

STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
560 N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY, SUITE 200
(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)

Due to COVID-19, the OHA Board of Trustees and its standing committees will hold virtual meetings until further notice. The virtual meeting can be viewed and observed via livestream on OHA's website at www.oha.org/livestream or listened by phone: (213) 338-8477.

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**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Board of Trustees
MINUTES
March 14, 2024**

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 IV

ADMINISTRATION:

Stacy Ferreira, CEO
Casey Brown, COO
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel
Nietzsche Ozawa, Interim Sr. Legal Counsel
Robert Klein, Board Counsel
Tim Wong, Land Director
Sandra Stancil, EA
Ilima Kela, Interim BSA Manager
Arlene Aguinaldo, IT Support
Kelcie Wade, IT Support
Tiger Li, IT Support

BOARD STAFF:

Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary
Kauikeaolani Wailehua, Trustee Aide
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide
Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide
Kauai Robello, Trustee Secretary
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide
Ruben Sierra, Trustee Aide
Joyce Yang, Trustee Aide
Anuhea Diamond, Trustee Aide
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide
LeiAnn Durrant, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Sam Chung, Peninsula
Zuri Aki
Germaine Meyers
Lu Ann Fabarito

Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey I'd like to call today's Board of Trustees meeting to order. Let the record reflect it is Thursday, March 14, 2024, and the time is 10:05 a.m.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	X	Left meeting at 11:14 am
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	X	
TRUSTEE	J. KEONI	SOUZA	X	
TRUSTEE	MILILANI	TRASK	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	X	
			9	

There are **nine (9)** Trustees PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Aloha kākou and welcome to our Board of Trustees meeting. This meeting can be viewed and observed via livestream on OHA's website at www.oha.org/livestream

Joining us today, we have our Board Counsel-Robert Klein and our CEO/ Ka Pouhana-Stacy Ferreira. I would like to ask Stacy to introduce any administrative staff joining us today.

Stacy Ferreira, CEO Mahalo. Today we have COO-Casey Brown, Interim General Counsel-Everett Ohta, CFO-Ramona Hinck, Interim Sr. Legal Counsel-Nietzsche Ozawa, Land Director-Tim Wong, Consultant Financial Analyst-Sam Chung, IT-Manager-Tiger Li, IT Specialist-Arlene Aguinaldo and Kelcie Wade.

Chair Hulu Lindsey First on the agenda, we have community concerns and celebrations. Lehua, do we have anyone signed up?

Lehua Itokazu Yes, we have two people signed up.

Community Concerns and Celebrations

Zuri Aki Introduces himself as Zuri Aki and states that he is a Native Hawaiian beneficiary of OHA. He shares that he would like to bring the Board's attention to two concerns he has with the present Administration and the direction of OHA. OHA's foundational purpose is to seek the betterment of Native Hawaiians. His first concern is the incompetence within the uprising Administration. He shares his unhappiness on how OHA handled his termination, and that he was told he cannot collect unemployment due to misconduct. He states that is not true and it was a cover-up. His second concern focuses on OHA's organizational structure around advocacy, Article XXII, Section 6 of Hawai'i State Constitution. One of OHA's fundamental roles is providing advocacy for Native Hawaiians. He states that he rebuilt the Advocacy department and that the current Advocacy department is lacking in many areas. He challenges the current Administration at OHA to do better.

Germaine Meyers Introduces herself to the Board. She speaks on the CLA audit report, stating that OHA paid for this report, and it was the first steps in stopping and eliminating fraud, waste and abuse of OHA's

State and trust funds. She believes the next steps to stop fraud, waste, and abuse is for OHA to financially support OHA beneficiaries and employees with the filing of lawsuits for False Claim Act violations. She believes that OHA should advocate for the dissemination of the information to beneficiaries and employees regarding the False Claim Act. She explains that the False Claim Act is a whistle blower law. She also announced that she will email the Federal Title 31 and State HRS 661-21-661-31, that contains the federal and state laws concerning that False Claim Act. Two violations that she shares with the Board are the following: 1) The presentation of a false claim for payment, and 2) the use of a false statement to get a claim paid. Money paid by OHA to a contractor or grantee that submitted an invoice or statement for payment of services or product that evidence shows these services or products were never received in full as paid for. She reiterates to the Trustees to protect OHA and the trust and State taxpayer funds, and support and advocate for beneficiaries and employees that have evidence of False Claim violations. She shares that she heard the previous testimony and will be sharing the Facebook posting of his previous employer who fired him, and all his claims, and the cease-and-desist letter from CNHA.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Our next item is III.A. Before we recuse ourselves into Executive session, I want to announce that we will return to open session and continue the livestream once we are done. Do we have anyone signed up to speak on this agenda item?

Lehua Itokazu Yes, we have one person.

Germain Meyer Announces that she provided her testimony earlier under Community Concerns and this will also be her testimony for the executive session agenda item.

Chair Hulu Lindsey May I get a motion to recuse ourselves into executive session.

Executive Session

Trustee Ahuna Moves to move the Board into executive session.

Trustee Akina Seconds the motion.

The Board recuses into Executive Session at 10:24 a.m.

Motion to recuse into executive session pursuant to HRS Section§92-5							
		1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN	AHUNA	X		X			
TRUSTEE KALEI	AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I	AKINA		X	X			
TRUSTEE LUANA	ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
TRUSTEE KEONI	SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE MILILANI	TRASK			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN	WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				9			

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

Motion passes with a Nine (9) YES votes, and Zero (0) NO vote.

Board returns to open session at 11:57 a.m.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Reports that the Board of Trustees was given an update regarding Kuilei Consulting Inc.'s contract activities by our Board Counsel, Robert Klein, in executive session. We do have one last testifier from Community Concerns.

There is one person that signed up to speak under Community Concerns and Chair Hulu allows them to speak at this time. This person is Faith Chase.

Faith Chase She greets the Chair and the Board and announces that she wants to give an update on some good news. They, Re-use Hawai'i, submitted a Letter of Intent to apply for an environmental injustice community change grant, this is an EPA grant, and a sizeable amount of money. She is aware of the discussion taking place regarding the building and the future of Kaka'ako Makai. She wants to reiterate the amazing work they are doing, example: the workforce development program. She hopes to take this model of business back to Maui, where she is from. She thanks everyone for their time.

Announcements

Chair Hulu Lindsey Announces the next Board meeting will be on March 21, 2024.

Adjournment

Trustee Ahuna Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Alapa Seconds the motion.

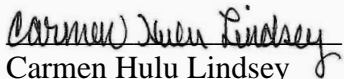
Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA	X		X			
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA						Left meeting at 11:14 am
LUANA	ALAPA		X	X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
J. KEONI	SOUZA			X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				8			

Chair Hulu Lindsey Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on October 10, 2024


Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees