

**STATE OF HAWAI‘I  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
560 N. Nimitz Highway, Suite 200  
Honolulu, HI 96817**

**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees  
Monday, December 10, 2018  
10:00 am**

**ATTENDANCE:**

TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO  
TRUSTEE LEINA‘ALA AHU ISA  
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA  
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA  
TRUSTEE W. KELI‘I AKINA  
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI‘ĀINA LEE  
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY  
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY  
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E IV

ROBERT G. KLEIN, ESQ., BOARD COUNSEL

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KAMANA‘OPONO CRABBE, CEO  
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MARIA CALDERON  
PAUL HARLEMAN  
LEIANN DURANT  
LEHUA ITOKAZU  
KAMA HOPKINS  
KAUIKEAOLANI WAILEHUA  
CRAYN AKINA

**GUESTS:**

GERMAINE MEYERS  
KAMUELA KALAI  
LANDEN PAIKAI

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Kamana‘opono Crabbe** – Good morning and welcome. Congratulations to all the Trustees as your newly appointed term for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. As the Pouhana, I call to order and yield to the senior Trustees for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to conduct the business of the board.

**Trustee Colette Machado** calls the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 10:00 am. She acknowledges that she is the temporary Chair. She congratulates and welcomes the newly elected and re-elected Trustees. Roll call is taken; Trustees Ahu Isa, Ahuna, Akaka, Akina, Lee, Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Robert Lindsey, Waihe‘e IV, and Machado are present; constituting a quorum.

We are now are item II.

## II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

**Chair Colette Machado** – The Chair would like to acknowledge Germaine Meyers to please come forward to the table.

**Ms. Germaine Meyers** – (*passes out a handout, which is attached to the minutes*)

Aloha, my names is Germaine Meyers. I am and OHA beneficiary for beneficiary advocacy and empowerment. I'm also a Nānākuli Hawaiian Homestead lessee. Today I would like to address the board meeting agenda item III. A. Organization of the Board of Trustees Elections of Officers, Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs. Congratulations to all the re-elected incumbent Trustees, and congratulation to the two newly elected Trustees for their first term, Trustee Brendon Lee and Trustee Kalei Akaka. Welcome to the board table and I look forward to getting to know the two of you better and your advocacy work for the beneficiaries of OHA of which I am one. Now that all of you have official been sworn in as fiduciary Trustees and everyone has equal fiduciary duties as Trustees, I would like to officially bring to you my beneficiary concern about today's agenda item.

First, I would like to recap the election results to acknowledge that the people of Hawaii has spoken. Before you vote today to decide on the leadership of OHA, I've listed for you on attachment number 1 the voter results in numerical order or which the Trustees were elected by the people of Hawaii nei. The highest voter counts were in November 2016 with number 1 by Trustee Robert Lindsey with 194,524 votes. Number two by Trustee Keli'i Akina with 163,743 votes. Please review attachment number 1 which I included the results posted directly from the Office of Elections reports.

Board of Trustee leadership. As a beneficiary, I trust that all of the concerns that I brought to the previous board chair Colette Machado will be part of the deliberation and consideration as you talk amongst yourself for who you are voting for to address the current boards concerns. I have brought before this board leadership and I would like you to consider your board organization and consider that my concerns were addressed and shared with the Attorney General and the FBI and IRS via the attorney General. We are still waiting for answers from OHA, as my concerns were never agendized by the previous Board Chair Colette Machado. Therefor never addressed by the full board. I provided Chair Colette Machado the public records and documents that prove the following. I will only address four very briefly to take into consideration my five minutes.

**Chair Colette Machado** – You are out of order by presenting that information on a personnel relating to a staff of Trustee Ahuna.

**Ms. Meyers** – I acknowledge that he is a public employee and I acknowledge that you are telling me it is not acceptable. So once I get the emails from the new board members I will address it with them. In 2015, Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa created a new LLC under an Ad Hoc Committee with Board CEO Kamana'o pono Crabbe. The name of the LLC was Ho'opakeu LLC. It was created without the full board's acknowledgement or approval. Number 3, in 2012 OHA's RM Committee Chair Oswald Stender agendized a budget realignment to award \$200,000 Aha Kane, a nonprofit entity that was previously lead months prior by CEO Kamana'o pono Crabbe. Yet according to Aha Kane's IRS filings all of the primary expenses for the event, they received the \$200,000 were given for free. The facilities were free, the speakers were free, and the practitioners were free. The media and video were free. My last thing that I want to bring before the board because it has to do with leadership. It has to do with organization, it has to do with the money of the trust and the Trustees and the beneficiaries, is number 4. \$393,969 and \$60,000 equals more than \$350,000. It was given to a PR consultant Stryker Wiener and Yokota for a board initiative called one voice and one message that was never approved by this full board.

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa** – Point of order Chair.

**Chair Colette Machado** – The Chair recognizes Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa.

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa** – One the record I did not know about no LLC being created. I found out later but I was not involved in creating, so just for the record I want that correction. Because whatever you say goes on the record with the minutes.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Germaine you need to start summarizing because we have another speaker.

**Ms. Meyers** – I would like to recognize that in this one voice one message which was addressed by the BAE Committee on August 2016, there was two Trustees that objected to this executive communication policy which was Trustee Peter Apo and Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey. Because it has to do with today, the two Trustees stated the voters had voted them into this board seat, you ran, you spent your money, you spent your personal money, you ran, you fundraised, you did a lot of hard work to get into this seat you are in today. So the policy would basically sensor you of what you can tell me as a beneficiary about the Board's decisions and why you voted the way you did. So they objected to it and this policy was never approved. Yet, over \$350,000 was spent. Most recently, a contract was awarded for \$60,000 to be performed by Stryker, Weiner and Yakota May 21, 2018 through December 31, 2018. The hourly rates were \$250 per hour for the president and CEO and the lowest was a \$120 for the assistant account executive.

**Chair Colette Machado** – You are out of order Germaine you are again putting personnel matters on the table.

**Ms. Meyers** – Sorry, I am summarizing. Due to the limitations, I cannot go through today, as God is my witness I ask that you take these things into consideration as you decide on who you will elect as the leadership for OHA. I Germaine Meyers deserved the best. The people of Hawaii deserve the best. E hana kākou, ke akua pū.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Thank you, our next speaker is Kamuela Kala'i please come forward.

**Ms. Kamuela Kala'i** – Aloha. My name is Kamuela Kala'i for those that I have not met yet. Congratulations on you being here on the board. I am basically here to ask for blessing for this board of Trustees on first day of your new year. I would like to wish everyone the best. I have been coming to this board for a while, maybe 15 -20 years when Clayton Hee was the Chair.

Lately, for those of you that do know me, my biggest concern has been about the iwi kupuna at Kawaiaha'o Church. We do have some good news about Kawaiaha'o situation. They've decided not to build and they decided to put the kupuna back. That's very hopeful for me. I have been working at this for a long time to try to somehow get them to come to a positive outcome. A lot of times when I've come to this board and asked for help and support, for pule. I say Mahalo nui to everyone. Because this has been a tremendously painful journey and it's not over. The hard work is actually will just begin. We have over 1,000 kupuna that need to go home. As good as the news is I am still going to ask for the support of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to continue to be there to support and to even be present when we return the kupuna. The kupuna are going to go home. As good news as it is and this brother knows what I am talking about, if it wasn't for Kamana'opono and his willingness to sit down and try to have a ho'oponopono with the Church I don't know where we would be today. That process gave me the courage to continue to ask for help, to demand justice.

As of today I will tell you, even though we have really good news that the Church is going to do the right thing, we still have 53 more kupuna that have come out of their graves. They are tumbling out of their graves every time it rains and every time the soil erodes. They are trying their best to keep them in their graves but 53 more, so you add that to the number that is in the basement of the Church, it's not a good number. I want to say Mahalo nui to everybody who wants their kupuna to go home, who supports our kupuna and who wants to make sure this never happens again. This should not be happening in our homelands. We just ask that on this first new day that everybody remember that our kupuna and we all have kupuna, and we will all be kupuna one day, that we remember our kupuna, our foundation, without them we are nothing. That is where we come from and that is where we are going.

I would just ask you folks to have the courage to have the conviction, to have the aloha to mālama the kupuna to the best of your ability whatever that means. Whether it's just to think about them every once in a while and say a pule for them because this is happening everywhere. I am sure I will be back at this table. And I hope the next time come back its only good news. I do want to thank Kamana'opono, seriously if you folks don't know what he did for 6 months to put this group together. Some of the best haku and to go through this process it was a miracle and it's too bad we didn't have a good outcome but that is ok. We just keep working at it and make sure this doesn't happen to any of our kupuna again. Aloha nui to each and every one of you and mahalo nui to each and every one of you. Aloha.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Thank you Kamuela. I'd like to call Landen Paikai to the table.

**Mr. Landen Paikai** – Mahalo, Aloha. I asked to come after but that's ok. My name is Landen Paikai I was a candidate for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustee at Large. Congratulations Kalei'āina Lee, Kalei Akaka, Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Trustee John Waihe'e IV. Just wanted to address couple things. Let's just take a breath, it is tense in here. We should be happy, we should be happy. Now Germaine talked about she deserved the best, well some people the best wasn't chosen. But it is what it is. We have to deal what we have. You have to play the hand that you have.

I am here to say that I am in full support of the Trustees that are here at this table. I didn't win but that's ok, it's all good. I am here supporting you, I am here to give you my best and I hope that you do the same for the people. Remember that at the end of the day you are here representing the people. As a candidate I know that not everybody voted Akamai, people vote the way they going vote and it is going to continue to happen until we as a people get out there and tell them what we need, who we need in here and address the real issues, the real concerns of our Hawaiian beneficiaries. The homelessness, the addiction, children in foster care. Those are the kids that I work with every day. Hardly anything is being done for them. I am here to tell you guys that it's time for change, it's time for us to come together as a people. Stop dividing, stop fighting amongst each other. I am sick of it.

We need to come together and we need to come up with rational, practical ideas that will carry our lāhui forward. It's going to be challenging, there are a lot of people looking in on us. I really want OHA to be a significant and not looked at as the laughing stock of Hawaii. Because that is what we are. That is what we will continue to be until we stop this crap, this fighting, until we stop the in fighting, until we stop talking trash about the people within OHA. Those of you who are staff members here you guys know my mom works here; my mom would die for this place. She makes this place run and I am proud to say that I am here son. I am proud of the work that she has done for her people. I am proud of every single staff member in there who continues to come in despite the negativity that goes on in this place. The moral, shitty. For real, come check it out, come. I dare you guys see what OHA is about. Then you tell me we don't deserve a place at this table. Then tell me. You guys come here and see the crap that they have to put up with. Every single day. I see it; I don't have to talk to my mom about it. I see it when she comes home, she is tired, she is broken. Why? Because at the end of the day the people that we fight for still homeless, still addicted to drugs, still moving away. Why? Answer me that, why? Until you guys can tell me that these guys not putting their 110% effort into everything they do, kuli, be quiet, sit down, be humble, watch and keep them accountable. Every single meeting that will happen here, believe that I will keep you guys accountable. At the end of the day, you represent me. At the end of the day, I represent OHA. Mahalo.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Mahalo Landen. We will not proceed to III. New Business the organization of the Board of Trustee.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Organization of the Board of Trustees, Election of Officers, Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs.**

**Chair Colette Machado** – As your temporary Chair the process of nomination and election will be as follows. Number 1, the process for nomination of the Board of Trustees Chair and Vice Chair will be done by open nomination. Trustees will have an opportunity to make their nominations and when they are no further nominations, the nominations will close. Number 2, election of the Board Chair and the Vice Chair will be done by roll call vote. The nomination and election of the Board Chair and Vice Chair will be done separately one at a time. The newly elected board chair will appoint the Chairs and Vice Chairs of each standing committee and will ask for confirmation from the Board. Roll call vote will be taken. A majority of 5 of all members to which the board is entitled is required to elect a Trustee. With that said, the process is now open for nominations. Trustee Dan Ahuna? This is for the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna nominates Trustee Colette Machado to be the Chair of OHA.**

**Chair Colette Machado** – Are there other nominations for the Chair of the BOT? Hearing none, we will close the nominations.

**Trustee Keli'i Akina moves to close the nominations.**

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa seconds the motion.**

**Trustee Keli'i Akina** – Chair, I know that last time two years ago I sat for the first time on a reorganization meeting of the Board and had the opportunity to ask you a few questions. So I'd like to ask you one question today. But first I want to begin with a compliment, because you recall the question that I asked you two years ago had to do with concerns our beneficiaries had about our financial management and about our budgeting process. I had prepared a report and I asked whether you would be in support of reforms and you said yes. My compliment to you is that during your two years as Chair you've come through. During that time, you allowed us to vote on a measure to have PPBS budgeting system. I thank you for that. During that time, you put a moratorium on Trustee spending as a result of the State Audit. You also appointed me Chair of the audit advisory committee and you supported an audit for fraud, waste and abuse and I have to say you proved that you were a person of your word. I thank you.

My question now has to do with going forward, and many of us have received a report from the RM Chair, Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey indicating that there has been some challenges in completing the audit and that we have to address them. In fact, for those of you who are new to the board, particularly I will distribute that to you at this time. My question is this, Trustee, will you as Chair do all that is necessary to ensure the successful completion of the independent audit for fraud, waste and abuse. Will you do all that is necessary as Chair?

**Chair Colette Machado** – Trustee Keli'i Akina, we took a vote to approve the allocation of half a million dollars. It was a majority vote taken by the Trustees of this table. That still stands, that action, that motion that was approved by a majority of Trustees. That will always stand until that issue is resolved with CLA, the auditing firm from the mainland. So hiki, can do.

**Trustee Keli'i Akina** – Absolutely. Let me tell you, I thank you for your response. I appreciate the fact that you want the vote of the 9 Trustees to stand and that you will do what is necessary to make this audit go forward. You will have my vote. Thank you Chair.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Roll call vote please, if there is no further discussion.

**Roll call vote is taken to elect Trustee Colette Machado as the Board of Trustees Chair.**

Trustee Dan Ahuna nominates Trustee Colette Machado to be the Chair of OHA.						
TRUSTEE	1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEINA'ALA AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA LEE			X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			
MOTION: [ x ] UNANIMOUS [ ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Nine (9) YES votes.						

**Trustee Keli'i Akina** – Congratulations.

**Chair Colette Machado** - Thank you all. Thank you for your confidence. I will do the best of my ability to serve you and our people and I continue to serve all these years. Thank you so much. Our next consideration is for the Vice Chair of the BOT.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna nominates Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee as Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees.**

**Chair Colette Machado** – Are there other nominations on the floor for the vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. Hearing none the Chair would like to close the nominations.

**Trustee Robert Lindsey** moves to close the nominations.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Roll call vote please.

**Roll call is taken to elect Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee as the Board of Trustees Vice-Chair.**

Trustee Dan Ahuna nominates Trustee Brendon Kalei‘āina Lee as Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees.						
TRUSTEE	1	2	‘AE (YES)	A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEINA‘ALA AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI‘ĀINA LEE			X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			
MOTION: [ x ] UNANIMOUS [ ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Nine (9) YES votes.						

**Chair Colette Machado** – We will now move on to the standing committees. I am recommending the following appointments to the standing committees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. For the Resource Management Committee we have Trustee Leina‘ala Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa as Chair followed by Vice Chair Trustee Robert Lindsey. For the Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee we have Trustee John Waihe‘e IV as Chair, followed by the Vice Chair Trustee Kalei Akaka.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** moves to confirm the Board Chair’s appointments for the Standing Committees as follows:

- For the Committee on Resource Management, Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa for Chair, and Trustee Robert Lindsey for Vice-Chair; and
- For the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment, Trustee John Waihe‘e IV for the Chair, and Trustee Kalei Akaka for Vice-Chair.

**Trustee Brendon Kalei‘āina Lee** seconds the motion.

**Chair Colette Machado** – It has been moved and seconded. Any discussion?

**Trustee Keli‘i Akina** – I would like to direct the question to the candidate for the Resource Management Committee. Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa, as you know one of your duties is to supervise the audit for fraud, waste and abuse. Earlier I asked to have Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey the current Chair of the audit have her memo distributed here so everyone could have that. Given that memo, may I ask you one question? If you are Chair of the RM Committee, will you do everything you can to make sure that the audit is successfully completed?

**Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa** – Yes, I am committed.

**Trustee Keli‘i Akina** – Thank you.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote please.

Trustee Dan Ahuna moves to confirm the Board Chair's appointments for the Standing Committees as follows:

- For the Committee on Resource Management, Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa for Chair, and Trustee Robert Lindsey for Vice-Chair; and
- For the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment, Trustee John Waihe'e IV for the Chair, and Trustee Kalei Akaka for Vice-Chair.

Trustee Brendon Kalei'aina Lee seconds the motion.

TRUSTEE	1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEINA'ALA AHU ISA			X			
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA			X			
TRUSTEE BRENDON KALEI'AINA LEE		X	X			
TRUSTEE CARMEN HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE ROBERT LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
TRUSTEE COLETTE MACHADO			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			9			

MOTION: [ x ] UNANIMOUS [ ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED  
 Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Nine (9) YES votes.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Members we are now on Community Concerns.

**IV. COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

**Chair Colette Machado** – Calls on Germaine Meyers.

**Ms. Germaine Meyers** – Thank you for the five minutes. Being that now we know who our Board Leadership is I would like to address the new Board members, the Chairs, etc. I do recall that public testimony was given by Mr. Landen Paikai and he stated that there is low morale in OHA under I guess Chair Machado for many years now he is saying or just the recent board.

**Trustee Brendon Kalei'aina Lee** – Point of Clarification Madame Chair.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Trustee Lee.

**Mr. Landen Paikai** – *(conversation indiscernible)*

**Trustee Brandon Kalei'aina Lee** – I will yield to the speaker.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Do you want to address this now or later?

**Mr. Paikai** – I will address this now. Part of it is you keep on coming here and bringing all of this kuka. The research that you have done and present it's not really facts. The thing I represent is factual I am here and I know you here today. I know you hurting, you hurting for the people. The problem is the way that you address the board, they not going ever listen to you.

**Trustee Brendon Kalei'aina Lee** – Point of order.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Trustee Lee.

**Trustee Brendon Kalei'aina Lee** – Can the speaker address the Chair?

**Mr. Paikai** – Chair you guys are not going to listen to her.

**Chair Colette Machado** – That is not true. There have been areas where Germaine has been right on the money. But when it comes to chastising our staff and raising their names at the table we will not tolerate that. That crosses the line.

**Mr. Paikai** – I agree. For me that is what is all about. Its about respecting the people who work here, the staff members who are here, the people who give their life to the lahui. For me when I address the table it will always be from a place of humility because you guys make the decisions. What I am saying is in response to this, is when people come to the table they should know who to address the table. If you really want to be heard, they want to say things in a way they want to be heard. I can say that with experience, people in the legislature say the same thing.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Thank you Landen.

**Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee** – Point of order Chair.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Trustee Lee.

**Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee** – Let it reflect that there was a point made on the speakers comments it should be be 2:12 it should be like 4:12.

**Ms. Meyers** – Chair Machado, point taken regarding the gallery and what was asked to be said and acknowledged. I appreciate Trustee Lee, this is the first time that someone has spoken up for us. So Mahalo. I have addressed not just this board table, I've sent emails, not to this board, I mean not in a board meeting. I sent emails with evidence asking for it to be addressed and it was not. So as I had explained to everyone when i first came as a Hawaiian I am going to address to the person that giving me the auwee, and I have addressed it to you. This board and to you specifically Chair Machado in emails and at Board meetings. Like I stated, if you not going come and kuka, kuka with me and tell me why you went open up one LLC without board approval, why you awarded over \$350,000, why you gave an employee assets. Then if you not going address it to me, how else do i get answers. How else. I think that is what the board has to share with the lahui. Teach the lahui maybe in Ka Wai Ola, how when you don't get an answer directed to the person that is bludging you with these things that is hurting you with these things, how do you get an answer? Do you go lay down and prostrate, humble, kiss their feet, what do you do? I merely spoke words I never, ever came here assaulted anyone with an object except laid out documents of evidence and words to clarify and ask. So that is the truth of the matter. Akua knows that is the truth of the matter. Whether you or anyone else in this room acknowledge that it is truth, it's not my kuleana. As long as akua acknowledges that, what I spoke is truth that is all that matters to this native Hawaiian from Nānākuli, Germaine Kahealani Meyers. So again I ask, are you going to address all the concerns which I will summarize in an email specifically again to all the current Trustees and ask and provide all the evidence of my concerns and ask who is going to respond to me when am I going to get response.

In regards to the audit, the forensic audit which OHA is spending half a million dollars, I was in support of it because in your audit report your financial statements, it states that OHA is vulnerable to waste, fraud and abuse and I will show that to all the Trustees. Your own financial auditors states that you need to concern about these things. So I ask, I humbly ask that at the very first RM Committee meeting that you will invite the Auditor that was awarded the contract for the Forensic Audit. Chair, that you will bring them to this board meeting or to the RM Committee meeting to give us an update and that they will come once a month until the forensic audit is done. They will tell us where they are, what they waiting for, because again, we ask for answers how do we get them. I look forward to getting told how to talk, how to inquire, how to ask, how to provide evidence and I am also looking forward to being told how the answers will come, when the answers will come. Ke akua pu.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Mahalo Germaine. Trustee Dan Ahuna.

**Trustee Dan Ahuna** – I want to thank all the Trustee especially the newly elected ones. I really want to thank you guys for being here. I don't want to talk about anything, just somethings moving forward. First of all, I want to start off with new smiles, I want everyone smiling here. We love OHA, we on the board want to work together, I know that for a fact. We care about each other and that is what I hope it is going to reflect. Most of all I want to tell you guys something that happened this year, one of them is I don't want to talk bad about anyone. I want to look forward, we are all on the canoe, and we all paddling in different directions. The one thing people don't realize is what this board needed in our past was stability. We didn't need to be going everywhere. We needed stability and no one will ever see that. I was the Vice Chair to this Chair, and she provided that stability for us so that we can be here today and we can do things. So right now, it's about opening up ourselves and let's go everybody. Let's go! This is not about me, I, you, everyone got what you want, ok, right on. This is about us and how we are going to follow up with our beneficiaries. It's about tightening gaps. It's about going into our communities. I love you all. We love our people and let it reflect that we are here for our beneficiaries. You going hear so much, I so proud of this board, so proud. I love you all, good luck. Imua e nā poki'i. Let's go.

## V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Chair Colette Machado** – Kamana'opono you have announcements about our investiture tomorrow?

**Kamana'opono Crabbe** - For Trustees, friends, and family the 2018 OHA Investiture will be held at Washington Place. It's by invitation, we have shuttles for you, I also believe that you have VIP parking at Washington Place.

**Chair Colette Machado** – No, we are right next door at St. Andrews.

**Kamana'opono Crabbe** – For friends and family at the front entrance and the gate you may present your name to the Sheriffs who will be checking you in. We will be seated in the pavilion. The ceremony begins at 10:00 so you should be in your seat at 9:30. The services will run for about an hour and then after the services are complete OHA will host an afternoon lunch on the lawn. Parking is tight, so there is very limited parking if you can car-pool that would be appreciated. For your staff we also have shuttles leaving Na Lama Kukui early if they are volunteering, as early as 8:30. It will go till 9:30.

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa** – Can I suggest Ali'i Place and Kukui Plaza.

**Chair Colette Machado** – Let me acknowledge that at Marks Garage we have valet parking. For those that will go there valet will give you a ticket, they will park your car and they will shuttle you to Washington Place. Only if you RSVP you got the parking instructions.

**Mehana Hind** – You can drop off right in front, we will have that first lane next to Washington place blocked off. You can come within that lane, do drop offs as you need. Then proceed down Beretania Street, take a left onto Nu'uanu and then Marks Garage is one block over, turn in you can valet your car there. It doesn't cost anything; you can leave your car there. There will be a shuttle there that will bring you back to Washington place for the event. Shuttle will also be available for the return.

**Chair Colette Machado** – We will have Hawaiian food from Pat's Piggery from the Waianae area. We had hoped to get the Royal Hawaiian Band but we ran out of space. We thank Trustee Lee's mom who offered but we didn't have enough room to accommodate them. Maybe if we plan earlier next round we will be able to have the Royal Hawaiian Band. Thank you Toni for making that offer.

**Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa** – The venue this year is so small, there are many others, like families and friends. Like the Akaka is a huge 'ohana. Only 200 people we can accommodate.

**Chair Colette Machado** – The seating capacity for lunch will be 350.

**Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa** – I mean for our guest to sit down. John and I didn’t know about the parking so communication is one thing we need to work on getting the word out to us. We didn’t know.

**Chair Colette Machado** – For the seating to eat there will be 350 individual seats. Staff will be able to eat last because we ordered food for 500. It’s just a matter of handling ourselves appropriately under the tent and even into the lanai area.

**Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa** – I understand, I just wanted to know how come we didn’t have an OHA calendar this year.

**Chair Colette Machado** – You can go over what kind of goodies in the bags.

**Mehana Hind** – To your first question, about the seating, even though the lanai can hold roughly about 260 seats in there, there will still have the spill over area will have tents up in the lawn. That will have some standing tables also the chairs that will be prepared for the lunch part. People can spread out into that area too if they would like. For the calendars, we have calendars, we are waiting for them to be delivered right now, and they will be in the bags tomorrow. We will be celebrating our ali‘i.

**Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa** – What about Christmas cards?

**Mehana Hind** – We don’t have Christmas cards this year we focused our energy on the calendar for this event.

**Chair Colette Machado** – It should be a great opportunity to greet our two new Trustees and our incumbents that have returned. Let us make it a great celebration for OHA. We have invited dignitaries and we are hoping they will attend. We have a program that we will be honoring our senior Statesman, Senator Akaka. His daughter Millannie Mattson will be the keynote speaker. It is going to be wonderful day. Thank you all.

I have a note from my staff that reminds all of us that there is a rehearsal at 2 pm today at Washington place. Since it is a new venue, we should all try to go and get a feel of what to expect. It is tight quarters, we just have to make adjustments and go with the flow.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

**Chair Colette Machado** – If there is no further business, I would like to adjourn the meeting.

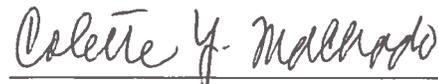
The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Dayna Pa, Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on February 7, 2019.



Colette Y. Machado, Chairperson  
Board of Trustees

Attachment:

1. Handout from Germaine Meyers, Beneficiary

**ATTACHMENT #1 – Public Testimony of OHA Beneficiary and DHHL Lessee Germaine Meyers, December 10, 2018**

**TRUSTEE ELECTIONS – The people have spoken.**

- 194,524 Trustee Robert Lindsey Jr. (Hawaii – November 2016)
- 163,743 Trustee Keli Akina (At-Large – November 2016)
- 147,725 Trustee Kalei Akaka (Oahu – November 2018)
- 147,025 Trustee John Waihee (At-Large – November 2018)
- 121,971 Trustee Hulu Lindsey (Maui – November 2018)
- 116,354 Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa (At-Large – November 2018)
- 106,131 Trustee Brandon Lee (At-Large – November 2018)

**RESULTS**

<i>Maui Resident Trustee</i>		
	249 of 249	
LINDSEY, Carmen Hulu	121,971	30.6%
KAPU, Ke'gaumoku	88,804	24.8%
Blank Votes:	177,766	44.6%
Over Votes:	116	0.0%
<i>Oahu Resident Trustee</i>		
	249 of 249	
AKAKA, Kalei	147,725	37.1%
KIA'AJANA, Esther	119,466	30.0%
Blank Votes:	131,313	32.9%
Over Votes:	153	0.0%
<i>At-Large Trustee</i>		
	249 of 249	
Number To Vote For: 3		
WAIHEE, John D., IV	147,025	12.3%
AHU ISA, Lel (Leina'ala)	116,354	9.7%
LEE, Brendon Kalei'aina	106,131	8.9%
AILA, William J., Jr	103,611	8.7%
AKANA, Rowena Noelani	101,196	8.5%
HANQHANO, Fays (Pug)	91,508	7.7%
Blank Votes	529,657	44.3%
Over Votes	163	0.0%

<i>Hawaii Resident Trustee</i>		
	247 of 247	
LINDSEY, Robert K. (Bob)	194,524	44.4%
TRASK, Mikani B.	142,499	32.6%
Blank Votes:	100,464	23.0%
Over Votes:	177	0.0%
<i>At-Large Trustee</i>		
	247 of 247	
AKINA, Keli'i	163,743	37.4%
APOLIONA, Haunani	156,193	35.7%
Blank Votes	117,600	26.9%
Over Votes	128	0.0%