

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

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**Minutes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 8, 2021**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Trustee Dan Ahuna  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brendon Kalei'āina Lee  
Trustee Keola Lindsey  
Trustee John Waihe'e, IV

**BOT STAFF:**

Colin Kippen  
Amber Kalua  
Kanani Iaea  
Lehua Itokazu

**ADMINISTRATION STAFF:**

Sylvia Hussey, Ka Pouhana / CEO  
Casey Brown, Pou Nui / COO  
Sterling Wong, Chief Advocate  
Kalani Fronda, Land Assets Director  
Raina Gushiken, CC  
Everett Ohta, CC  
Kevin Chak, IT Support  
Daniel Santos, IT Support

**Guest**

Kamealoha Smith

## Call to Order

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday April 8, 2021 at 10:01 a.m. Chair Hulu Lindsey calls for a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	TIME ARRIVED
TRUSTEE	LEINA'ALA	AHU ISA		<b>EXCUSED</b>
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA	x	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	x	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA	x	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	x	
TRUSTEE	BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE	x	
TRUSTEE	KEOLA	LINDSEY	x	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	x	
CHAIRPERSON	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	x	
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At the Call to Order, **eight ( 8 )** Trustees are **PRESENT**, thereby constituting a quorum.

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Before we begin, I would like to note that items:

1. IV.A.1 and V.A were received under the 72-hour deadline.

I would also like to take the agenda out of order by moving item VI. Community Concerns to follow New Business and before the Executive Session.

I will go over some quick announcements. Please mute your mics when you are not speaking. Trustees and our CEO, please enable your cameras if you are able to do so. All other OHA staff please enable your camera and mic when addressing the board. If you get disconnected, we will pause the meeting for one minute and wait for you to log back on. After one minute we will proceed with the meeting. If you need to leave the meeting, please inform the Chair by announcing that you are leaving the meeting.

We are recording today's meeting for the sole purpose of producing written minutes, which will become the official record of this meeting. Joining the Trustees today is Sylvia Hussey our CEO, Judge Robert Klein, Colin Kippen-Chief of Staff, Board Secretary-Lehua Itokazu, and my Aides - Kanani Iaea and Amber Kalua.

I would like to call upon our Ka Pouhana Sylvia to announce the administrative staff that is present.

**Sylvia Hussey, CEO** Thank you Chair and good morning Trustees. Today we have Casey Brown-Chief Operating Officer, Ramona Hink-Chief Financial Officer, Raina Gushiken-Senior Legal Counsel, Everett Ohta-Legal Counsel, Kalani Fronda-Land Director, and our supportive IT Staff.

**Public Testimony**

**Chairperson Hulu Lindsey** Thank you. I will move on to Public Testimony – Do we have anyone signed up?

**Board Secretary** No one is signed up.

**New Business**

**Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment  
2021 OHA Legislative Positioning – Matrix 2\*\*†, April 7, 2021**

**Chairperson Hulu Lindsey** Our next item is IV.A.1 under New Business. I would like to call upon our BAE Chair Trustee Akaka.

**Trustee Akaka** Your Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment, having met on April 7, 2021 and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following motion to the Board of Trustees:

**To approve Administration’s recommendations on:**

**NEW BILLS (Items 1-90) and BILL POSITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION (Items 91-96), On the OHA Legislative Positioning Matrix dated April 7, 2021**

**Trustee Waihe’e** Seconds the motion.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Any discussion? Roll Call.

Trustee Akaka moves							
<b>To approve Administration’s recommendations on:</b>							
<b>NEW BILLS (Items 1-90) and BILL POSITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION (Items 91-96), On the OHA Legislative Positioning Matrix dated April 7, 2021</b>							
Trustee Waihee seconds the motion.							
		1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OL E (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE LEI	AHU ISA						X
TRUSTEE DAN	AHUNA			X			
TRUSTEE KALEI	AKAKA	X		X			

TRUSTEE KELI'I	AKINA			X		
TRUSTEE LUANA	ALAPA			X		
TRUSTEE BRENDON	LEE			X		
TRUSTEE KEOLA	LINDSEY			X		
TRUSTEE JOHN	WAIHE'E	X		X		
CHAIRPERSON HULU	LINDSEY			X		
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>8</b>		
<b>MOTION:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED						
<b>Motion passes with eight ( 8 ) YES votes and zero (0) EXCUSED vote.</b>						

**Community Concerns and Celebrations**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** We will start our Community Concerns, do we have someone?

**Board Secretary** Yes, We have one person, Kamealoha Smith.

**Kamealoha Smith** Aloha everybody, this is Kamealoha. About two weeks ago I sent a request in to Sylvia to ask how to get access to someone in Oahu to facilitate discussions with the County. The County is trying to build a resilient center out in Wainiha and are asking families who may have members of their own 'ohana buried there to participate in a burial litigation plan. It has been two weeks and I have not received a response yet. The second question that I asked was how to get the OHA trustees to visit the neighbor islands and how to get on the agenda. The third question is what is the appropriate way to do a presentation. The last time in October things did not go so well. I figured this would be an opportunity to re-do a presentation so we can complete it. I did make some contact with Dan Ahuna. I think you folks may be coming to Hanalei. I work in Hanalei and on the Hanalei river. There is some type of confusion about me not working here, but I have for a long time. There is land that we steward here on Hanalei river and on Waiouli Valley. We have not been able to do a lot due to the landslide. I know you folks are planning to come to Hanalei and spend time on the river. I am hoping you folks can stop by our project site. When contacted by Dan, he asked us to set everything up. Once I got the email, I immediately went to set everything up like I was asked to do. Then last night I got an email saying that was not the case. I figure if you folks are going to be in Hanalei that's right where we're at. We have this project going on, Hau bush removal. We would like everyone to come because its all Hawaiians, the lands are owned by Hawaiian family; the land is leased to a Hawaiian non-profit, people working on the project are all Hawaiians; and it's right there in the epicenter of the landslide and the flood. We are still down the river in a safe place but you folks will be landing right where our project is. I thought it would be an indignant thing, in my opinion. You folks are right here, we are right down the road, and you folks don't stop by and say Aloha to us. I know you folks are pressed for time so I am trying to figure out the best way to do this. That is the mana'o I wanted to share. As far as the iwi kupuna, this is the first time the County has been open to the idea of including Hawaiians in this process. It has been a fight for so many years, but thanks to people like Eddie and Halealoha Ayau, whom I worked with before on burial litigation in Honolulu. I feel things have changed for Hawaiians with the County and the State understanding the need to be proactive and consult with native Hawaiians whether or not they receive federal funding or not. It makes sense to be proactive knowing there is most likely going to be iwi kupuna so how about we try and figure out how to consult, even if its not mandatory. Over the past few years things have been changing and I am so happy to get calls from the County saying "*eh we think the idea of working with families and*

*lineal descendants from these certain areas will be good.*" Its so hard with this email thing because we don't talk to people, the ambiguity of it. Your email will say one thing, but you meant something else. This where I'm at. Thank you for your consideration.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey Mahalo**, Kamealoha. I will confer with Trustee Ahuna and talk to our CEO about your other questions and get back to you. Mahalo for coming on our Zoom and we hope to see you in Kaua'i.

**Kamealoha Smith** Mahalo again, thank you for the opportunity. Nice to see everybody, I wish we could see everyone in person. A hui hou, malama pono.

**Executive Session**

**IV. Executive Session‡**

**A. Report of the Permitted Interaction Group re: to Investigate the Development of Land and Commercial Property Policies and Strategies relating to the Development of OHA's Nā Lama Kukui and Kaka'ako Makai Properties, no discussion. Pursuant to HRS§92-2.5(b)(1)(B) and pursuant HRS§92-5(4)**

**Trustee Lee** Madam Chair I move to excuse our selves into Executive Session.

**Trustee Keola Lindsey** Seconds the motion.

**The Board recuses into Executive Session at 10:15 a.m.**

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

**The Board returns to open session at 10:30 a.m.**

**Announcements**

**Chairperson Hulu Lindsey** Every Thursday this month we will be having a Board meeting.

**Adjournment**

**Trustee Waihee** moves to adjourn the meeting.

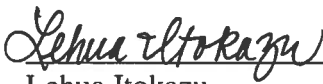
**Trustee Akaka** seconds the motion.

**Chairperson Lindsey** calls for a **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

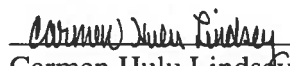
Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
LEINA 'ALA	AHU ISA						X
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA		X	X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRENDON KALEI'ĀINA	LEE			X			
KEOLA	LINDSEY			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>8</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey** adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Lehua Itokazu  
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on April 15, 2021.

  
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 Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Excuse Memo – Trustee Ahu Isa





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**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS MEMORANDUM**

*Mea ho'omana'o a ke Ke'ena Kuleana Hawai'i*

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To: Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
From: Trustee Leina'ala Ahu Isa, Ph.D.  
Date: April 5, 2021  
Re: Excused Absence

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Please be advised that I am unable to attend the recently added virtual meeting of the Board of Trustees on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. due to a scheduling conflict.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.

Mahalo!





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