trustee for Moloka'i and Lana'i. I enjoyed my time here on Maui and I want to extend a huge mahalo to Chair Hulu Lindsey for doing an outstanding job. I wish everyone here a warm aloha and look forward to hearing from everyone. Thank you for joining us today, mahalo.

Trustee Akaka Aloha pumehana, mahalo nui everyone for joining us. I am Kalei Akaka and I am honored to serve as your OHA O'ahu Trustee, as well as your Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee Chair. I have my baby, Āiwaiwa and my husband, Tyler, also, joining me is my Trustee Aide, Nathan Takeuchi. I also want to say mahalo nui to our Board Chair all of our staff. Thank you to everyone's hard work.

Trustee Souza Aloha mai kākou, I am your newest Trustee at-large, Keone Souza. Once again, it's a pleasure to be here on Maui Island. Mahalo Chair for hosting us and community members for being here. We look forward to bringing things back to the table and moving things forward in a positive direction. My Aide is here with me, Richelle Kim. Mahalo nui.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you, most of you know that I am Hulu Lindsey, the Maui trustee and serving as the Board Chair. My staff here with me our Chief of Staff - Colin Kippen, the Board Secretary - Lehua Itokazu, and my two Aides, Kanani Iaea and Amber Kalua. I would like to ask our CEO, Sylvia Hussey to introduce the staff we have with us today.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO Good morning everyone, I am Sylvia Hussey, Ka Pouhana, CEO of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. We have our COO-Casey Brown, Communication Director-Alice Silbanuz, Interim Chief Advocate – Capsun Poe, our Maui base staff – Roy Newton, Jason Lees – Communications, and Dan Santos – IT. We are all here to support the Trustees in their important work.

Status of OHA

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you, next on our agenda is item III. Status of OHA Activities: Ka Pouhana/CEO's Maui Island Community Report and Update on OHA's activities – Island Community Report: Maui Executive Summary. Lehua, do we have anyone signed up to speak on this item?

Board Secretary There is no one signed up to speak on this item.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO I want to share that report will be posted on our website and every community that the Trustees go to and visit, we provide a preliminary report of all the statistics and some of the key issues in the community. The comprehensiveness of the island community report is intended to help community members have relevance statistics for you to know about your community and to let you know that this is on the radar of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Please use the report to help in your grant writing, your resourcing, your advocacy with in your communities as well.

In the executive summary we wanted to highlight some key things. For Maui we want to highlight the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund (NHRLF) will be launching the Mahai'ai Ag loan program. This is for 4% loan upto \$2,500 to \$100,000 in loans for green-house, hydroponics, and other kinds of agriculture, including livestock. In Maui, we are tracking \$1.3 million in Maui specific grants that were issued in 2021 and finishing up or just recently awarded in 2022. You will find Statewide multi-island type awards that Maui benefits from as a whole. The Board approved iwi kupuna and homestead grants in 2021 specifically to address those needs. Our beneficiaries should take a look at those grants and opportunities to be able to support community base works. I am please to announce that we closed all of our grant programs on Monday the 22nd and have sent a

bunch of grant applications to evaluation. We are prepared on Tuesday, after the holiday to open all eleven of twelve grants again. One of the philosophies that we made at OHA for granting is to be able to do grants all year round. Activities and needs come up all year round and so to have only one opportunity to get grants from OHA didn't meet the needs of our community. We are trying to cycle the awarding so that it opens, closes, goes to evaluation, and then opens again. Some of our applicants that are new to this process if they are denied, we can then quickly open the next cycle so that they have a chance again. We are pleased to announce that on Tuesday eleven of the twelve grants offered will be re-opened for people to reapply. The other highlights for Maui is the community based subsistence fishing efforts. In 2022 the Board passed a resolution supporting Kipahulu community-based subsistence fishing area just like they in Kona with Miloli'i. This is an advocacy piece that we continue to support and our community engagement as well as our advocacy people stay close with our community. Another highlight is Kauaula valley designation of the Lahaina aquifer matter. You will see the decision made by the commission on water resource management and others. OHA is here to monitor those decisions and those actions that are needed. Another bonus champion for Maui is the 'āina kupuna tax relief. Many are familiar of the kuleana tax but 'āina kupuna was brought forth by advocates to help model what we plan to take to the County of Kau'i, Hawai'i, and other counties to recognize this 'āina kupuna concept. Mahalo to Maui for leading this effort on 'āina kupuna and the tax relief that comes to our families that have been on these lands for their generations. We are here to answer any questions

Community Concerns and Celebrations

Kaniloa Kamaunu Aloha mai kākou, I came to speak on protection of iwi kupuna. I have been involved with the protection of iwi kupuna from 2007. We formed a group called Mālama Kakanilua. Mālama Kakanilua is a 501C3, we are recognized for our work here in Maui. Majority of the pu'uone here on Maui was our iwi kupuna as we all know. The pu'uone of Maui was mentioned that it was one of a kind there was nothing else like it on all the islands and there were many battles in these areas and many artifacts that were taken. In the early 1900's there use to be tours to the pu'uone and the number one thing they would collect was the heads of our people. Prior to the act of protecting the kupuna on the states part many of our iwi kupuna were crushed. People ask when does desecration start? It starts once it touches the ground. When there are stories of touching the ground and you move, then that's desecration. What makes a human? Not just the bones what about the flesh and fluid in the bodies. Do you know how heart breaking it is to walk into meeting after meeting and trying to move a mo'olelo. They want evidence. I will say our people is akamai. We made a law in 1860 called an Act for the protection of the places of sepulture. They empowered our people who when hala. Our kupuna can feel even though they are no around, they are still apart of our culture, our community, and they deserve to be protected. Do we hear about this? We do not. There was one claim they had to make, that they could not change the nationality of any person. They could not put the United State nationality on anyone, they couldn't take it away and they could not restore it. Why would they say that? Because of ku'e petition. How are we going to protect our people, our voice, and the people who lay inside our land? My son in 2015 passed away in a terrible car accident, it took us six years to bring that person to agree that he was wrong and to plead himself. All we asked was for ten years, we just got word that after six years of us fighting that this person was released only after two years. He killed three people. What is justice? We are left to heal. How can I find solice in a government that can not protect me. Isn't our kuleana as their mo'opuna, as their heirs to make sure their voices are heard. They can not speak anymore but we can. An iwi kupuna is being attacked each and everyday, when do we stop them, how do we stop them? Everyone takes from us but when do we get to heal?

Announcements

Chair Hulu Lindsey I would like to thank my colleagues, the Trustees for coming to Maui. I would like to report to Maui that all the Trustees were here and at their access. This was our first island visit this year and we will be visiting every island each month. While we were here a few of us were able to attend a ground breaking ceremony for the new Department of Hawaiian Homelands new project up in Wailuku. Mahalo nui to our Chancellor, Lui Hokoana and Kathy for being so hospitable to us for allowing us to use these facilities. This is the most generous UH Campus in the whole State. Mahalo to the beneficiaries of Maui for coming out and sharing your mana'o.

Adjournment

Trustee Waihe'e Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.

Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA		X	X			
KALEI	AKAKA	X		X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
J. KEONI	SOUZA			X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				9			

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey Adjourns the Hawai'i Island Community meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXX, 2023.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments: (All attachments will be included once approved)

1. Status of OHA Activities: Maui Island handout

Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
September 28, 2023
9:00 A.M.

III. New Business

1. Discussion – Messaging on Hakuone