

**STATE OF HAWAII**  
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  
June 1, 2023**

ATTENDANCE:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Casey Brown, COO  
Ramona Hinck, CFO  
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel  
Nietzsche Ozawa, Interim Senior Legal Counsel  
Kurt Klein, Board Counsel  
Arlene Aguinaldo, IT Support  
Daniel Santos, IT Support  
Kevin Chak, IT Support

BOT STAFF:

Colin Kippen, COS  
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide  
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide  
Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide  
LeiAnn Durant, Trustee Aide  
Evalani Canto, Trustee Aide  
Ruben Sierra, Trustee Aide  
Melissa Wennihan, Trustee Aide  
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide  
Kauikeaolani Wailehua, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Anna Elento Sneed

## Call to Order

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 9:03 a.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

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

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Aloha kākou everyone and welcome to our Board of Trustees meeting, this meeting can be viewed and observed via livestream at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream). We are recording today's meeting for the sole purpose of producing written minutes.

Joining us today is Lehua Itokazu-Board Secretary, my Aides-Kanani Iaea and Amber Kalua, and our Chief of Staff-Colin Kippen. We also have our Human Resources Consultant Attorney-Anna Elento Sneed, Kurt Klein-our Board Counsel, and COO-Casey Brown, and I will ask him to introduce our staff that is with us today.

**Casey Brown, COO** Good morning, joining us from Administration is our CFO-Ramona Hinck, Interim General Counsel-Everett Ohta, Interim Senior Legal Counsel-Nietzsche Ozawa, and supported by our IT staff-Kevin, Dan, and Arlene.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Before we recuse ourselves into executive session, we will return to open session and continue the livestream before we adjourn. Do we have anyone signed up to speak on the agenda item?

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

## Executive Session

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** I will entertain a motion to recuse ourselves into executive session pursuant to HRS Section 92-5. We will return back to our livestream once we come out of executive session.

**Trustee Souza** Moves to move the Board into executive session.

**Trustee Ahuna** Seconds the motion.

**The Board recuses into Executive Session at 9:07 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 <b>AHUNA</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE KALEI <b>AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I <b>AKINA</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE LUANA <b>ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD <b>GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE KEONI <b>SOUZA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE MILILANI <b>TRASK</b>			<b>X</b>			
TRUSTEE JOHN <b>WAIHE‘E</b>			<b>X</b>			
CHAIRPERSON HULU <b>LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>9</b>			
<b>MOTION:</b> [ ] UNANIMOUS [ <b>X</b> ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED						
<b>Motion passes with a Nine (9) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Excused vote.</b>						

**Board returns to open session at 10:50 a.m.**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Okay Trustees, I would like to call upon someone to move the following motion.

**Trustee Galuteria** moves to

**Motion: Directing the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to end the Office of Hawaiian Affairs’ present teleworking practice effective July 1, 2023.**

**Trustee Souza** Seconds the motion.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Is there any discussion?

**Trustee Akina** Thank you, I am going to vote no. I want to express my heartfelt unity with you in wanting to bring about a workplace environment at OHA that has high morale where people are present and where we are available to serve all beneficiaries. I am with you on that, and I understand that is your motivation behind this action. The reason I caution us and ask that we vote no on it is because of several factors having to do with best practice in an organization. Our roles as Trustees should be governance, not management. Governance means ultimately setting policy. The action we are about to take would be to intervene in administrative policy and in a

rapid way. In light of the retirement of our current CEO, our focus should be on a search for a CEO and the assurance that we will not be micromanaging. Specific concerns of mine are those expressed by our Administration. Concerns are that we may hurt recruitment efforts especially by changing the dynamic of recruitment in the post-Covid world and we all know that we are down in terms of our number of workers. Finally, I am concerned about the people factor and timing. This measure to end all telework practice takes place immediately within the month of June so that it's done by July 1<sup>st</sup>. I don't know what kind of impact that will have on our own people and whether it will affect their life and morale; More than that, I encourage us in finding the right CEO to move us forward and maintaining the difference of governance as we practice our roles as Trustees. Thank you so much.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** This is not effective until July 1<sup>st</sup>, not the month of June.

<b>Trustee Galuteria Moves</b>						
<b>Directing the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to end the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' present teleworking practice effective July 1, 2023.</b>						
<b>Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.</b>						
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>				<b>X</b>		
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE MILILANI TRASK</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [ X ] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with Eight (8) Yes votes, One (1) No votes, and Zero (0) Abstentions.</b>						

**Announcement**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** We will see everyone on the island of Kaua‘i for our community and Board meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Thank you, Trustee Ahuna, we look forward to seeing you on your island.

**Adjournment**

**Trustee Waihe‘e Moves to adjourn the meeting.**

**Trustee Souza Seconds the motion.**

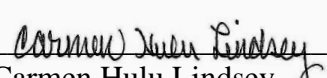
Adjournment							
TRUSTEE		1	2	'AE (YES)	A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
J. KEONI	SOUZA		X	X			
MILILANI	TRASK			X			
JOHN	WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIR CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>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

**Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on October 19, 2023.

  
Carmen Hulu Lindsey  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees